



ASSEMBLY BUDGET BLUEPRINT
**A BUDGET OF
OPPORTUNITY**

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ASSEMBLY DEMOCRATS' BUDGET PRIORITIES
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Progress Since December Budget Blueprint

- New COVID-19 cases reported in California:
 - December 10: 40,793
 - April 27: 1,445
- Budget surplus and \$26 billion in American Rescue Plan funding
- Promises already kept on school reopening, aid to individuals and small businesses, wildfire protection, eviction prevention
- Senate provides a strong vision that we can build on together



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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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Preserve

- Continue to build reserves and reduce liabilities
- End phony program suspensions, such as the 7 percent IHSS hours reduction, disabled individuals and foster youth, and the diversion of Proposition 56 funds for Medi-Cal rates
- Provide multi-year funding packages with one-time federal and state funds



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Respond

- COVID-19, vaccinate Californians and be prepared for new variants
- Reopen schools in the fall
- Provide transitional resources to families and businesses to help state's reopening
 - Early Care and Education: 1 million slots by 2025, universal TK starting 2021
 - Homelessness Prevention: \$20 billion over five years
 - Affordable Housing
 - More support for families: expand Golden State Stimulus, increase grant levels
 - Workforce Development: expand job training opportunities to help reengage the workforce in high paying jobs



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Protect

- Health Care: expand access to Medi-Cal and Covered California
- Ongoing funding for public and behavioral health and human services
- Streamline CalWORKs to better support families
- Make EDD deliver for Californians



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Recover

- Higher Education: Add 1 million university degrees by 2030, debt-free college, and student housing
- Broadband: Eliminate gaps in service and make affordable
- Green Economy Investments
 - Increase investments in parks, urban greening, drought resiliency, wildfire prevention, toxic clean up, clean transportation
 - Respond to our climate crisis with new adaptation funding



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Recover

- Anti-Racism Investment Portfolio
 - Celebrate diversity by building and enhancing state cultural institutions
 - Empower and protect communities through investments in stopping hate, community empowerment, and safety.
 - Lift up communities of color and women most impacted by the pandemic
 - Fund recidivism reduction strategies



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Subcommittee 1 on Health and Human Services

- Respond to California's behavioral health crisis by supporting the California Reducing Disparities Project, All Children Thrive, emergency department peer navigators, Mental Health Student Services Act school-county partnerships, and start-up costs for peer support specialist certification programs
- Increase health care access by expanding Medi-Cal to all, regardless of immigration status, making Covered California more affordable, eliminating the Medi-Cal assets test, implementing CalAIM, extending telehealth flexibilities, and investing in enrollment navigators
- Build a robust public health infrastructure with significant investments in county public health staff, to effectively address future pandemics as well as current epidemics of HIV, HCV, and STDs, heart disease, diabetes, and deaths of despair



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Subcommittee 1 on Health and Human Services

- Advancing the Master Plan for Aging with key investments in In-Home Supportive Services, Adult Protective Services/Home Safe, Senior Nutrition, and other vital Aging programs
- Protect vulnerable children by preventing child welfare removals, supporting foster families, and providing more support for struggling older youth
- Increase developmental services rates and expand services
- Refocus CalWORKs into a program that elevates child and family well-being, increasing grants, and providing more resources to truly support the positive trajectory of these California families



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Subcommittee 2 on Education Finance

- Budget for fully in-person, safe school instruction, transportation, & student supports
- 1 million more child care slots by 2025, universal TK, and expand after school access
- Accelerate workforce and college readiness, and school construction
- 1 million degrees: Expand UC and CSU capacity and support significant enrollment growth & teacher pipeline
- Support students by creating debt-free college and building affordable student housing



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Subcommittee 3 on Climate Crisis, Resources, Energy, and Transportation

- Responding to Climate Change
 - Wildfire prevention
 - Drought reliance and clean water
 - Adaption and heat impact project planning
 - Clean transportation programs and infrastructure



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Subcommittee 3 on Climate Crisis, Resources, Energy, and Transportation

- Enhancing environmental justice and increasing access to green spaces
 - Remediate air, water, and ground pollution that impact our most disadvantaged communities
 - Additional parks and urban greening funding
 - Fully-fund active transportation project backlog to expand bicycle use and improve pedestrian safety



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Subcommittee 4 on State Administration

- Justice For All
 - Affirms support for Stop AAPI Hate, BLM, Immigrant Rights, LGBTQ, and the rights of other marginalized communities against hate speech and hate crimes
- Workforce & Just Transition
 - Affirms a commitment to workers for training, skill development, apprenticeship programs amid California's goals to Build Back Better, good jobs, climate change, and environmental stewardship
 - Provide additional support to small businesses and nonprofits impacted by the pandemic



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Subcommittee 4 on State Administration

- Housing is a Human Right
 - Affirms commitment for \$20 billion over the next five years to address tiers of homelessness and create local opportunities, flexibility, and accountability to serve our unhoused population (Project Homekey, HHAPP)
 - Affordable housing
- The California Dream: Homeownership
 - Focuses on homeownership, creating generational wealth through funding for down-payment assistance for first time homebuyers and funding for shovel ready projects that target low-income residents



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Subcommittee 5 on Public Safety

- Accountability and oversight
 - Adopt fiscally responsible prison spending and long-term planning
 - Improve outcomes and state oversight of the juvenile justice system
 - Adopt policies that comply with court ordered oversight of prisons
- Reducing gun violence in our communities



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- Recidivism reduction strategies
 - Reduce barriers to reentry
 - Enhance workforce development opportunities and housing
- Access to justice
 - Enhance court access and services for low income and indigent people
 - Support survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault
 - Improve services for court users



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