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# Government Relations Update

December 2, 2024

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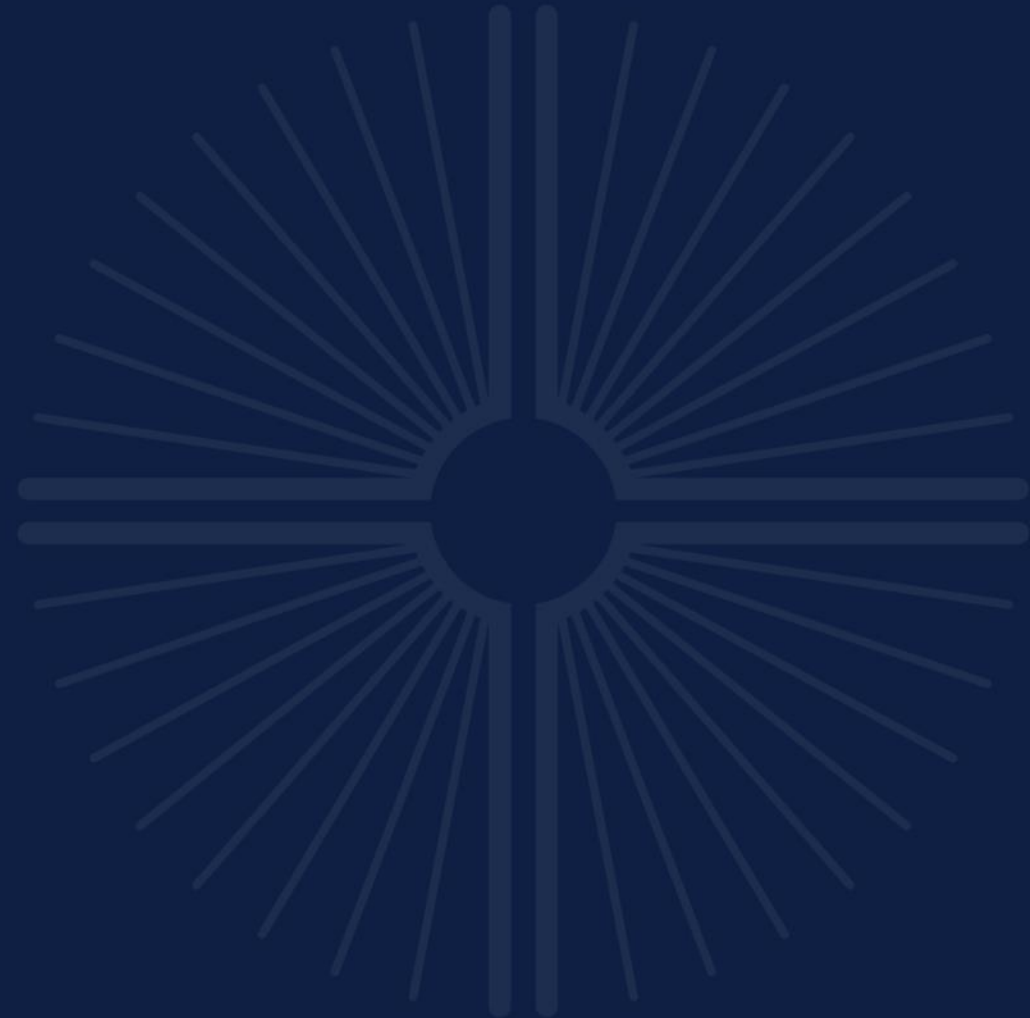


