



CHIRLA
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Immigrant Rights

CHIRLA Policy Platform **Striving for an Inclusive Prosperity**

CHIRLA is advancing state and budgetary proposals that enhances the contributions of immigrants, streamlines current resources to advance immigrant integration, strengthens the criminal justice system that upholds due process for all, fosters community policing models to rebuild trust between law enforcement and immigrants, and invests in equitable opportunities in education for immigrants and their children.

Policy Priorities

INCREASE IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION INVESTMENTS

Immigrants are 33.9% of the state's workforce; contribute \$130 billion to the state's GDP, \$3.1 billion in state and local taxes, and \$4.6 billion in sales taxes each year to the Golden State.¹ Immigrants investment to our state, it is important that our state invest towards immigrant integration. This year, CHIRLA's investment programs are:

1. **Continue to invest \$30 million towards the One California Program.** This Program supports qualified and culturally competent non-profit legal services providers to ensure immigrant residents understand their rights and access affirmative immigration remedies or citizenship, if they are eligible.
2. **Invest \$30 million in Due Process for All proposal - SB 6 (Hueso).** This proposal seeks to provide funding to provide access to legal representation for noncitizens in removal processing in California.
3. **Maintain current health care coverage for Newly Qualified Immigrants.** Oppose Governor's Brown proposed budget to transition these population from Medi-Cal to Covered California.

SB 54 (De Leon) – The California Values Act – Provide essential safeguards to ensure that police, schools, health facilities, and courts remain accessible to Californians from all walks of life and that California's limited resources are directed to matters of greatest concern to state and local governments.

AB 638 (Caballero) – Sponsor - Prohibits any person from acting as an immigration consultant unless the person is an attorney, or an "accredited representative" authorized by federal law.

AB 206 (Gonzalez-Fletcher) - Cosponsor - Provides day laborers with a new opportunity to seek workers' compensation for any injuries that may have occurred while on the job.

AB 1037 (Limon) - Cosponsor - Establishes the California Service Incentive Grant Program, under the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC), as a state work-study program available to California's AB 540 students who are ineligible for Federal Work Study (FWS) programs.

SB 562 (Lara & Atkins) – The Healthy California Act – Seeks to guarantee that every resident of California will receive comprehensive healthcare services.



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Additional Bills

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

AB 3 (Bonta) – Stronger Public Defenders Act - Allows public defenders' offices to gain critical expertise on the immigration consequences of criminal convictions by providing state funding for in-house immigration attorneys, legal trainings, written materials, mentoring, and technical support on these complex legal issues.

AB 42 (Bonta) & SB 10 (Hertzberg) – The California Money Bail Reform– Seeks to reform bail system to make it more just and to make communities safer. Its intent is to significantly reduce the use of money bail and to increase the number of people who are able to safely return home after arrest. We will do this by:

AB 90 (Weber) – Cosponsor – Enhancing transparency of the shared CalGang database and prohibiting this database from being shared with the federal government. Additionally this bill will place a moratorium on law enforcement entering persons into the database until concerns from the 2016 state audit are addressed while providing a purge from the database for people who have not had contact with law enforcement for two years.

AB 208 (Eggman) - Cosponsor – Provides a pre-plea diversion program instead of post-plea diversion program when someone is being convicted of minor drug offense such as drug possession.

SB 180 (Mitchell) – The RISE Act – Cosponsor - Reforms outdated sentence enhancements related to drug offenses. Currently if a person has previously been convicted of the same crime during sentencing they will automatically receive additional years even though they have had already served their punishment.

CONSUMER PROTECTIONS

AB 1109 (Karla) – Predatory Consumer Loans – Cosponsor - This bill will place a 36% cap on the Annual Percentage Rate (APR) for loans that are between \$2,501 - \$10,000.

SB 354 (Portantino) –Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) – Cosponsor - Ensure that certain documents and the written IEP for a student with special needs is translated in the primary language that the parent/guardian speaks by a qualified translator and is given to that parent/guardian within 30 days.

ACCESS TO EDUCATION

AB 827 (Rubio) – California Opportunity Act – Cosponsor - Creates a fourteen member task force that will study and create recommendations on how to streamline the accreditation of degrees earned/received in a foreign countries.

AB 1622 (Low) - Dream Resource Liaisons, Cosponsors - Require every public college and university to have a designated employee known as the Dream Resource Liaison to be knowledgeable of services and opportunities available to undocumented and AB 540 students and encourages campuses to establish a Dream Resource Center. This bill will also encourage school districts who govern over high schools to designate an employee as the Dream Resource Liaison.

SB 68 (Lara) – Sponsor – Enables two years at a California Community College to count towards AB 540 eligibility. Additionally, the bill will allow the completion of an Associate's degree or satisfaction of the minimum requirements to



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transfer to the University of California (UC) or California State University (CSU), in lieu of a high school diploma to allow a student to qualify for in-state tuition and financial aid.

¹ (<https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/research/new-americans-california>) (<http://www.alternet.org/immigration/new-study-undocumented-immigrants-california-contribute-130-billion-state-gdp>) (<http://www.itep.org/pdf/immigration2017.pdf>)