



## 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.

### *~Housing Agenda~*

*Many of the housing programs on the books systemically discriminate against Black and other disenfranchised communities. Housing and home ownership systems directly impact wealth creation, and too often pre-determine communities' ability to build and pass down wealth to future generations. In America and especially California, your zip code determines your future – BLC is focused on changing that.*

#### **SB 655 (Bradford) – Insurers: diversity (Status: Senate Judiciary – May 4th)**

**Problem:** In November 2020, The California Department of Insurance released results from the California Insurance Diversity Survey unveiling that 80 percent of individuals in the boardrooms across insurance companies in California were white and 70 percent identified as men.

**Solution:** *This bill helps improve diversity in the insurance industry so that those who are making important life-changing policies are more reflective of California's population.*

#### **AB 1241 (Jones-Sawyer) – Rental housing unlawful housing practices: applications: criminal records (Status: Housing and Community Development Committee)**

**Problem:** Currently, rental applications require tenants, who have already served their time, to disclose past criminal records blocking people from viable housing.

**Solution:** *This bill would provide the formerly incarcerated an opportunity to receive a thorough and fair vetting when seeking housing by essentially banning the box.*

**AB 1466 (McCarty) – Real property: discriminatory restrictions (Status: Assembly Appropriations)**

**Problem:** Existing law has long prohibited any restrictions in the sale or transfer of property based on membership in a protected classification, for example, race.

**Solution:** *This bill would take proactive steps in removing Jim Crow-Era, racist language from housing documents once and for all.*