# California Election Results – New Members & Local Bonds

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# New Members

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# Senate Election Update

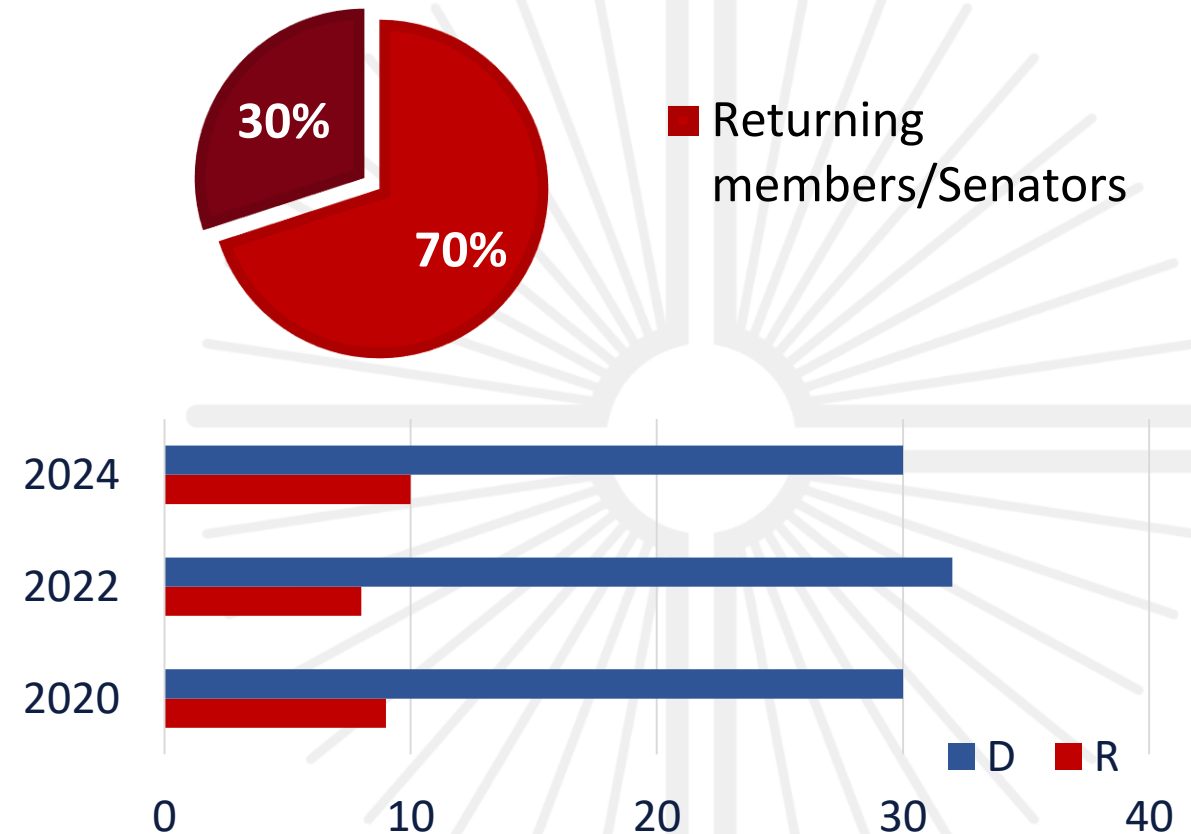
- The Senate has a membership of 40 Senators elected for 4-year terms, 20 to begin every 2 years
- This year, the odd-numbered seats, were subject to election
- Out of the 20 races
  - 9 had an incumbent running
  - Incumbent Senator Newman, Chair of Education conceded on Nov. 25
- **Senate District 35** continues to be an active race:



*Michelle  
Chambers*



*Laura  
Richardson*



# New to the Senate...



Sabrina Cervantes  
Megan Dahle  
Tim Grayson  
Akilah Weber  
Eloise Reyes



Steve Choi  
Suzette Valladares  
Laura Richardson  
Jerry McNerney

# New Senator Highlights



## **Senator-elect Christopher Cabaldon (SD 3)**

Community Colleges: Diablo Valley College, Napa Valley College, Santa Rosa Junior College, Woodland Community College, Solano Community College



## **Senator-elect Sasha Renee Perez (SD 25)**

Community Colleges: Pasadena City College, Glendale Community College, Rio Hondo Community College, Citrus College

# Assembly Election Update

- Unlike members of the Senate, members of the Assembly serve two-year terms and are subject to election every even-numbered year
- Out of the 80 races
  - 57 had an incumbent running
  - 23 new members
  - All incumbents are winning their races
    - It is a close call for:

