



We Are California 2026 Policy Platform

Californians deserve a state they can afford, but rising costs, stagnant wages, and attacks on working people driven by billionaire interests are making it harder to get by. Our 2026 policy platform focuses on three priorities: Invest in the California We Deserve, Stop Spying on Us, and Keep Families Together. Together, these policies put people before billionaires and help protect California communities from an increasingly authoritarian federal agenda.

1 Tax Corporations & Make California Affordable for All

AB 1790 (Connolly): Closing the Water's Edge Tax Loophole

Co-Sponsors: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, California School Employees Association, AFL-CIO, and End Child Poverty in California

Overview: The rules are rigged in favor of corporations and against everyday working people. Under current law, global profits can be shuffled on paper through the "Water's Edge" tax loophole, through which California loses over \$3 billion annually. This bill would close that loophole and ensure that corporations pay the taxes they owe.

2 Keep Families Together: Shut Down the Deportation Machine

AB 1633 (Haney): Tax on Private Detention Companies

Co-sponsors: California Immigrant Policy Center (CIPC), Services, Immigrant Rights And Education Network (SIREN) and State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Thurmond.

Overview: This bill would impose a 50% gross receipts tax on corporations operating for-profit private detention facilities in California. The bill would require those funds to be reinvested into the Due Process For All fund, which would provide immigration-related services.

AB 2465 (Ortega): No Taxpayer Dollars for Family Separation

Co-sponsors: California Immigrant Policy Center (CIPC), PICO California, and State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Thurmond.

Overview: This bill would ensure that California does not subsidize business practices that profit from detention, deportation, and family separation by prohibiting businesses from receiving any state provided tax credit, loan, or grant if the business either invests in, manages, or owns a private detention facility; or contracts with any agency engaging in immigration enforcement. AB 2465 also establishes the Due Process for All Fund to support immigrant-related services and programs.

3 Stop Spying on Us: Fight Tech Surveillance

AB 1542 (Ward): California Sensitive Data Privacy Act & California Location Privacy Act

Co-sponsors: AJSoCal, Consumer Reports, CITED

Overview: This pair of bills ban businesses (like Palantir) from selling and sharing our sensitive personal information, which includes our immigration status, health data, social security number, sexual orientation, genetic data and precise location. This sensitive data has been used by scammers to facilitate financial fraud, by retailers to generate predatory pricing schemes, and even by our own federal government to surveil individuals exercising their constitutional rights. This legislation protects Californians from having their movements tracked and sold when visiting sensitive places such as protests, domestic violence shelters, legal service centers, and reproductive clinics. It also requires a judicial warrant for law enforcement to access this data.