



## California Equity & Justice Policies in 2020

The pandemic altered policy decisions on many levels and racial injustices influenced proposals across multiple local and state governments. Members of the CA Legislature dramatically shrunk respective bill packages and worked to prioritize key issues. All things considered, the 2020 CA Legislative session produced many wins, such as (racial bias evaluations for officers, a state commission to study the impacts of slavery in CA and develop recommendations for reparations, among many other significant bills) but vital bills to address police accountability, access to food assistance for underserved populations, and other critical bills, unfortunately did not have the political backing. For legislative members who are re-elected for 2021 (*all 80 Assembly seats/Half of Senate seats*), advocates anticipate more informed proposals to address issues of equity moving forward. This may include specific proposals listed that were *held* in the legislature and/or *vetoed* by the Governor.

Below are bill results in the areas of *criminal justice, education, food security, gender/racial equity, housing, mental health, tax, and voting rights*.

### Criminal justice

- [AB 901 \(Bradford\)](#), Reducing youth contact with law enforcement (*Chaptered*)
- [AB 1869 \(Trailer Budget Bill\)](#), Eliminates numerous burdensome criminal fees (*Chaptered*)
- [AB 1950 \(Kamlager\)](#), The Probation Reform Act – Caps probation terms (*Signed*)
- [AB 2542 \(Kalra\)](#), Racial Justice Act (*Chaptered*) [Press release](#)
- [AB 3070 \(Weber\)](#), Anti-discrimination Jury Act (*Chaptered*)
- [SB 203 \(Bradford\)](#), Strengthens Miranda Rights for minors under the age of 18 (*Chaptered*)
- [SB 592 \(Weiner\)](#), Fair Juries Act (*Chaptered*)

### Education

- [AB 1460 \(Weber\)](#), CSU ethnic studies graduation requirement (*Chaptered*)
- [AB 1835 \(Weber\)](#), Accountability for LCFF education funding (*VETOED*)
- [AB 2019 \(Holden\)](#), College and Career Access Pathways for juvenile offenders (*HELD*)
- [SB 860 \(Beall\)](#), Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program: postsecondary education financial aid applications. (*Chaptered*)

### Food security

- [AB 826 \(Santiago\)](#), Emergency Food Assistance: During COVID-19 (*VETOED*)

### Gender/racial equity

- [ACA 5 \(Weber\)](#), Prop 209 Repeal — CA Act for Economic Prosperity, Opportunity for All
  - Passed by the Legislature creating CA Ballot Measure—[Proposition 16](#)
- [AB 979 \(Holden\)](#) Corporations: boards of directors: underrepresented communities (*Chaptered*)
- [AB 3121 \(Weber\)](#), Task force to study/educate on Impact of Slavery in California (*Signed*)
- [AB 2218](#) Transgender Wellness & Equity Fund (*Chaptered*)

### Housing

#### Sources:

- 1) California Legislative Information: <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>
- 2) Assemblymember McCarty: <https://a07.asmdc.org/racial-justice-police-reform-bills>



- [SB 1065 \(Hertzberg\)](#), CalWORKs: homeless assistance. *(Chaptered)*
- [AB 3088](#), California's (Fact Sheet)
  - Established a statewide moratorium on evictions for non-payment of rent due to COVID-19 financial hardship, subject to numerous conditions, until January 31, 2021.

### Mental health parity

- [SB 855 \(Beall\)](#), Health coverage: mental health or substance use disorders *(CHAPTERED)*

### Police reform

- [AB 846 \(Burke\)](#), Racial bias evaluation for peace officer hiring *(Signed)*
- [AB 1022 \(Holden\)](#), Unnecessary use-of-force — Duty to intervene and report *(HELD)*
- [AB 1185 \(McCarty\)](#), Strengthens County Sheriff oversight bodies *(Chaptered)*
- [AB 1196 \(Gipson\)](#), Eliminates police use of Carotid choke-holds *(Signed)*
- [AB 1314 \(McCarty\)](#), Transparency of taxpayer funded police use-of-force settlements *(HELD)*
- [AB 1506 \(McCarty\)](#), Independent investigations for police deadly force *(Chaptered)*
- [AB 1709 \(Weber\)](#), Deadly use-of-force policies *(HELD)*
- [AB 2054 \(Kamlager\)](#), CRISES Act *(VETOED)*
- [SB 731 \(Bradford\)](#), Decertification of peace officer status for excessive use-of-force *(HELD)*

### Tax

- [AB 1253 \(Santiago\)](#), Personal income taxes: additional tax *(2-year bill)*
- [AB 1876](#), Expansion of California Earned Income Tax Credit *(SIGNED)* [Press release](#)
- [AB 2088 \(Bonta\)](#), Wealth Tax *(2-year bill)*

### Voting

- [ACA 6 \(McCarty\)](#), Free the Vote—Restores voting rights for formerly incarcerated
  - Passed by the Legislature creating CA Ballot Measure—[Proposition 17](#)

## KEY CA BALLOT MEASURES ON THE BALLOT IN 2020 ADDRESSING EQUITY & JUSTICE

### The Schools and Communities First Initiative

[Prop 15](#)—Increases property taxes on big businesses, raising billions for schools and local governments.

- [View county infographics](#) to see the health benefits of Prop. 15 across California, pulled together by Human Impact Partners.
- [Link to video](#) of the Public Policy Institute of CA discussion on Assessing Prop 15
- [Understanding Inequitable Taxes on Commercial Properties and Prop. 15](#)

### Equal Opportunities for All

#### [Prop 16](#)

- [CalMatters article](#) showing the confusion and current polling numbers

To view other related justice ballot measures visit [CA4Health's website](#) for our [CA Ballot Infosheet](#).

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