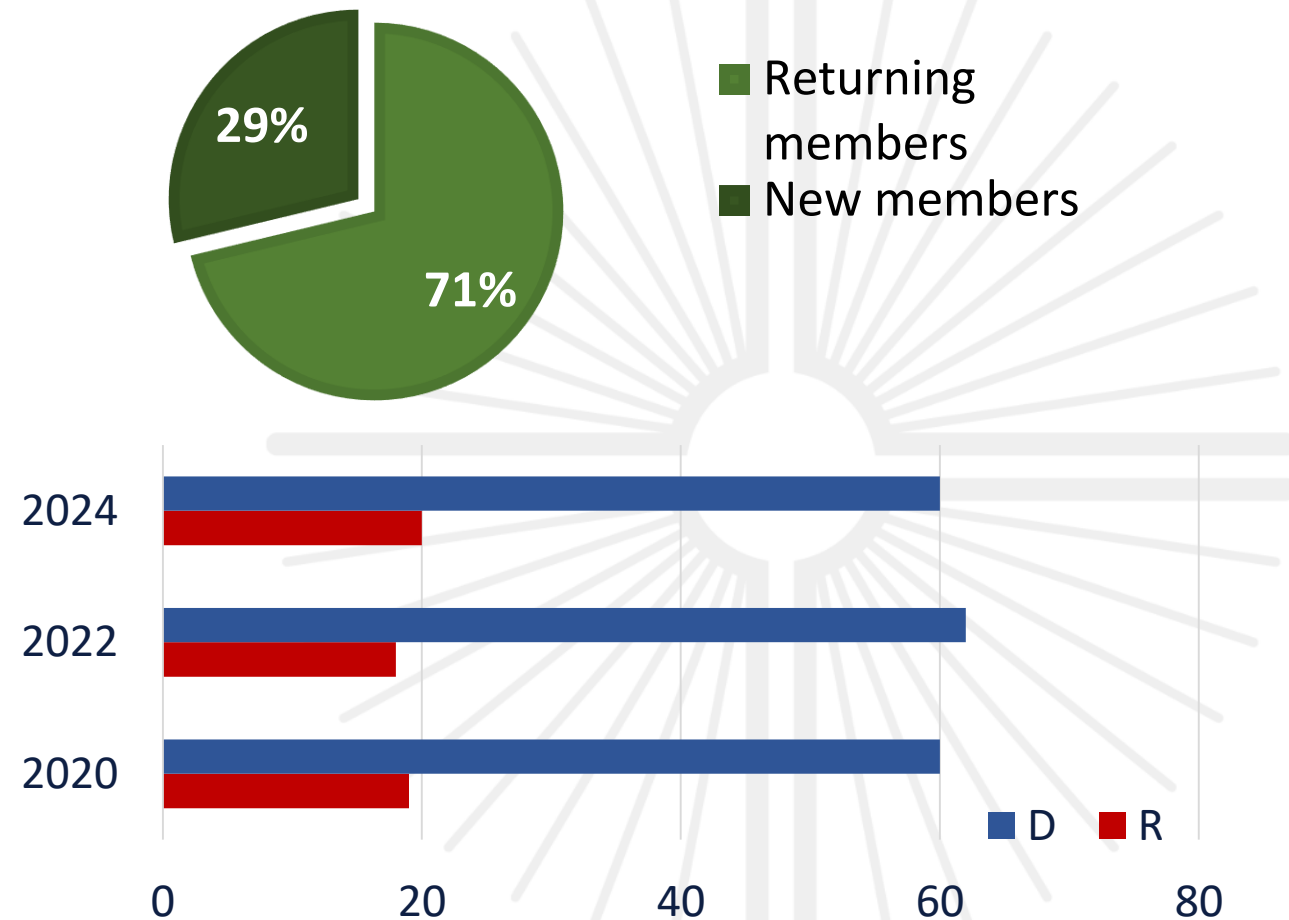
## Assembly District 58



Clarissa  
Cervantes



Leticia  
Castillo





# New Assembly Member Highlight



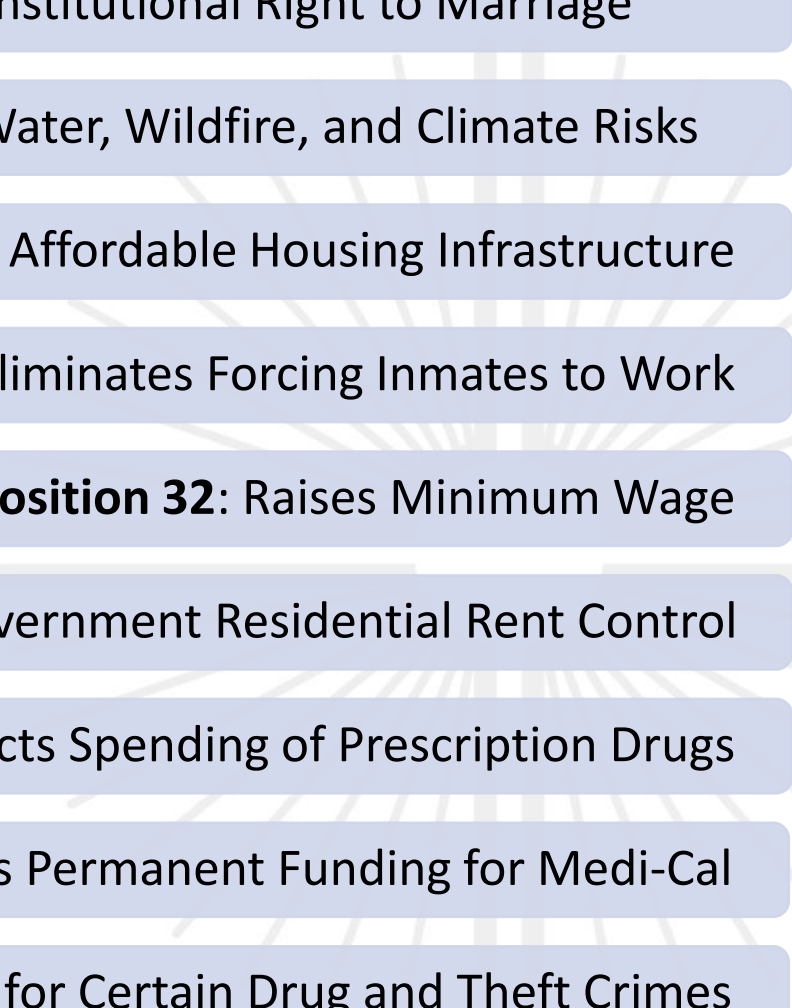
