

RISE TOGETHER 2018 POLICY AGENDA



Rise Together’s policy agenda is informed by known pathways to cut poverty and the priorities of our partner organizations and Steering Council. Rise Together will educate, inform and activate our network to support this suite of policies.

POLICY PRIORITIES

HOUSING FOR EVERYONE: Every individual should have the right to a safe and affordable place to live. Housing plays a central role in the health, education and economic outcomes of Bay Area residents. Lack of affordability and high housing cost burden, however, has forced families, especially low-income families of color, to uproot their lives, many moving to the outskirts of our region where commutes are long and opportunities thin. High housing costs are making it challenging to retain a quality workforce and is contributing to persistent homelessness. Currently only 11.2% of Bay Area rental housing units are affordable for even moderate-income residences and 50% of households are rent burdened.

We must build public and political will for housing solutions that help provide strong foundations for families. Recognizing the critical role of housing as a key component of economic success to cut poverty, Rise Together will advocate for a spectrum of policies and programs at the State and local level that preserve, protect and expand the supply of affordable housing.

Legislative Priorities	Level of Support	Bill Status
AB 2065 (Ting) – California’s Surplus Land Act will strengthen provisions in existing law that guarantee affordable housing developers get first priority to purchase surplus land from local governments and agencies.	Priority	Asm Local Gov’t Committee, hearing 4/11/18 Check bill status
AB 2162 (Chiu, Daly) - Provides supportive housing to Californians experiencing chronic homelessness, streamlining and expediting the process of approving supportive housing applications.	Priority	Asm Local Gov’t Committee, hearing 4/18/18 Check bill status

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<p>AB 3171 (Ting) Homeless Persons Services Block Grant - establish the Local Homelessness Solutions Program and create the Local Homelessness Solutions Account for the purpose of providing funding to cities, as defined, to create innovative and immediate solutions to the problems caused by homelessness</p>	<p>Priority</p>	<p>Asm Housing and Community Development, hearing 4/25/18</p> <p>Check bill status</p>
<p>SB 828 (Wiener) — Would reform the current RHNA allocation method to create a fairer, more data driven, and more equitable process. It would also require communities to begin making up for past RHNA deficits.</p>	<p>Priority</p>	<p>Sen Transportation and Housing Committee</p> <p>Check bill status</p>
<p>SB 3 (Beall) Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act 2018 - \$4 billion general obligation bond on the November 2018 ballot to fund affordable housing programs and the veteran’s homeownership program</p>	<p>Priority</p>	<p>Nov. 2018 Ballot</p>
<p>AB 686 (Santiago) – Reinforces the commitment to fair and equal housing by requiring public agencies to affirmatively further fair housing.</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Sen Transportation and Housing Committee</p> <p>Check bill status</p>
<p>AB 1921 (Maienschein) - Enables counties to better assist homeless CalWORKs families through the existing Homeless Assistance Program (HAP) by allowing families to receive 16 cumulative days (vs. consecutive as the law currently requires) of temporary housing assistance per year and allows a family to receive Permanent Housing Assistance for shared housing under a valid lease agreement.</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Committee on Appropriations</p> <p>Check bill status</p>
<p>AB 2161 (Chiu) - Direct the Department of Housing and Community Development to create a state homeless integrated data warehouse, in coordination with the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council, to develop a composite portrayal of the homeless population in the state and the services provided to this population or to those at risk of becoming homeless.</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Committee on Appropriations</p> <p>Check bill status</p>
<p>AB 2219 (Ting) Effective Rental Assistance and Homeless Prevention - Require landlords to accept rent payments on behalf of tenant from any party who has been designated by tenant, so long as third party acknowledges that accepting such a</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Asm Judiciary Committee, hearing 5/1/18</p> <p>Check bill status</p>

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payment does not form a new tenancy with, or confer new contractual right up, the party making the payment.		
AB 2343 (Chiu) Ensuring Fairness and Efficiency in Eviction Actions - make common-sense changes to the eviction process to protect the rights of tenants as result of California’s rising rents and affordable housing crisis.	Support	Asm Judiciary Committee, hearing 4/17/18 Check bill status
SB 818 (Beall) – Restores critical Homeowners Bill of Right (HBOR) protections and ensure that Californians have a fair chance of keeping their homes when the going gets tough.	Support	Sen Judiciary Committee, hearing 4/24/18 Check bill status
SB 1056 (Beall) – Creates more permanent affordable housing for low and moderate-income families by providing Community Land Trusts with a property tax exemption from the point of acquisition of property to the point of sale of affordable homes.	Support	Sen Governance & Finance Committee Check bill status
SB 912 (Beall, Skinner) - would make a one-time allocation of two billion dollars (\$2,000,000,000) in general funds for the purpose of funding programs that serve the homeless as well as existing housing programs administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development dedicated to housing low- and moderate-income families.	Support	Sen Transportation & Housing Check bill status
SB 831 (Wieckowski) – Eliminates provisions authorizing local agency, special district, or water corporation to require an applicant to install a separate utility connection for the accessory dwelling unit (ADU) and would state that an accessory dwelling unit shall not be considered a new residential use for purposes of calculating fees and shall not be subject to impact fees, connection fees, capacity charges, or any other fees levied by those entities.	Support	Sen Transportation & Housing, hearing 4/17/18 Check bill status
SB 829 (Wiener) – Expands farm worker housing while maintaining strong worker protections by creating a by-right process where farm owners and operators can dedicate agricultural land for employee housing.	Support	Sen Transportation & Housing Check bill status

