

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS
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2005 CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE REPORT CARD

How State Lawmakers Voted on Priority Issues for
California's Asian Pacific Americans

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ABOUT AACRE

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Founded in San Francisco's Chinatown, CAA | Center for Asian American Advocacy has led the fight for civil rights and equality for Asian Pacific American communities for nearly 40 years. CAA advocates for policies that remedy racial injustices and ensure meaningful access for APAs and other communities of color to education, public services, employment, and the means of civic participation. Mobilizing a combination of direct services, community education, policy advocacy, and research, CAA works to secure living-wage employment for low-income workers, increase culturally and linguistically appropriate government services for limited-English proficient Californians, combat discrimination against APAs, advocate for critical policy reforms, and nurture community leadership. WWW.CAASF.ORG

The Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California was founded in 1983 and is the largest organization in the country focused on providing multilingual, culturally sensitive legal services, education, and civil rights support to Asians Pacific Americans. APALC's mission is to advocate for civil rights, provide legal services and education, and build coalitions to positively influence and impact Asians Pacific Americans and to create a more equitable and harmonious society. APALC works on a range of issues affecting APAs and immigrants, including workers rights, consumer rights, immigration, citizenship, domestic violence, hate crimes, health care, language access, and voting rights. WWW.APALC.ORG

Founded in 1972, the Asian Law Caucus was the nation's first nonprofit law office serving Asian Pacific Americans. ALC's mission is to promote, advance, and represent the legal and civil rights of the Asian Pacific American community in Northern California. Annually, the Asian Law Caucus consults with and oversees cases of over 1,500 clients and provides legal information to over 5,000 people on workers' rights, immigration, housing issues, voting rights, and hate crimes. WWW.ASIANLAWCAUCUS.ORG

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THE 2005 LEGISLATIVE YEAR WAS LARGELY OVERSHADOWED BY A CONTENTIOUS SPECIAL ELECTION. Despite the focus on the high cost election battle, the legislative session produced an ambitious package of bills important to the Asian Pacific American community.

In our third annual California Legislative Report Card, Asian Americans for Civil Rights and Equality examines the voting records of the Legislature and the Governor on thirteen bills of particular importance in furthering civil rights and social justice for Californians. Each piece of legislation made it to the Governor's desk, affording members of both houses an opportunity to cast votes and for the Governor to sign or veto. Representing the diversity of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) in California, the thirteen bills span a wide range of issues, including civil justice for hate crime survivors, language access, protections for human trafficking victims, and marriage equality.

Two-thousand-and-five also marked the continued increase in APA representation in the California State Legislature. In a special election in September, Ted Lieu was elected as Assembly Member for the 53rd District, covering areas in Southern California such as El Segundo, Torrance, Redondo Beach, and Venice. APAs now comprise nine members of the Assembly. Despite the gains made in the past few years, APAs still represent a low percentage of Assembly Members and no members in the Senate. With several APA members termed out in 2006, it remains to be decided whether APAs will continue their share of representation in the Legislature.

APA LEGISLATIVE ISSUES IN 2005

In continuing to respond to the needs of the APA community, AACRE's 2005 legislative and budget advocacy focused on issues that arose out of community experiences and priorities.

INCREASING IMMIGRANT PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION

Meaningful parental involvement is critical to the successful education of children. Unfortunately, as work of AACRE's partner organizations has illustrated, the lack of translated materials for limited English proficient (LEP) parents is a frustrating barrier to parental involvement in their children's education. With over 1.6 million English language learners in California's public educational system, California must ensure access to translated documents for LEP parents. Without adequate translated materials and notices, LEP parents are precluded from communicating with educators and locked out of their children's education – leaving their children to struggle in school by themselves, often to their detriment.

In order to address these language barriers, AACRE successfully advocated for \$450,000 in funding for the California Department of Education to translate parental notices in a variety of languages for distribution to schools and school districts throughout the state. The budget also continued \$270,000 in funding for a website advocated by AACRE, the Clearinghouse of Multilingual Documents. This website would enable the Department of Education, school sites, and school districts to share translated materials.

