



CALIFORNIA LATINO LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS

2016 POLICY PRIORITIES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Identify and eliminate duplicative and burdensome regulations that limit business and job growth opportunities in the state.

Promulgate proven economic development tools that enable planners to capture locally generated revenue to rehabilitate and revitalize blighted communities.

Increase investment in workforce development programs, including reentry programs for the formally incarcerated, to ensure all Californians, regardless of background, can contribute positively to the state's economic growth.

Enhance opportunities for woman and minority owned businesses, including increased state procurement opportunities and enriched access to investment growth capital, to ensure economic growth is more equitably distributed across the state.

Engage the business and legal communities to promote efforts that enhance workforce diversity.

ENERGY:

Ensure state energy policy is balanced and inclusive of the diverse economic and social disparities that exist in California, including the need to diversify the location and mix of resources procured by the state.

Enhance energy initiatives by learning from past experiences and incorporating best practices to enable regulators to more effectively balance clean energy needs with business and job growth opportunities.

Broaden support for energy initiatives by engaging honestly with business, labor, and agricultural advocates to develop policy that is inclusive of a wide-array of needs and experiences.

Promote legislation that prioritizes Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund investments for low income and disadvantaged communities.

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IMMIGRATION: Reestablish and expand naturalization services program to provide education, outreach and application assistance for lawful permanent residents and individuals eligible for administrative relief or naturalization.

Promote Federal comprehensive reform legislation that provides a pathway to citizenship for undocumented residents.

EDUCATION: Protect access to reliable and affordable higher education for thousands of students by promoting Cal Grant Funding.

Fight to repeal or amend past State initiatives (Propositions 209 and 227) that continue to limit educational opportunities and college access for students of color.

Promote efforts to increase student and faculty diversity at all institutions of higher learning.

HEALTH CARE: Support the continued implementation of the Affordable Care Act and the expansion of the Medi-Cal Program.

Collaborate with Covered California to improve health care enrollment rates within the Latino community.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT: Advocate for voting rights to ensure fair voting elections and strengthen the California Voting Rights Act.

Encourage 2.5 million lawful permanent residents in CA to become U.S. Citizens.

WATER: Support the expansion and timely implementation of safe and affordable drinking water programs, particularly for disadvantaged communities.

Address drought crisis by making emergency water supplies available to communities facing drinking water shortages.

Improve water supply and water resources throughout California to ensure the economic vitality of both rural and urban regions.

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