

## **Leaders Stand Together for A State Budget that Protects California's Prosperity and its People**

Our organizations represent diverse sectors spanning philanthropy, health care, business, labor, education and community organizing, united by a shared commitment to improving the lives of all Californians and sustaining a strong economy.

California should have a budget that protects our state's prosperity, affordability and values. Limited resources should be spent on what matters most: our people. Protecting essential services for all Californians—regardless of immigration status—is not only the right thing to do, it's a smart economic strategy that keeps our communities healthy and safe.

The majority of Californians agree. Statewide polling shows overwhelming support for ensuring safety net services for all low-income residents, regardless of immigration status:

- 59% support continuing current services
- 68% support access to Medi-Cal and Covered California
- 57% support Medi-Cal even if federal funding is at risk
- 64% support food assistance
- 58% support low-income tax credits

Voters understand that immigrants are essential members of our communities who grow our food, build our homes, and care for our most vulnerable. Their hard work and contributions drive prosperity for all. While only 12% of voters identify immigration as a top concern, 70% cite the cost of living and housing.

We acknowledge that tough fiscal choices lie ahead—but those decisions must reflect our shared values. It is our values that have propelled our state to become the fourth largest economy in the world. By protecting our people, we will ensure a stronger, more resilient California for all.

Signees:

*Building Skills Partnership  
California Community Foundation  
California Health Care Foundation  
California Immigrant Policy Center  
College Futures  
Dr. Bronner's Family Foundation  
End Child Poverty CA  
Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund  
First 5 Los Angeles (F4LA)*

*Grove Foundation*  
*Health Access California*  
*L.A. Care Health Plan*  
*Latino Community Foundation*  
*Liberty Hill Foundation*  
*Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO*  
*Nourish California*  
*Orange County Grantmakers*  
*Pa'lante Collaborative Strategies*  
*Rosenberg Foundation*  
*San Francisco Foundation*  
*SEIU United Service Workers West*  
*The California Endowment*  
*The California Pan-Ethnic Health Network (CPEHN)*  
*The California Wellness Foundation*  
*The Children's Partnership*  
*The James Irvine Foundation*  
*UNITE-LA*  
*Weingart Foundation*  
*Western Center on Law and Poverty*