In addition, AACRE successfully secured a state audit, authored by Assembly Member Goldberg, which will conduct a comprehensive review of how schools are meeting existing state requirements for translations. Under current law, schools are required to translate notices, reports, statements, and records when at least 15 percent of the student population

speaks a language other than English. However, many school districts may be unaware of their obligations or otherwise fail to translate critical documents for parents. This state audit will include a review of whether schools are translating documents, what types of documents are being translated, which languages meet the 15 percent threshold, and how schools are being monitored for compliance. AACRE's legislative proposal on the topic, AB 680 authored by Assembly Member Chan, will continue moving in 2006.

These stories from members of CAA's Visitacion Valley Parents Association illustrate the importance of language access for LEP parents:

- :: One member could not understand notices sent to her by the school district. She did not know if the written document meant that her child had misbehaved, needed improvement in her studies, or was failing to meet educational standards.
- :: In another case, due to notices that were only in English, parents were unaware that their child was required to have vaccinations. The school sent non-translated follow-up notices threatening to suspension unless proof of vaccination was provided. Luckily, the parents found someone to help them translate the notice.

ADVANCING CIVIL JUSTICE FOR HATE CRIME SURVIVORS

Despite the achievements of the civil rights movement, many Californians continue to be violently attacked based on their race, ethnicity, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. In 2005, AACRE continued the efforts to provide meaningful justice for hate crime survivors. AACRE successfully advocated for the passage and signature of AB 378 authored by Assembly Member Chu. This new law will provide hate crime survivors more time to seek civil penalties from their attackers.

AB 378 was inspired by a 2003 case in San Francisco where five Asian American teens were brutally attacked by a group of approximately 20 white youth. The five teens were accosted with racial slurs and chased down by their attackers as they tried to flee the scene. Although three attackers were caught at the scene, only one was identified and charged with a crime. It then took one year to bring that perpetrator to trial. It was only at trial that the identity of the other attackers came to light. Unfortunately, the lengthy process of identifying hate crime perpetrators and concluding a criminal trial means hate crime survivors can find themselves beyond the statute of limitation to file a civil lawsuit once the criminal trial has ended. By extending the statute of limitations for filing a civil lawsuit, AB 378 affords hate crime survivors more time to seek civil justice.

FOCUSING ON APA WOMEN AND SAME-SEX COUPLES

In addition to AACRE's sponsored legislative and budget priorities, the 2005 legislative agenda also included several landmark bills that focused on two important populations within the APA community: women and same-sex couples.

Ten years ago, Californians were shocked by the discovery of the infamous El Monte sweatshop, where 72 Thai garment workers were forced to sew clothes behind razor wire and armed guards; labor 18-hour days, seven days a week for less than a dollar an hour; and live under abhorrent and inhumane conditions. Unfortunately the human trafficking of people and forced servitude continues. Approximately 600,000 to 800,000 people are victims of human trafficking each year, many of whom are women and children from Asia. Forced labor is concentrated in five sectors of the U.S. economy: prostitution and sex services, domestic service, agriculture, sweatshops and factories, and hotel work. In 2005, AB 22 (Lieber), which strengthened enforcement efforts against human trafficking,

and SB 180 (Kuehl), which created a task force to study the issue, were both signed into law to address these horrific crimes.

Nail salon workers, a vast majority of whom are APA women, also were the focus of legislative proposals, including SB 484 (Migden). Nail salon workers typically work long hours and suffer prolonged exposure to occupational chemicals, resulting in negative and adverse health effects. SB 484 (Migden), which was signed into law, requires cosmetics manufacturers to disclose ingredients known to cause cancer or birth

defects to the Department of Health Services and authorizes the agency to investigate the health impacts of toxic chemicals in cosmetics.

Finally, the passage of AB 849 (Leno) was the first time a State Legislature in the country allowed same-sex couples to get married. Although the bill was vetoed, it represented a historic step in advancing equality for more than 13,000 APAs living with a same-sex partner. Another bill, AB 1400 (Laird), did become law, and adds marital status and sexual orientation to an existing civil rights statute.

REPORT CARD METHODOLOGY

Ratings were calculated by examining each member's votes on 13 bills supported by AACRE because of their impact on California's Asian Pacific American (APA) communities in the areas of civil rights, language access, hate crimes, equal opportunity, education, and immigrant rights. All of the bills made it to the floors of both houses of the Legislature and to the Governor's desk, and therefore afforded each member of the Legislature an opportunity to cast a vote and the Governor to support or veto.

