



September 25, 2022

Governor Gavin Newsom
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Priority Legislation

Dear Governor Newsom,

More than ever, Californians need bold and progressive legislation to protect our most vulnerable and build towards a truly equitable future for all. Our communities are facing life-threatening crises -- from climate change to racism to economic precarity -- and they deserve bold leaders who work together. The bills that are now on your desk are legislation that are key to making progress on some of the many priorities shared by progressive advocates across the state, including:

- ~Expand protections and programs to empower immigrant communities.
- ~Ensure safe, healthy and affordable housing by advancing just, comprehensive, compassionate and resilient approaches to house vulnerable communities.
- ~Defend immigrant and refugee communities from intimidation and discrimination.
- ~Advance accountability measures for law enforcement agencies.
- ~Expand worker protections, including rights to unionize, strong job protections, and family-sustaining wages.
- ~Advance accessibility, equity and affordability in our transportation system.
- ~Invest in zero emission across all transportation sectors and modes to reduce pollution.
- ~Support election transparency measures and strengthen voting rights.
- ~Invest in equitable access to reproductive healthcare for all, including women and queer people of color who live in rural areas and who are low-income.
- ~Expand protections and access to gender-affirming healthcare for all.
- ~Ensure wealthy corporations operate transparently and pay what they owe.

As we approach the midterm general election, Californians are looking to leaders to deliver for our state in unapologetically courageous ways. Our communities want to see you standing firmly with us, working with us, and connecting with us to make these big changes possible.

Thank you for supporting our policy priorities. We look forward to continuing to work with you for a California that works for all of us.

Sincerely,

Print Name _____

Address _____

List of Priority Bills on reverse



Priority Bills

- AB 1416: The Ballot DISCLOSE Act would add to the ballot a short list of supporters and opponents from the official arguments in the voter information guide.
- AB 256: Would make the California Racial Justice Act of 2020 retroactive, ensuring that people now in prison and jail can challenge racial bias in their convictions and trials
- SB 972: Would make health permits more accessible for street vendors
- AB 1416: Would add to the ballot a short list of supporters and opponents from the official arguments in the voter information guide.
- AB 1766: Would expand access to IDs to all Californians regardless of immigration status
- AB 2091: Would enhance privacy protections for medical records related to abortion and pregnancy
- AB 2134: Would establish a gap coverage program to provide coverage to Californians lacking coverage for abortion and abortion-related care, including those who are uninsured and underinsured
- AB 2167: Would require courts to consider alternatives to incarceration such as diversion programs, restorative justice, and probation, in sentencing decisions
- AB 2183: Would allow farmworkers to vote for unionization using a representation ballot card
- AB 2223: Would ensure that no one in the State of California will be investigated, prosecuted, or incarcerated for ending a pregnancy or experiencing pregnancy loss
- AB 2626: Would support the ability for abortion providers to obtain professional liability coverage
- SB 107: Would prohibit California from complying with out-of-state subpoenas for medical information related to efforts to criminalize individuals or remove children from their homes for having received gender-affirming care
- SB 923: Would improve access to gender affirming care for transgender, gender non-conforming, and intersex people by mandating health plans to require TGI cultural competency training for contracted providers, their staff, and the staff of health plans. It would also require plan provider directories to identify providers who offer gender affirming services
- SB 1162: Would require companies to disclose salary ranges, make any internal promotions available to all employees, and make it so pay data reported to the state becomes public over time
- SB 1360: The Disclosure Clarity Act would require ballot measure ads and SuperPAC ads online and on TV to clearly show their top funders.
- SB 1375: Would review competency requirements for abortion training for nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives, and physicians assistants
- SB 1382: Would reduce financial barriers to purchasing new and used zero-emission vehicles and hybrid vehicles through the Clean Cars for All program by exempting these vehicles from the state's sales tax