## **Assemblymember-elect Patrick Ahrens (AD 26)**

Community Colleges: Mission College, De Anza College, San Jose City College

# Proposition Results

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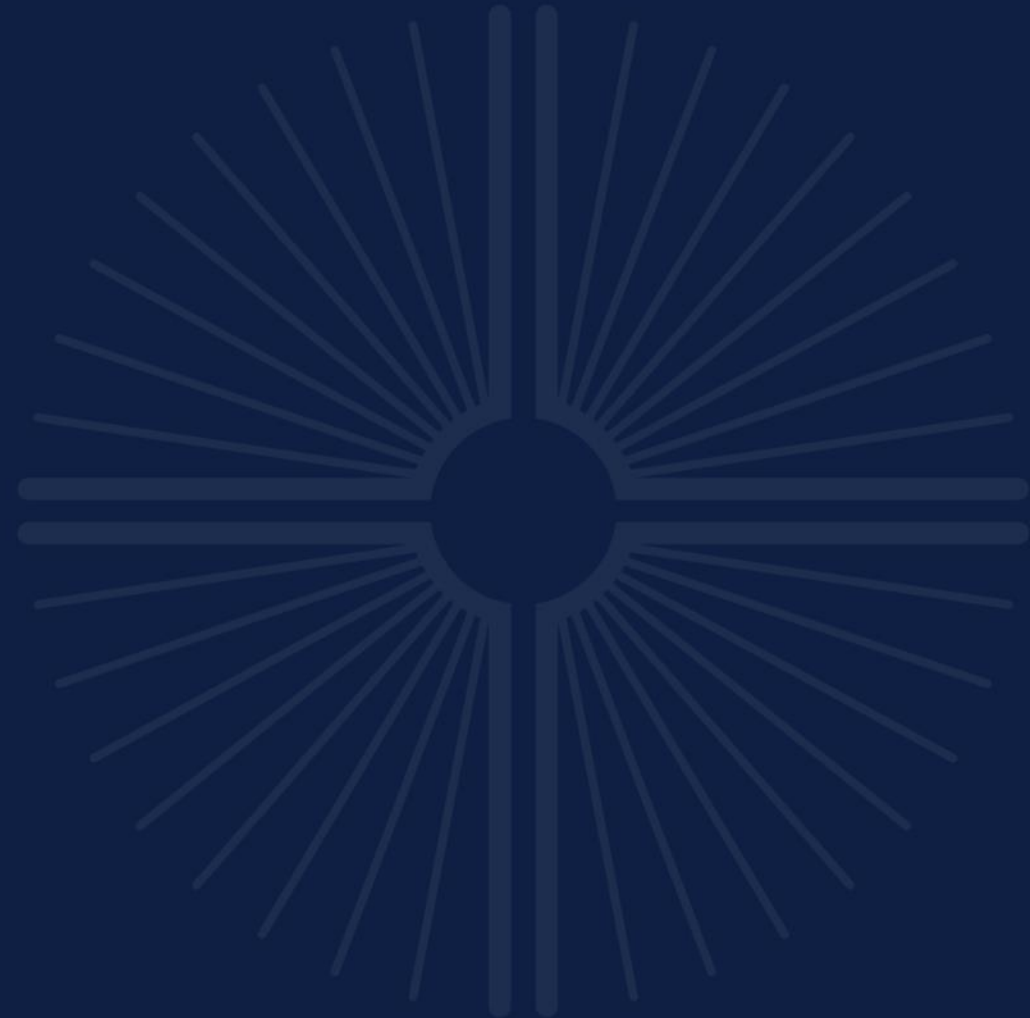




