



## The 2021 Black Prosperity Agenda

The **Black Leadership Council** (BLC) is a San Francisco-based collection of leaders across varied sectors – public, civic, and private - that seeks to improve conditions for the Black/African American population across California. We do this by leading strategic initiatives across sustained economic, legislative, and community engagement efforts that harness the best thinking, practices, and ideas for Black Prosperity in the region and the state.

Since 2020, BLC has mobilized to support and develop a sweeping collection of policies to advance a **Black Prosperity Agenda** through comprehensive reforms to the state's healthcare, economic, housing, education systems that drive racialized inequities amongst Black, and other low-income Californians.

### *~Education Agenda~*

*Education is the bedrock of providing health, wealth and economic opportunity in California and the nation. Unfortunately, Black students have fallen one to two grades behind white students between K-12 matriculation, and see disparate outcomes across social and economic indicators into adulthood.*

#### **SB 50 (Limon) – Early learning and care (Status: Senate Appropriations – April 19)**

**Problem:** There is a large unmet need when it comes to childcare in California, especially for infants and toddlers. The current system of subsidized early learning and care is overly complex and uncoordinated.

**Solution:** *This bill expands the range of types of childcare and early learning services that a state preschool contracting agency may provide. It builds toward a more streamlined, integrated, mixed-delivery ECE system, improving education for everyone.*

#### **AB 932 (Levine) – Cradle-to-Career (C2C) Grant Program (Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee)**

**Problem:** COVID-19 has highlighted inequalities across California. Children and students have been most affected by its repercussions. Poverty rates are on the rise and a large educational achievement gap continues to widen in Black and brown communities across the state.

**Solution:** *This bill would establish the C2C Grant Program to streamline funding to local governments and organizations to encourage interventions at crucial stages in a child's development and ensure future success. The bill would help reduce child poverty and achievement gaps.*