

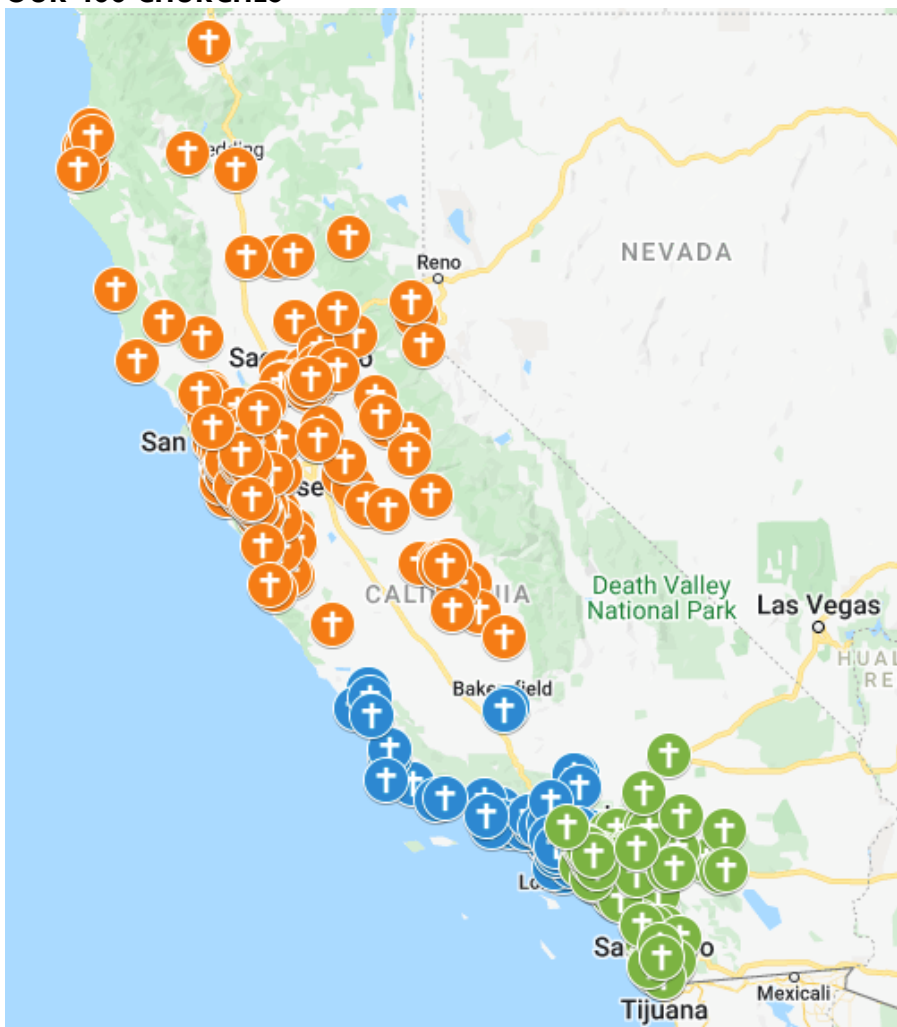
2024 PRIORITY LEGISLATION



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Our 2024 priority bills focus on supporting the physical and economic health of our neighbors 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

AB 2728 – GABRIEL

Follow-up Bill Tracking SB 4 Housing

This bill would add new stakeholder feedback and accountability measures for SB 4 (Affordable Housing on Faith and Higher Education Lands Act of 2023). It will encourage cities & counties to plan for and incentivize affordable housing production on faith organizations' owned land. SB 4 utilization data will have to be reported. Additionally, will require the Dept. of Housing & Community Development to compile and develop important info for prospective builders and eligible landowners.

POSITION: SUPPORT

BILL LOCATION

Assembly Committee on Appropriations

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Environmental Justice

AB 1851 - HOLDEN

Clean Drinking Water in Schools, Lead Testing

A revised version of AB 249 (Holden) from 2023, this initiation of a pilot program would require the hiring of a nonprofit technical assistance organization by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to test all potable water system outlets in no fewer than 6 and no more than 10 local educational agencies & to report and remediate those systems found to have lead levels in excess of 5 ppb. Would additionally require the organization to write a report and follow up on the remediation efforts being done by school districts by Jan. 1, 2028. Final program results would be completed by July 1, 2028.

POSITION: SUPPORT

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Suspense File, Assembly Committee on Appropriations

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SB 1497 - MENJIVAR

POSITION: SUPPORT

Polluters Pay Climate Cost Recovery Act

This bill would establish the Polluters Pay Climate Cost Recovery Program to be administered by California EPA; this would require fossil fuel polluters to pay their fair share of the damage caused by the sale of their products during the covered period (2000-2020). It would also require CA EPA to conduct a climate cost study to quantify the total damage amount, which would be defined as all past & future climate harms & damages to the state through 2045.

BILL LOCATION

Suspense File, Senate
Committee on Appropriations

SEN. APPROPRIATIONS MEMBERS

Sen. Caballero	Sen. Jones
Sen. Ashby	Sen. Bradford
Sen. Seyarto	Sen. Wahab
Sen. Becker	

Economic Justice/Ending Poverty

AB 2191 - SANTIAGO

POSITION: SUPPORT

Free Tax Prep & Community Engagement

This bill would establish the CalEITC Outreach, Education, & Free Tax Assistance Grant Program. Upon appropriation, the bill would require the Franchise Tax Board to allocate grants to qualified nonprofit community-based orgs or local government agencies to increase the number of eligible households claiming the state and federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), Child Tax Credit (CTC), Young Child Tax Credit (YCTC), and the Foster Youth Tax Credit (FYTC), and to increase awareness of ITIN tax status eligibility.

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Committee on Appropriations

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