



2026–27

STATE BUDGET PRIORITIES

*Building a Safer and
More Equitable California*



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As the federal government cuts health care and social services, California must defend the safety and welfare of our residents. Protecting the safety net, while addressing key statewide needs are the core of my budget priorities.

I'm proud to have successfully **advocated for billions of dollars in critical investments** to advance the priorities that matter most to Californians. These priorities will help **reduce homelessness, build affordable housing, improve community safety, protect vulnerable communities, and preserve access to essential social services.**



BUILDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND REDUCING HOMELESSNESS

California is making real progress in reducing street homelessness, with a **9% statewide decrease this past year**. With **45,000 affordable homes waiting for funding** and federal proposals that could push **41,000 people back onto the streets**, we must build upon our momentum to prevent losing what we have gained. As the Chair of the Senate Housing Committee, I helped secure in the budget:

- \$900M** for the Homelessness, Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP)
- \$500M** for the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program
- \$200M** for the Multi-Family Housing Program
- \$17M** to support Regional Housing Finance Authorities, including **\$6.75M** for the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority



STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY SAFETY

Smart, community-based solutions to reduce gun violence and crime are delivering results. The California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) Program has helped cities like Oakland and Richmond achieve **historic reductions in homicides**. To build on this success, I helped secure **\$60M** to expand the Cal VIP Program.



PROTECTING IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES

As the federal government conducts mass deportations, California must stand firm in protecting immigrant families and ensuring access to justice. I successfully fought for: **\$15M** for the Children's Holistic Immigration Representation Project (CHIRP), supporting unaccompanied minors with legal and social services; and **\$5M** for the Immigration Counsel Access pilot program to uphold due process for unrepresented individuals.



SAFEGUARDING ACCESS TO FOOD AND HEALTHCARE

No one should go hungry or lack basic healthcare due to federal cuts. These investments ensure Californians can meet their most fundamental needs. I worked to secure **\$100M** for CalFresh to protect food assistance benefits; and **\$360.8M** to restore Medi-Cal Dental funding.



INVESTING IN CLEAN, RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION

A cleaner transportation system is key to California's economic future and climate leadership. That's why I advocated to secure: **\$600M** from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to help transit agencies transition to zero-emission fleets; and **guaranteeing funding** for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (**\$400M**) and the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (**\$200M**).



Explore Senator Arreguín's 2026–27 Legislation
Discover how these bills aim to create a better future for Californians.



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Delivering for the East Bay

\$125M FOR A NEW WATERFRONT PARK FOR THE EAST BAY

The acquisition of the former Golden Gate Fields racetrack presents a generational opportunity to reimagine and redevelop the site for a new shoreline park. I am proud to have worked with Governor Newsom to secure **\$125 million dollars to create a new park for the East Bay**. With this funding, we can finally realize the vision for a **contiguous Eastshore Park along the San Francisco Bay**. Next steps include closing on the sale of the property, and starting a public process led by the East Bay Regional Park District for future development of the site.

\$1M FOR A NEW WILDLAND FIRE ENGINE IN RICHMOND

Climate change and the severity of fire incidents requires that we are prepared to respond with high-quality public safety services. As wildfire risk continues to grow across our state, our fire crews need the tools to keep our communities safe. With a **new wildland fire engine**, the City of Richmond can **expand efforts to mitigate and respond to fire incidents** and build on existing regional partnerships.

\$1M FOR OAKLAND'S VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM

As the Chair of the Senate Public Safety Committee, supporting community-driven efforts to improve safety is a key priority. **Oakland's Department of Violence Prevention has helped reduce Oakland's crime rate to historic lows**, and with this funding from the state, we are building on that progress.

\$1M FOR THE BAY AREA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY TO SUPPORT AFFORDABLE HOUSING

As the past President of the Association of Bay Area Governments, I was proud to help pass AB 1487 which established the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority and to later launch the new agency.

Now as the Chair of the Senate Housing Committee, I joined my colleagues to help secure **\$6.75M to the region's housing finance agency**, which will support the completion of large-scale solutions for **affordable housing production, preservation, and tenant protections**.

\$1M FOR SAMUEL MERRITT UNIVERSITY'S HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION AND RESPONSE PROGRAM

Every community must take a zero-tolerance stance on human trafficking while **ensuring survivors have access to informed, effective, and compassionate resources**. Samuel Merritt is doing just that, and the State is demonstrating its commitment to strengthening our response through this investment.

\$1M TO MODERNIZE BERKELEY'S EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

The City of Berkeley has been working to **modernize its emergency communications center**, so fire, police, and Emergency Communications Services (EMS) can respond more effectively to emergencies. As the former Mayor of Berkeley, I know of the critical need for a state-of-the-art dispatch center, given the increase in public safety calls in recent years.

\$1M FOR URBAN TILTH TO EXPAND ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD

Access to healthy, locally sourced food is essential to the health of our communities and the environment. That's why organizations like **Urban Tilth** are doing vital work in North Richmond and West Contra Costa County to make that possible. Urban Tilth creates **job opportunities for youth and residents, strengths environmental resilience, and advances community-led agriculture**.



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