

THE CALIFORNIA BLUEPRINT

TACKLING CALIFORNIA'S AFFORDABILITY CRISIS

- **Make California the first state in the nation to offer universal access to healthcare coverage.**
 - **Tackle the cost of childcare and education, investing more than ever before in California's students and doubling down on plans to achieve free, universal Pre-K, add thousands of child care slots, and increase access to before, after, and summer school programs.**
 - **Create more housing California desperately needs, with billions in new grants and tax credits.**
 - **Invest in small businesses, waiving fees and providing hundreds of millions in grants and tax breaks to small businesses.**
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The pandemic laid bare many of the most striking disparities in our state – unequal access to health care, childcare, 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.

But 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, childcare, and keeping the doors of a small business open. Newsom's Blueprint seeks to bring down the costs of those everyday expenses.

UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE COVERAGE:

- **First state to achieve universal access to healthcare coverage:** The California Blueprint will provide a full expansion of Medi-Cal access to all eligible Californians regardless of immigration status, including an additional 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.
- **The Office of Health Care Affordability:** The Governor's plan creates the Office of Healthcare Affordability, which will work to reduce costs and increase transparency within the healthcare system, including developing cost targets, and implementing new investments to reduce health insurance premiums and close equity gaps.

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HIGHEST LEVEL OF PER PUPIL SPENDING, UNIVERSAL PRE-K, UNIVERSAL FREE MEALS, INCREASING CHILDCARE

- **The highest level of K-12 state funding in history:** With Governor Newsom's Blueprint, the state will invest \$102 billion in the education system, the highest level of Prop 98 funding in state history and over double what it was just ten years ago.
- **Universal Pre-K and more educators:** To achieve the full implementation of Governor Newsom's Universal Pre-K, the Blueprint includes \$639 million for 56,000 more children and \$383 million for additional staff to meet the demand.
- **Universal school meals:** The Blueprint provides two meals a day to any student who wants them, regardless of income, and resources for facilities to build out kitchen infrastructure to enable fresh meals and support healthy eating in schools, while also expanding the Farm to School program
- **Adding 200,000 more childcare slots:** The Governor's plan will invest an additional \$824 million to expand access to childcare up and down the state. The new investment will bring the total to \$1.6 billion and 145,000 childcare slots for the state, already achieving 73% of California's 200,000 slots by 2025 goal.
- **More access to afterschool and summer school programs:** Governor Newsom's Blueprint invests \$3.4 billion to provide before, after and summer school programs for transitional kindergarten through sixth grade, furthering his goal of achieving universal access to these programs.

EXPANDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING GRANTS & TAX CREDITS

- **\$2 billion to accelerate development, increase affordable housing grants and tax credits:** \$1 billion to accelerate development in downtown-oriented areas across California, creating sustainable and affordable housing. Proposing a fourth year of affordable housing tax credits, with \$500 million to create new affordable housing units and another \$500 million to increase affordable housing options.

PROVIDING TAX RELIEF & GRANTS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

- **More tax credits and grants for small businesses:** Governor Newsom's Blueprint will provide hundreds of millions of dollars in tax credits for small businesses, including relief for venues and restaurants. \$150 million for the COVID-19 Small Business Relief Grant Program to aid small businesses in recovery from the pandemic, and \$1.2 billion in federal funds to provide capital access and financial support programs for businesses.
- **Waiving fees for new businesses, expanding assistance and support programs for businesses:** The Blueprint waives filing fees for new businesses and first time filers, making it easier for entrepreneurs and small businesses to start up. It will support the travel and tourism industry by providing an additional \$45 million to help with their continued pandemic recovery.