An "Aye" vote was favorably calculated in the ratings, and a "Nay" vote was regarded negatively. Failing to cast a vote, or "Not Voting," without an excused absence on the day of the floor vote factored into our ratings as a "Nay" vote. Because members who inadvertently miss a vote often have an opportunity to adjust their vote before the end of the floor session, we do not consider "Not Voting" a neutral position on the bill. It should be noted, however, that members who did not vote on a final version of a bill may have supported earlier versions during committee hearings. A failure to vote on a bill due to an excused absence, as verified by the official Daily Journal, was not counted against a member, and did not figure into the ratings calculations.

REPORT CARD KEY

- D Democrat
- R Republican
- Y "Aye" vote or Governor's signature
- N "Nay" vote or Governor's veto
- NV Not Voting (member not excused)
- A Absent (member was excused)

VOTING RECORD RATINGS



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GOVERNOR

Name	Party	Hometown	District	APA Pop.	Rating	AB 378	AB 13	AB 15	AB 22	AB 124	SB 180	SB 385	SB 484	AB 849	AB 1195	AB 1338	AB 1400	AB 1531
Arnold Schwarzenegger	R			14%	54%	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N

STATE ASSEMBLY

Name	Party	Hometown	District	APA Pop.	Rating	AB 378	AB 13	AB 15	AB 22	AB 124	SB 180	SB 385	SB 484	AB 849	AB 1195	AB 1338	AB 1400	AB 1531
Greg Aghazarian	R	Stockton	26	8.2%	31%	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Juan Arambula	D	Fresno	31	8.6%	85%	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Joe S. Baca Jr.	D	San Bernardino	62	3.7%	92%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y
Karen Bass	D	Culver City	47	11.7%	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
John J. Benoit	R	Riverside	64	5.2%	15%	Y	N	N	Y	NV	NV	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Patty Berg	D	Eureka	1	2.0%	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Rudy Bermúdez	D	Norwalk	56	17.9%	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sam Blakeslee	R	Santa Maria	33	3.9%	23%	Y	N	NV	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Russ Bogh	R	Cherry Valley	65	3.0%	39%	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N
Ronald S. Calderon	D	Montebello	58	11.8%	92%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Joe Canciamilla	D	Pittsburg	11	12.8%	69%	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	NV	Y	Y	N
Wilma Chan	D	Oakland	16	19.4%	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ed Chavez	D	La Puente	57	12.4%	92%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Judy Chu	D	Monterey Park	49	39.2%	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dave Cogdill	R	Modesto	25	3.5%	31%	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N
Rebecca Cohn	D	Saratoga	24	20.7%	85%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV
Joe Coto	D	San Jose	23	27.6%	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lynn Daucher	R	Brea	72	11.6%	31%	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N
Hector De La Torre	D	East Los Angeles	50	3.2%	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Chuck DeVore	R	Irvine	70	17.0%	31%	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Mervyn M. Dymally	D	Compton	52	2.1%	92%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bill Emerson	R	Rancho Cucamonga	63	7.2%	15%	Y	N	Y	NV	NV	NV	N	N	N	N	N	NV	N
Noreen Evans	D	Santa Rosa	7	10.3%	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dario J. Frommer	D	Los Angeles	43	12.5%	92%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV
Bonnie Garcia	R	Cathedral City	80	2.1%	62%	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	NV	Y	Y	N	N
Jackie Goldberg	D	Los Angeles	45	16.3%	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mike Gordon*	D	Torrance	53	16.9%	N/A *	A	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loni Hancock	D	Berkeley	14	15.4%	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tom Harman	R	Huntington Beach	67	15.1%	25%	Y	N	A	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N
Ray Haynes	R	Murietta	66	4.1%	8%	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	NV	N	N	N
Jerome E. Horton	D	Inglewood	51	9.0%	85%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y
Shirley Horton	R	Chula Vista	78	17.3%	62%	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	NV	Y	N	N
Guy S. Houston	R	Livermore	15	8.8%	15%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Bob Huff	R	Walnut	60	24.7%	23%	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Dave Jones	D	Sacramento	9	18.8%	92%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV
Betty Karnette	D	Long Beach	54	12.7%	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Rick Keene	R	Chico	3	3.5%	23%	Y	N	Y	Y	N	NV	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Johan Klehs	D	San Leandro	18	18.0%	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Paul Koretz	D	West Hollywood	42	8.1%	92%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Doug La Malfa	R	Richvale	2	3.9%	23%	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

* Assemblymember Mike Gordon battled illness and passed away during the legislative session. No rating was calculated for his voting record.

