



The 2021 Black Prosperity Agenda

Since 2020, the Black Leadership Council (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, and education systems that drive racialized inequities amongst Black and other low-income Californians.

Legislative Priorities and Support Bills

Wealth Building

SB 471 (Hueso) – The Racial Economic Equity Bond Act of 2021 – This bill would appropriate \$3.3 billion to the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development (Go-Biz) to develop a grant program to address the disproportionate impacts borne from the COVID-19 pandemic and the lack of critical physical and social infrastructure resulting from chronic underinvestment in key segments of our economy.

SB 655 (Bradford) – Insurers diversity – 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 915 (Chiu) – Small and disadvantaged business enterprises – This bill would require the development of an “economic equity first” action plan to ensure disadvantaged businesses are benefitting from the state’s procurement process.

Health Equity

SB 17 (Pan) – Office of Racial Equity – Establishes the Office of Racial Equity to coordinate, analyze, develop, evaluate and recommend strategies for advancing racial equity across state government.

AB 666 (Chiu) – Substance use disorder workforce development – This bill assesses the state’s systems for regulating and supporting the Substance Use Disorder workforce.

AB 1407 (Burke) – Implicit Bias – This bill would require implicit bias education and training for registered nurses in California.

Housing

AB 946 (Lee) – Home Purchase Assistance Fund – This bill would repeal California’s Mortgage Interest Deduction on second homes and re-allocate \$230 million annually to provide additional funds to homebuyer assistance programs like the CA Housing Finance Agency’s MyHome Assistance Program.

AB 1241 (Jones-Sawyer) – Rental housing unlawful housing practices: applications: criminal records – 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 – This bill would take proactive steps in removing Jim Crow-Era, racist language from housing documents once and for all.

Education Equity

SB 50 (Limon) – Early learning and care – 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 – 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.

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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, and in turn, improve conditions for all marginalized communities. 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.