Yes	<b>Proposition 2:</b> Bonds for Public School and College Facilities
Yes	<b>Proposition 3:</b> Constitutional Right to Marriage
Yes	<b>Proposition 4:</b> Bonds for Water, Wildfire, and Climate Risks
No	<b>Proposition 5:</b> Bonds for Affordable Housing Infrastructure
No	<b>Proposition 6:</b> Eliminates Forcing Inmates to Work
No	<b>Proposition 32:</b> Raises Minimum Wage
No	<b>Proposition 33:</b> Local Government Residential Rent Control
Yes	<b>Proposition 34:</b> Restricts Spending of Prescription Drugs
Yes	<b>Proposition 35:</b> Provides Permanent Funding for Medi-Cal
Yes	<b>Proposition 36:</b> Increased Sentencing for Certain Drug and Theft Crimes

# Local Bond Results

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Yes	<b>Measure CC:</b> Compton Community College District
Yes	<b>Measure GCC:</b> Glendale Community College District
Yes	<b>Measure AC:</b> Long Beach Community College District
Yes	<b>Measure P:</b> Merced Community College District
Yes	<b>Measure V:</b> Mt. San Antonio Community College District
No	<b>Measure G:</b> Rancho Santiago Community College District
Yes	<b>Measure I:</b> Redwoods Community College District
Yes	<b>Measure RH:</b> Rio Hondo Community College District
Yes	<b>Measure CC:</b> Riverside Community College District
Yes	<b>Measure HH:</b> San Diego Community College District
Yes	<b>Measure K:</b> San Joaquin Delta Community College District
Yes	<b>Measure P:</b> Santa Barbara Community College District
Yes	<b>Measure SW:</b> Southwestern Community College District
Yes	<b>Measure Q:</b> State Center Community College District
Yes	<b>Measure C:</b> West Hills Community College District



# Budget Update-

## LAO's Fiscal Outlook & CCLC Talking Points

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# The 2025-26 Budget California's Fiscal Outlook



## ***Legislative Action Last Year Addressed Anticipated Budget Problem Proactively.***

The Legislature not only addressed the budget problem for the fiscal year but also made proactive decisions to address 2025-26.



## ***Revenues Are Unlikely to Grow Fast Enough to Catch Up to Atypically High Spending Growth.***

The state faces double-digit operating deficits in the years to come. It is unlikely that revenue growth will catch up to ongoing spending.



## ***Revenues Running Ahead of Broader Economy.***

Despite softness in the state's labor market and consumer spending, earnings of high-income Californians have surged in recent months. Driven by the recent stock market rally. Questions its sustainability.



