



2020-21

BLUEPRINT  
FOR A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET

EMBRACING PROGRESS / SECURING THE FUTURE

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# Economy Strong but Recession Looming

- California's economy keeps growing
- State Budget has record reserves due to responsible fiscal policy
- But federal government no longer dependable
- LAO recommends no more than \$1 billion in ongoing spending and \$4 billion in total spending



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# 2019 Goals for California and Key Wins

- 2019: Amazing \$21.5 billion Surplus
- Record Reserve Levels \$19.2 billion combined
- Key Investments
  - \$9 billion Reduced Liabilities
    - \$5.9 billion for Pensions
  - \$6.5 billion One-time Spending
    - \$1.9 billion for Housing and Homelessness
  - \$4 billion new ongoing investments
    - Higher Education - \$ 638 million for UC and CSU
    - Health Care - \$550 million



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# 2020 Blueprint: Embracing Progress, Securing the Future

- Goal 1: Ensure the State is Ready for Future Uncertainty and Protect Promises Made
- Goal 2: Continue Moving Forward
- Goal 3: Remove Remaining Great Recession Cuts
- Goal 4: Aggressive Oversight for Effective Government



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# Goal 1: Ensure the State is Ready for Future Uncertainty and Protect Promises Made

- Build Reserves
- Eliminate threat to 2019 Investments subject to suspension in 2022
- Keep out-years balanced



# Goal 2: Continue Moving Forward

- Early Care and Education
  - Provide funding for Preschool Facilities
  - Expand Access to Early Care and Education programs
- K-12 and Higher Education
  - Help K-12 schools deal with funding needs
  - Improve California's Special Education program
  - Increase higher education access at CSU, add California student enrollment at UC, and reform financial aid

# Goal 2: Continue Moving Forward

- Health and Human Services
  - Improve California’s behavioral health system by enhancing fiscal incentives for counties and investments in growing the workforce
  - Simplify social services and aging programs’ rules for vulnerable Californians
  - Build on existing investments to improve health care access and affordability
  - Help Californians impacted by recent federal cuts to food programs
  - Provide hearing aids for deaf children
- Making California More Affordable
  - Provide EITC to all working families with children
  - Implement existing Housing and Homelessness investments to maximize proven solutions that work
  - Expand Paid Family Leave



# Goal 2: Continue Moving Forward

- Addressing Disasters and the Climate Crisis
  - Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions and other pollution from transportation
  - Respond to wildfires and emergency power disruptions
- Continuing Corrections Reform
  - Reduce recidivism with a more focused approach towards rehabilitation
  - Implement previous budget action by consolidating and reducing the number of prisons over the next four years



# Goal 3: Remove Remaining Great Recession Cuts

- Address legacy cuts from the recession
- Address rate freezes in health and human services programs
- Make progress on fixing Developmental Services rates



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# Goal 4: Aggressive Oversight for Effective Government

- Ongoing oversight
  - DMV wait times
  - Department of Toxic Substances Control
  - Protecting vulnerable recent immigrants
  - Fix challenges in the legal Cannabis system
  - Highlight the needs of low performing students
  - Safe and Affordable Drinking Water
  - Gender Pay Equity for State Employees



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