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STATE SENATE

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Sam Aanestad	R	Grass Valley	4	4.2%	8%	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Dick Ackerman	R	Irvine	33	12.8%	15%	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Richard Alarcón	D	Sun Valley	20	9.3%	100%	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Elaine K. Alquist	D	Santa Clara	13	28.3%	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Roy Ashburn	R	Bakersfield	18	3.8%	23%	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Jim Battin	R	La Quinta	37	4.5%	8%	NV	NV	NV	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Debra Bowen	D	Marina del Rey	28	16.2%	92%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV
John Campbell	R	Irvine	35	17.5%	0%	N	N	NV	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Gilbert Cedillo	D	Los Angeles	22	13.6%	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Wesley Chesbro	D	Arcata	2	6.6%	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dave Cox	R	San Andreas	1	5.0%	23%	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Jeff Denham	R	Salinas	12	6.2%	23%	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	NV	N	N
Denise Moreno Ducheny	D	San Diego	40	8.6%	83%	Y	Y	Y	NV	A	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y
Joseph Dunn	D	Santa Ana	34	16.7%	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bob Dutton	R	Rancho Cucamonga	31	6.5%	15%	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Martha Escutia	D	Whittier	30	6.4%	82%	A	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	NV	Y
Liz Figueroa	D	Sunol	10	32.6%	92%	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dean Florez	D	Shafter	16	6.5%	77%	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Dennis Hollingsworth	R	Murietta	36	6.6%	15%	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Christine Kehoe	D	San Diego	39	14.7%	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sheila James Kuehl	D	Santa Monica	23	9.2%	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Alan S. Lowenthal	D	Long Beach	27	13.1%	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Michael Machado	D	Linden	5	14.4%	77%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	NV	Y	Y	NV
Abel Maldonado	R	Santa Cruz	15	8.5%	31%	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Bob Margett	R	Arcadia	29	20.8%	25%	A	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Tom McClintock	R	Thousand Oaks	19	6.0%	0%	N	N	NV	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Carole Migden	D	San Francisco	3	14.5%	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bill Morrow	R	Oceanside	38	7.2%	15%	N	N	Y	NV	N	Y	N	N	NV	N	NV	N	N
Kevin Murray	D	Los Angeles	26	11.8%	73%	Y	NV	Y	NV	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	A	A	Y	Y
Deborah Ortiz	D	Sacramento	6	14.7%	100%	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Don Perata	D	Oakland	9	16.9%	93%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y
Charles Poochigian	R	Fresno	14	6.2%	23%	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Gloria Romero	D	Los Angeles	24	19.4%	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
George C. Runner	R	Palmdale	17	5.9%	17%	N	N	A	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	NV	N	N
Jack Scott	D	Altadena	21	18.2%	92%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y
Joe Simitian	D	Stanford	11	15.6%	92%	Y	Y	A	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Nell Soto	D	Pomona	32	5.1%	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jackie Speier	D	Hillsborough	8	34.6%	92%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y
Tom Torlakson	D	Antioch	7	12.9%	92%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Edward Vincent	D	Inglewood	25	9.2%	90%	NV	A	Y	A	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

THE LEGISLATION

The following are brief descriptions of the bills included in this report card.