## ***No Capacity for New Commitments.***

This year's budget does not have the capacity for new commitments, particularly ones that are ongoing.



## ***Revenue Improvement Offset by Higher Costs, 2025-26 Budget Remains Roughly Balanced.***

Although revenues are running ahead of budget act assumptions, those improvements are roughly offset by spending increases across the budget.



# The 2025-26 Budget: Fiscal Outlook for Schools and Community Colleges

The guarantee in 2025-26 is \$1.5 billion (1.3 percent) above the 2024-25 enacted budget level

In addition, \$3.7 billion in funding is freed up from the expiration of various one-time costs and other formula-driven adjustments

Estimates a 2.46 percent statutory cost-of-living adjustment for school and community college programs

Estimate that \$2.8 billion would be available for new commitments

Recommend addressing the payment deferrals adopted in the June 2024 budget plan

Dedicating a portion for one-time spending would create a buffer to help protect ongoing programs in case the guarantee is lower than expected in the future



# The 2025-26 Budget: Fiscal Outlook for Schools and Community Colleges



**Withdrawals Would Be Required After 2025-26** In 2026-27, the state would be required to withdraw most of the balance. The main reason for this withdrawal is that Test 3 is operative. The state would withdraw the remaining balance in 2027-28.



**Higher COLA Rates Assumed After 2025-26** estimate a statutory rate of 3.1 percent in 2026-27, 3.8 percent in 2027-28, and 4 percent in 2028-29. The cost of covering the COLA in each of these years would be \$3.2 billion, \$4 billion, and \$4.3 billion, respectively.



**School Attendance Anticipated to Increase Temporarily, Then Decline** After 2025-26, however, assume attendance declines by roughly 60,000 students (1 percent) each year for the following three years.

# Fiscal and Policy Talking Points

November 2024

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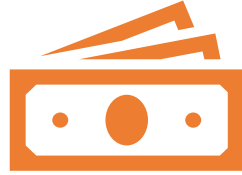
# Fiscal and Policy Talking Points



## **Invest In Our Institutions**

Districts need locally determined increases to their base apportionment to allow them to best serve their communities.

One-time funding is most pressingly needed in Deferred Maintenance, which was significantly cut in 2022-23.



## **Invest In Our Students**

Investments in basic needs, including, financial aid, housing, and mental health are needed.

These investments should fall outside Proposition 98.



## **Protect Our Colleges and Students**

Policies that conflict with the shared values and priorities of our state are anticipated.

While we rely on the federal government as a valuable partner of our institutions.

We stand ready to work with allies from across the State to protect our colleges and students.



# Legislative Update

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# Districts with active litigation

Board of Governors  
or the California  
Community College

Sierra Joint  
Community College  
District

Monterey Peninsula  
Community College  
District

Sequoias  
Community College  
District

Desert Community  
College District

Palomar Community  
College District

Contra Costa  
Community College  
District

San Mateo  
Community College  
District

Peralta Community  
College District

Shasta-Tehama  
Trinity Joint  
Community College  
District

Butte-Glenn  
Community College  
District

Yuba Community  
College District

Los Rios Community  
College District

Mt. San Jacinto  
Community College  
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San Diego  
Community College  
District

Cerritos Community  
College District

Los Angeles  
Community College  
District

San Joaquin Delta  
Community College  
District

Mt. San Antonio  
Community College  
District

Foothill-Deanza  
Community College  
District

Yosemite  
Community College  
District

Pasadena Area  
Community College  
District

Santa Clarita  
Community College  
District

Long Beach  
Community College  
District

# Special Session

- On November 7th, Governor Newsom issued a proclamation convening a special session to protect California from federal actions.
- The special session will begin December 2, when the legislature convenes.
- The special session will focus on bolstering California legal resources to protect civil rights, reproductive freedom, climate action, and immigrant families.
- The goal is to pursue proactive litigation against unlawful actions by the incoming administration.





# Save the Date

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# Legislative Conference

*Sheraton Grand Sacramento*

January 26-27, 2025





# LEGISLATIVE WELCOME RECEPTION

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**5:00-6:30 pm**

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# Thank you!

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