GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S CALIFORNIA BLUEPRINT TACKLES THE STATE'S GREATEST EXISTENTIAL THREATS WHILE BUILDING ON CALIFORNIA'S HISTORIC PROGRESS

- **Governor Newsom's Blueprint takes on five of California's biggest challenges: COVID-19, climate change, homelessness, inequality, and keeping our streets safe.**

Governor Newsom's Blueprint for California directly confronts the state's largest threats while bolstering our state's strong economic growth and making historic investments in California's future. The Governor's plan doubles down on the work of the last several years to respond to COVID-19, the climate crisis – including worsening wildfires and drought, persistent inequality and homelessness, and keeping our streets safe.

The Blueprint offers a vision for how California can continue to tackle short-term crises and long-term challenges. Last year, as California wrestled with the upheaval caused by the pandemic, the state passed the largest recovery package in the nation, the California Comeback Plan, providing short-term relief to millions of Californians and making billions in longer-term investments that will benefit workers, businesses and families for years to come.

That vision persists this year – because our challenges persist. The pandemic laid bare many of the most striking disparities in our state – unequal access to healthcare, child care, education, and the economic ability to endure a rapidly changing and unpredictable world. Today, as our state's economy drives a still-recovering nation, California continues to offer a model for how we can move forward together.

The Governor's Blueprint calls for billions more to fight COVID-19 and educate and care for all our 40 million residents, prioritizes the safety and security of all Californians, and reinforces California's role as a global leader in climate protection, innovation and job creation.

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CALIFORNIA'S 5 GREATEST EXISTENTIAL THREATS

1. FIGHTING COVID-19 WITH SCIENCE

Governor Newsom's plan will continue to protect Californians by fighting COVID with science, with a focus on keeping our schools open and the economy moving. Governor Newsom's plan will protect frontline workers, battle misinformation, and ensure our healthcare system is prepared to handle whatever curveballs COVID-19 may throw at us in 2022. The Blueprint includes an additional **$2.7 billion to ramp up vaccines, boosters, statewide testing, and increase medical personnel** to meet potential surges.

2. COMBATING THE CLIMATE CRISIS

California continues to face extreme weather conditions amid a changing climate. Governor Newsom's plan tackles the increasing threat of climate change including by:

- **Fighting Wildfires:** The Blueprint provides $648 million to support firefighters, and more helicopters and dozers, along with an additional $1.2 billion – building on last year's $1.5 billion investment – to step-up forest management and other practices that save lives.
- **Tackling the Drought:** On top of last year's $5.2 billion water package, the Blueprint makes an additional $750 million investment for immediate drought response to aid residents, farmers, and wildlife as California continues to grapple with a historic drought.
- **Forging an Oil-Free Future:** The plan will decrease California's reliance on fossil fuels while preparing our economy and workforce for a clean energy future. California will write the playbook for how America confronts the impacts of climate change – investing billions in climate tech research & development, clean cars, preparing Californians for career opportunities, and further readying our infrastructure to withstand extreme weather.

3. CONFRONTING HOMELESSNESS

The Governor's Blueprint ensures vulnerable people have the necessary help to get off our streets and get the mental health treatment they need. The plan adds **$2 billion for mental health housing and services and clearing encampments**. Governor Newsom's new investments expand on last year's $12 billion package - all told, creating **55,000 new housing units and treatment slots** for people exiting homelessness.

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4. TACKLING THE COST OF LIVING

Too many Californians find themselves on the wrong end of income inequality -- crushed by the rising costs of the most basic expenses like healthcare, housing, child care, and keeping the doors of a small business open. Governor Newsom's plan seeks to bring down the costs of those everyday expenses. The Governor's Blueprint will:

- **Create Universal Access to Healthcare Coverage:** Governor Newsom's Blueprint will make California the first state in the nation to offer universal access to healthcare coverage for all state residents, regardless of immigration status.
- **Confront the cost of child care and education:** The plan invests more than ever before in our students by doubling down on achieving **free universal pre-K**, adding **thousands of child care slots** and increasing access to before, after, and summer school programs.
- **Building More Housing:** The Blueprint will create more housing California desperately needs with **$2 billion in new grants and tax credits**
- **Growing Small Businesses:** Governor Newsom's plan will invest even more in small businesses - cutting red tape, waiving fees and providing **hundreds of millions in grants and tax breaks to small businesses** suffering from the pandemic.

5. KEEPING OUR STREETS SAFE

Governor Newsom's Blueprint includes his Real Public Safety Plan, which focuses on three key areas to fight and prevent crime:

- **Bolstering law enforcement and local response** to stop and apprehend criminals, including $255 million in grants to local law enforcement and creating a new Smash and Grab Enforcement Unit to combat organized retail crime and grants for impacted small businesses.
- **More prosecutors to hold perpetrators accountable**, ensuring District Attorneys are effectively and efficiently prosecuting criminals, and creating a new statewide team of investigators and prosecutors to go after perpetrators.
- **Getting guns and drugs off our streets** – creating a new statewide gun buyback program, holding the gun industry accountable with nation-leading legislation, and intercepting drugs at the border.