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ENACT DAY 2019

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What is ENACT Day?

ENACT Day brings together community members from all over California to advocate for policies that will improve the health and well-being of all who call our state home.

Recognizing how many factors can impact our collective health, ENACT 2019 continues the trend of moving beyond public health's traditional focus on nutrition and physical activity.

Together, we will act on eight pressing issues that could shape life in California—from building healthy communities to expanding health care and reforming criminal justice.



What are our 2019 priorities?



Healthy Food Access

SB 285: CalFresh Connect

SB 499: California Grown for Healthy Kids



Justice for Immigrant Californians

AB 4/SB 29: Medi-Cal for All

AB 1593: Earned Income Tax Credit



Healthy and Accessible Communities

SB 127: Complete Streets for Active Living

SB 329: Income Discrimination in Housing



Preventing Violence and Community Trauma

AB 392: Police Use of Force

AB 656: Office of Healthy & Safe Communities

Who organizes ENACT Day?

We are a coalition of organizations committed to advancing a healthy, safe and equitable California. Together, we are leaders in public health, food policy and nutrition, and through our work, we hope to create a more fair, just and prosperous California.



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Healthy Food Access



THE ISSUE: California grows a majority of America's fruits and vegetables, yet one out of every eight Californians doesn't even know where their next meal is going to come from. Worse, more than 2 million children are going to school food insecure every day. It's unacceptable that so many Californians are either going hungry or lacking basic access to healthy food.

SB 285 - CalFresh Connect:

(WIENER) SB 285 would expand equitable access to CalFresh by requiring the state to streamline its application and retention process, and by providing counties with translated materials and simplified applications for seniors and disabled applicants. It would also introduce user experience testing and implement a plan for a universal application for CalFresh, Medi-Cal, CalWorks and WIC by 2023.

SB 499 - California Grown for Healthy Kids:

(McGUIRE) SB 499 would help create and sustain equitable, healthy and hunger-free schools by adding an extra ten-cent breakfast reimbursement for school districts to purchase California-grown fresh fruits and vegetables. Under SB 499, school districts would be required to serve universal free breakfast in all schools, and serve universal free breakfast and lunch at very high poverty schools.

Healthy & Accessible Communities



THE ISSUE: Safe, decent, affordable and accessible housing is a basic human right, as is access to transportation and opportunities for physical activities. Unfortunately, our state has a 3 million unit housing shortage and a history of building cities without regard for walkability, bikeability and adequate public transit. A diverse set of policies are needed to begin changing the status quo.

SB 127 - Complete Streets for Active Living

(WIENER) SB 127 sets new policies to help Caltrans implement its Strategic Management Plan, ensuring that state highways that serve as surface streets in cities are safer and more accessible for all, especially seniors, children and people with disabilities. It would prioritize the creation of 'complete streets' that feature better sidewalks, bikeways and crosswalks that encourage public transit, walking and biking.

SB 329 - Income Discrimination in Housing

(MITCHELL) SB 329 amends the Fair Employment and Housing Act to clarify that housing vouchers are included within California's prohibition on discrimination based on source of income. This small change would protect renters and help address the state's growing homeless crisis by helping consumers and the state take full advantage of available federal funding for housing.



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Justice for Immigrant Californians



THE ISSUE: Nearly six out of every ten uninsured Californians are undocumented and 1.4 million California residents are barred from the health care system due to their immigration status. Another 4.5 million Californians are unable to take advantage of the California Earned Income Credit. Barriers like these keep families from thriving.

AB 4/SB 29 - Medi-Cal for All

(BONTA/DURAZO) AB 4/SB 29 would expand full-scope Medi-Cal eligibility to all income-eligible adults, regardless of their immigration status. Currently, only undocumented children 18 and under are eligible for this coverage. Access to Medi-Cal is key to preventing premature death and extreme financial ruin for low-income undocumented families.

AB 1593 - Earned Income Tax Credit

(REYES) AB 1593 expands the California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC) to cover taxpayers and qualifying children who hold a federal individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) instead of a social security number. In effect, this would give undocumented families access to additional income that other families are entitled to, helping them break out of poverty.

Preventing Violence and Community Trauma



THE ISSUE: Violence and trauma lead to poor health outcomes later in life. Police violence, which traumatizes communities of color and lowers trust in law enforcement, leads to weaker communities and worse health outcomes. Preventing trauma at home and in the community is necessary to strengthen our communities and improve the health of all Californians.

AB 392 - Police Use of Force

(WEBER) AB 392 changes the state standard for use of deadly force by a police officer. Currently, deadly force is permitted if an “objectively reasonable” officer would have done so under the same circumstances. AB 392 changes the definition so that officers can only use deadly force when they have no “reasonable alternatives” to prevent imminent death or bodily injury.

AB 656 - Office of Healthy & Safe Communities

(GARCIA) AB 656 establishes Office of Healthy and Safe Communities (OHSC) under the direction of the California Surgeon General and the Governor, which would develop, implement and monitor a comprehensive violence prevention, safety and healing strategy. The OHSC would focus on decreasing exposure to violence among California’s most vulnerable people and places.