Legislative Updates – Socorro Gutierrez

• Assembly Bill 1344 – effective January 1, 2022

Exempts local syringe service programs from having to adhere with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements to conduct an environmental impact report. The legislation is retroactive so programs that have closed have a path forward to re-authorize.

• Assembly Bill 361 – effective October 1, 2021

This bill amends Government Code section 54953, which is the Brown Act provision related to teleconferencing rules. This amendment adds provisions to allow for the continued use of modified teleconferencing rules that were issued through the Governor's Executive Orders during the COVID-19 pandemic.