



2021-22

BLUEPRINT
FOR A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET

PRESERVE, RESPOND, PROTECT, RECOVER

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2021 BUDGET: PRESERVE, RESPOND, PROTECT, RECOVER

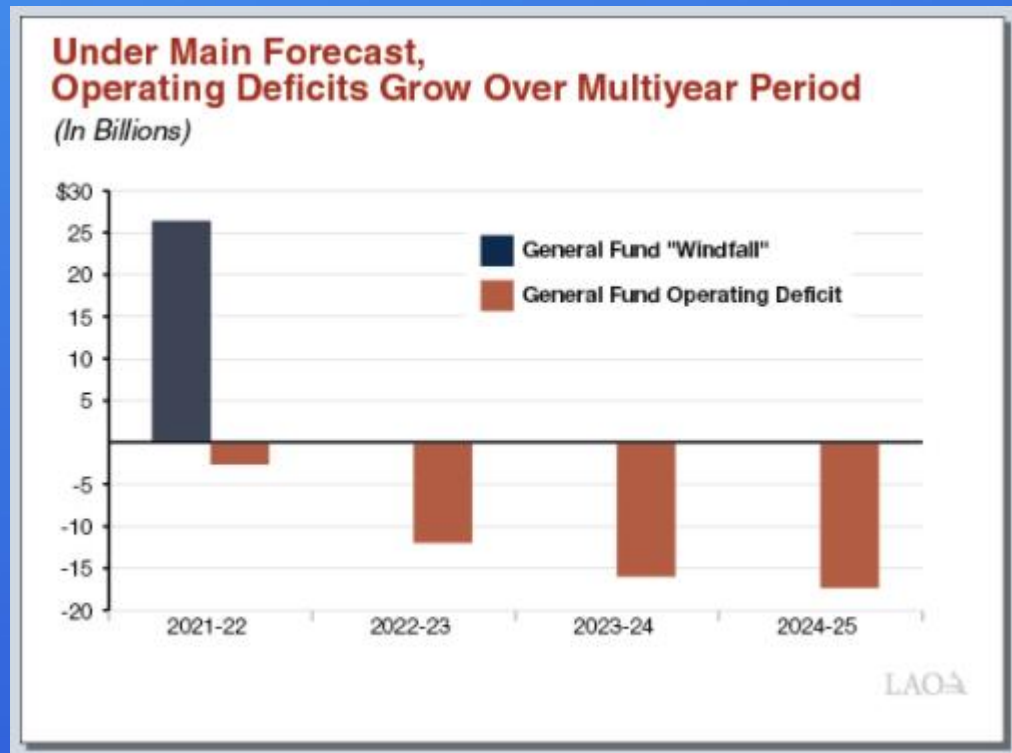
- Preserve: Restore state services, prepare for future downturns
- Respond: Provide essential State response to COVID-19
- Protect: Help those Californians most impacted by the crisis
- Recover: Targeted stimulus to help Californians rebuild the economy



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- Repay school and community college deferrals
- Restore one-time funding 2020 cuts to UC, CSU, Courts, Housing, Child Support
- Undo program suspension cuts to critical health and human services programs like IHSS
- Retain reserve funding for future shortfalls



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- Reinvest in public health infrastructure to respond to COVID-19, including vaccine distribution, workforce development, telehealth flexibilities, testing, and behavioral health responses
- Safely reopen K-12 schools and target education funding to prevent learning loss
- Protect vulnerable seniors in skilled nursing facilities from new COVID-19 outbreaks
- Ensure greater transparency and oversight of federal and state disaster-related funding
- Mitigate the impact of COVID-19 in state prisons and commit to a long-term infrastructure investment and closure plan
- Increase workplace safety enforcement



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- Help Californians most adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and use an equity lens to evaluate solutions
- Implement TK-for-all 4-year-old children beginning in 2021, and increase rates for all early childhood education providers facing increased costs due to COVID-19
- Appropriate funding for wildfire prevention and mitigation activities
- Streamline program rules to reduce barriers to entry and retain current families in Medi-Cal, CalWORKs, CalFresh, IHSS, and other major programs that assist vulnerable Californians



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- Provide ongoing homelessness prevention state funding, while incorporating best practices in determining service provision models
- Expand current housing support and assistance programs that target vulnerable Californians, including low-income families with children and abused or neglected older adults over aged 60, by increasing program length and eligibility



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- Increase financial aid and basic needs support that allows California college students to stay in school and complete their degree on time
- Oversee effective implementation of juvenile justice realignment
- Increase the EITC amount for all filers and allow families with no income to earn the Young Child Tax Credit



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- Provide coordinated and streamlined assistance to small businesses and nonprofits
- Create a state program to prevent evictions and support mom-and-pop landlords
- Modernize the Employment Development Department and eliminate the unemployment insurance backlog, including delays in benefits due to fraud
- Increase re-training programs at community colleges to help unemployed workers, including expanding professional development centers



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- Create a Climate Crisis investment plan to guide the expenditure of GGRF revenue, including funding for clean transportation, air pollution mitigation, and adaptation
- Develop an infrastructure strategy to stimulate the economy and benefit communities that have been left behind, including:
 - addressing polluted water systems
 - cleaning up abandoned toxic sites
 - expanding affordable broadband, and
 - building farmworker housing



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