

THE CALIFORNIA BLUEPRINT

SUPPORT FOR IMMIGRANT FAMILIES & BORDER COMMUNITIES

- **Historic expansion of Medi-Cal coverage to Californians regardless of immigration status, covering an additional 764,000 undocumented Californians**
- **Expanding food assistance to eligible undocumented Californians 55+**
- **Funding to recruit and train workforce, including immigrant talent, for in-demand occupations and professions including for the care economy**
- **Building on California's cross-border success, invest in COVID-19 humanitarian relief and small business exports**

California's strength lies in its diversity. Immigrants compose 27 percent of the population and contributed \$42.6 billion in state and local taxes in 2019. Our border region, home to immigrants, binational communities and the busiest land port of entry in the Western Hemisphere, particularly demonstrates the strength of a diverse workforce and integrated economy.

Understanding the crucial role immigrants play, Governor Newsom's Blueprint Plan will **spur innovation, support border communities, and advance stronger statewide coordination** to further immigrant integration in service of a California for all. The Governor's Blueprint will:

1. Bolster humanitarian efforts in California's border communities and revitalize economies along the border by **supporting small businesses**, investing in immigrant workers and developing California-Mexico trade missions.
2. **Increase workforce development** investments to bring in new skills, training, and cultural assets to the labor market, especially in highly-demanded care and health care fields.
3. **Expand Medi-Cal eligibility** for Californians regardless of immigration status, and expand access to food assistance.

UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE COVERAGE REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS

- **First state to achieve universal access to healthcare coverage, regardless of immigration status:** The California Blueprint will provide a full expansion of Medi-Cal access to all income-eligible Californians regardless of immigration status, including an estimated 764,000 undocumented Californians. Under Governor Newsom's leadership, California has expanded the Medi-Cal program to cover young adults and older adults over age 50 regardless of immigration status. The Blueprint builds on that work by expanding full-scope eligibility to all age groups regardless of immigration status.

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FIGHTING COVID-19

- **\$2.7 billion to ramp up vaccines, boosters, statewide testing, and increase medical personnel across the state for all Californians.** 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.
- **COVID-19 response and humanitarian efforts,** including testing, vaccines and support services. Through these ongoing efforts, California advanced a national model that protects the health and well-being of newly arrived migrants and border communities in partnership with federal government, local government and community organizations.

ENCOURAGING IMMIGRANT INNOVATION, PROPELLING A COMPETITIVE WORKFORCE & GOOD QUALITY JOBS

- **Trade missions and export training in the California-Mexico border region to enable cross-border economic growth.** Support trade missions to advance the border region's strategic industries and help small businesses export their products with funding targeted regionally, including in the border region.
- **New investments in immigrant workers and businesses.** Proposing tens of millions of dollars to accelerate training for English Language Learners, build skilled workforces, and provide pathways to good jobs and opportunity for immigrants through expanded workplace training and resources for entrepreneurs.
- **More funding for Dreamer grants.** Raising stipends for the Dreamer Service Incentive Grant Program, increasing stipends from \$10/hr to \$15/hr equivalent. Also, allows any unexpended funds to be provided to UC and CSU to support their California Dream Loan programs

PROPELLING A COMPETITIVE WORKFORCE & GOOD QUALITY JOBS, BOOSTING THE CARE ECONOMY

- **Investment in care economy workforce development** for more innovative and accessible opportunities to recruit and train a culturally inclusive health and human services workforce, with improved diversity, wages, and health-equity outcomes. This includes \$130 million for English Language Learners Health Careers, \$350 million for 25,000 new community health workers by 2025 and \$60 million to expand scholarships and loan repayment programs in healthcare and social work for Multilingual applicants.

SUPPORTING IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION & INCLUSION, ADVANCING PROGRESS ON A CALIFORNIA FOR ALL

- **\$8.7 million for grants to local governments** to build trust with immigrant residents and help them navigate state and local services.

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- **Creating an immigrant-focused position at the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development** to convene the Interagency Council on Immigrant Integration & Talent, in coordination with the Governor's Office, ensure immigration issues are interwoven in trade and investment strategy, and expand engagement with business and immigrant leaders to further innovation and economic growth.
- **Expanding the California Food Assistance Program in CalFresh to all eligible individuals age 55 and older, regardless of immigration status.** This is projected to assist 20,000 undocumented Californians in 2023-24, growing to 75,000 in 2025-26.
- **Continued \$75 million to Department of Social Services for ongoing investment in pro bono immigration services** including legal representation for Californians facing deportation, legal services for children, college students, as well as DACA and naturalization applicants among other services, all administered at the California Department of Social Services.
- **\$65 million ongoing funding to create the Office of Community Partnerships and Strategic Communications** that would manage the State's highest priority public awareness and community outreach campaigns to engage Californians experiencing the greatest health and social inequities.