

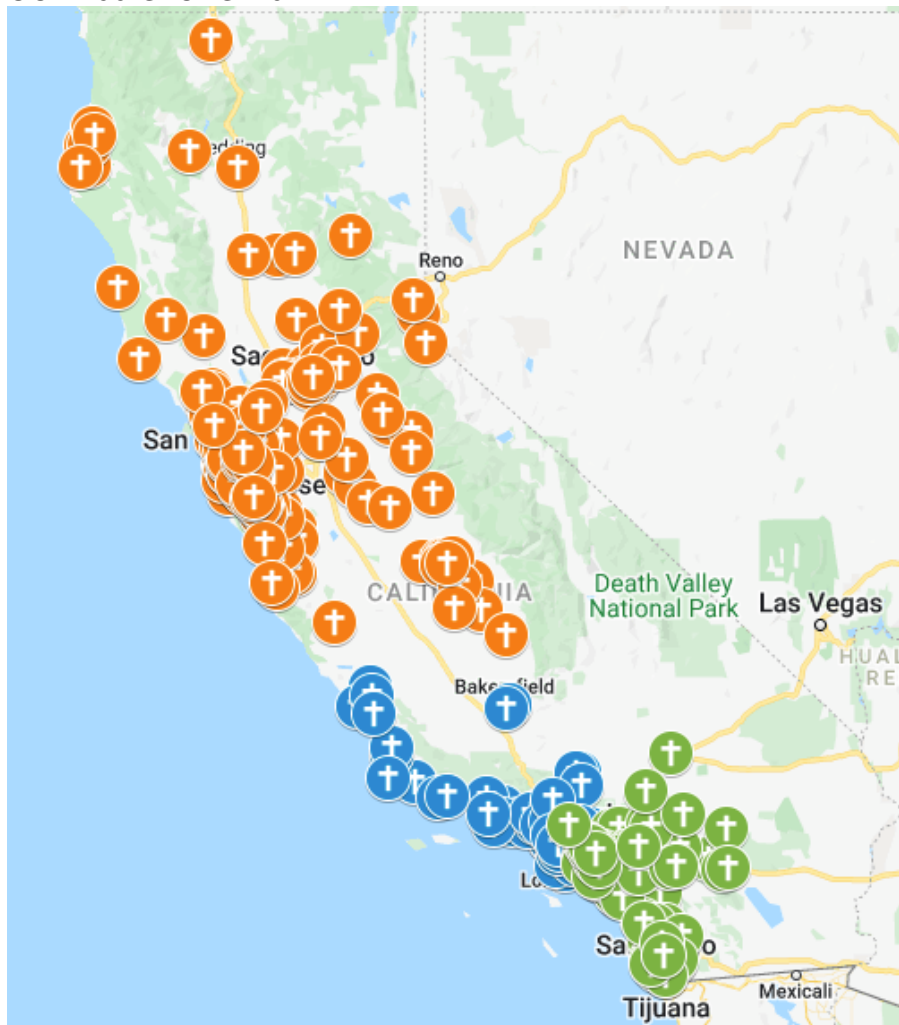
2023 PRIORITY LEGISLATION



LUTHERAN OFFICE of PUBLIC POLICY - CALIFORNIA

Our 2023 priority bills focus on supporting affordable housing and environmental justice and creation care efforts in the state. Policies and the budgets that fund them are statements of values. As Lutherans, we see government as an integral part of supporting strong communities, particularly for the last and the least, as Jesus taught us.

OUR 400 CHURCHES



ABOUT US

The Lutheran Office of Public Policy - California represents the coordinated witness of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) on issues of public policy in the state of California. In addition to our presence on legislative matters, we provide education and networking for our 400 ELCA congregations across the state. We work hand in hand with other faith-based and secular groups seeking peace and justice.

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Affordable Housing

SB 4 – WIENER

Zoning Process Streamline for Affordable Housing

This bill would provide a streamlined process for religious institutions and nonprofit colleges to develop affordable housing on their properties, regardless of local zoning restrictions. This bill also would guarantee by-right approval of projects as long as they are consistent with all objective standards of the jurisdiction and comply with listed environmental protections.

POSITION: SUPPORT

BILL LOCATION

Suspense File, Senate
Committee on Appropriations

SEN. APPROPRIATIONS MEMBERS

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| Sen. Portantino | Sen. Jones |
| Sen. Ashby | Sen. Bradford |
| Sen. Seyarto | Sen. Wahab |
| Sen. Wiener | |

Environmental Justice/Creation Care

AB 249 - HOLDEN

Clean Drinking Water in Schools, Lead Testing

This bill increases the testing and disclosure requirements of school drinking water lead levels. It would additionally allocate funding for testing filters and infrastructure improvements to reduce and ultimately, eliminate, lead in water at schools. Furthermore, the bill establishes the limit on lead levels that the drinking water cannot exceed.

POSITION: SUPPORT

BILL LOCATION

Suspense File, Assembly
Committee on Appropriations

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AB 660 - IRWIN

Food Labeling Date Reform, Food Waste

This bill requires the use of uniform terms for food product date labels, i.e., removing 'sell by' dates visible to consumers and making 'best by' or 'use by' dates clearer for consumers. The streamlined phrasing will help consumers understand peak quality and freshness of their food, which will play a role in addressing hunger as well as methane emissions and climate change.

POSITION: SUPPORT

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AB 1534 - IRWIN

Methane Emissions Monitoring Requirements

Methane emissions are a large contributor to continued climate change. AB 1534 would require the utilization of remote sensing technologies to better identify methane emissions with the goal of improved regulations on those emissions from landfills.

POSITION: SUPPORT

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