- :: AB 378 (Chu) – SIGNED BY GOVERNOR will provide hate crime survivors with a fair opportunity to seek civil remedies from their attackers by extending the statute of limitation for recovering the \$25,000 civil penalty from one to three years.
- :: AB 13 (Goldberg) – VETOED BY GOVERNOR establishes the California Racial Mascots Act, which would prohibit public schools from using the term “Redskins” as a school or athletic team name or mascot.
- :: AB 15 (J. Horton) – VETOED BY GOVERNOR urges schools to incorporate instruction on the role of Filipinos in the US Armed Forces during World War II in Grades 7-12 social science curricula.
- :: AB 22 (Lieber) – SIGNED BY GOVERNOR strengthens enforcement efforts against human trafficking by establishing the crime of trafficking, providing for damages, establishing victim-caseworker privilege, and creating a task force to study the issue.
- :: AB 124 (Dymally) – SIGNED BY GOVERNOR clarifies the scope and function of equal employment opportunity programs and non-discrimination policies for state civil service positions.
- :: SB 180 (Kuehl) – SIGNED BY GOVERNOR creates the California Alliance to Combat Trafficking & Slavery Task Force and provides training to peace officers on trafficking.
- :: SB 385 (Ducheny) – VETOED BY GOVERNOR would allow limited English proficient students to take their achievement tests in their primary language.
- :: SB 484 (Migden) – SIGNED BY GOVERNOR regulates the cosmetics industry for workers and consumers by requiring cosmetics manufacturers to disclose to the Department of Health Services (DHS) ingredients known to cause cancer or birth defects and authorizing DHS to investigate the health impacts of toxic chemicals in cosmetics. A vast majority of nail salon workers, who are exposed to these chemicals, are Asian Pacific American women.
- :: AB 849 (Leno) – VETOED BY GOVERNOR allows same-sex couples to obtain marriage licenses.
- :: AB 1195 (Coto) – SIGNED BY GOVERNOR requires continuing medical education courses to incorporate education regarding cultural and linguistic issues.
- :: AB 1338 (Nation) – VETOED BY GOVERNOR requires the appointment of an immigration attorney to assist children who are not lawful permanent residents or U.S. citizens.
- :: AB 1400 (Laird) – SIGNED BY GOVERNOR adds marital status and sexual orientation to the Unruh Civil Rights Act.
- :: AB 1531 (Bass) – VETOED BY GOVERNOR would allow students to satisfy the high school exit examination with the successful passage of an alternative performance assessment.

LEGISLATIVE VOTING RECORDS: THE BEST AND THE WORST

RATINGS OF 100 PERCENT

ASSEMBLY

Karen Bass (D)
Patty Berg (D)
Rudy Bermúdez (D)
Wilma Chan (D)
Judy Chu (D)
Joe Coto (D)
Hector De La Torre (D)
Noreen Evans (D)
Jackie Goldberg (D)
Loni Hancock (D)
Betty Karnette (D)
Johan Klehs (D)
John Laird (D)
Mark Leno (D)
Lloyd E. Levine (D)
Sally J. Lieber (D)

Carol Liu (D)
Cindy Montañez (D)
Gene Mullin (D)
Pedro Nava (D)
Gloria Negrete McLeod (D)
Fabian Núñez (D)
Jenny Oropeza (D)
Fran Pavley (D)
Mark Ridley-Thomas (D)
Ira Ruskin (D)
Lori Saldaña (D)
Simon Salinas (D)
Alberto Torrico (D)
Tom Umberg (D)
Leland Y. Yee (D)

SENATE

Richard Alarcón (D)
Elaine K. Alquist (D)
Gilbert Cedillo (D)
Wesley Chesbro (D)
Joseph Dunn (D)
Christine Kehoe (D)
Sheila James Kuehl (D)
Alan S. Lowenthal (D)
Carole Migden (D)
Deborah Ortiz (D)
Gloria Romero (D)
Nell Soto (D)

RATINGS BELOW 20 PERCENT

ASSEMBLY

John J. Benoit (R)
Bill Emmerson (R)
Ray Haynes (R)
Guy S. Houston (R)
Jay La Suer (R)
Tim Leslie (R)
Bill Maze (R)
Roger Niello (R)
Audra Strickland (R)
Michael N. Villines (R)
Mimi Walters (R)

SENATE

Sam Aanestad (R)
Dick Ackerman (R)
Jim Battin (R)
John Campbell (R)
Bob Dutton (R)
Dennis Hollingsworth (R)
Tom McClintock (R)
Bill Morrow (R)
George Runner (R)

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