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<p>SB 918 (Wiener) – The Homeless Youth Act establishes an Office of Homeless Youth that would be funded at \$60 million from the General Fund and will set specific, measurable goals aimed at preventing and ending homelessness among youth in the state.</p>	Support	<p>Sen Human Service, hearing 4/10/18</p> <p>Check bill status</p>
<p>SB 827 (Wiener) - Mandating Denser & Taller Zoning Near Transit Establishes requirements that would allow medium-sized multistory and multiunit buildings near transit.</p>	Researching, waiting for potential amendments	<p>Check bill status</p>

A STRONG START FOR EVERY CHILD: Every child deserves the right to a strong start in life. High quality and affordable early care and education provides healthy brain development as a well-proven foundation for success in life. Early care and education is also an anti-poverty strategy - children who receive quality early childhood care and education do better in school, are more likely to attend college, and are better prepared for the workforce. Early care and education also enables families who need it most to work or to school.

Unfortunately, 75% of families seeking licensed childcare for infants and toddlers can't find it. Accessibility of quality early childhood education and care is strained by factors such as limited facilities, lack of a quality workforce due to low wages and benefits for caregivers and lack of public support and funding. Many Bay Area low- and moderate-income families struggle to afford child care and may be unable to work due to the high cost of care. In 2015 the cost of child care for an infant and school-age child in a licensed center was over 90 percent of the annual income for a single mother of two living at the federal poverty line, forcing a family to decide between work and childcare.

Rise Together advocates for increased equitable support and funding for quality, affordable and accessible early care and education for every young child in the Bay Area.

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AB 2023 (Caballero) Child and Dependent Care Expenses Credit would provide low- and moderate-income working families with a small but critical tax refund to help with the rising cost of child care.	Priority	Committee on Appropriation Check bill status
AB 2292 (Aguiar-Curry) Improving Infant and Toddler Care will strategically invest in California's child care system by increasing state rates for infant and toddler care, creating a grant program to fund implementation and start-up costs of new child care facilities, and establishing a fund to recruit a new generation of family child care providers.	Priority	Asm Education, hearing 4/25/18 Check bill status
Alameda County Ballot Measure A	Priority	June 2018 Ballot
City and County of San Francisco Measure C	Priority	June 2018 Ballot
City of Richmond Measure E & K	Priority	June 2018 Ballot
Oakland (Nov ballot)	Priority	Nov. 2018 Ballot
Santa Clara (Nov ballot)	Priority	Nov. 2018 Ballot
AB 2626 (Mullin) Childcare Services – will bring aspects of the child care pilots, which now cover 1/3 of the state, to all counties, and help counties recapture unearned child care dollars that are returned to the state. In 2015-16, counties collectively returned \$200 million in uncaptured child care funding. This bill will help keep some of these dollars in childcare.	Support	Asm Education, hearing 4/25/18 Check bill status
AB 1754 (McCarty) The Pre-K for All Act 2018 would require the state to provide all 4-year old children who meet those eligibility requirements with access to early care and education programs.	Support	Asm Education, hearing 4/25/18 Check bill status
AB 605 (Mullin) would require the department to adopt regulations on or before January 1, 2019, to develop and implement a birth to entering first grade license option for day care centers.	Support	Asm Appropriations Check bill status

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OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERY WORKER: Every individual should have the opportunity to provide for themselves and their family. Access to a living wage or middle-income employment is the foundation of financial stability and wellbeing for Bay Area low-wage workers. Families must have a steady source of income that covers the cost of basic needs such as food, housing, childcare and healthcare. The average annual income required by a family of four to cover their basic expenses in the Bay Area is about \$76,54.00. Many individuals struggle to access employment due to structural barriers such as immigration status or homelessness. There are over 8 million Californians that struggle to access employment due to their criminal record. By removing barriers and increasing access to quality education, job training and workforce development programs, low-income individuals can obtain living wage employment that offers the potential for career advancement. Rise Together supports policies and programs that increase fair employment practices, reduce barriers to employment, and raise the local minimum wage in the Bay Area cities and counties.

- Support fair chance employment and reduce occupational licensing barriers for formerly incarcerated employees.
- Support policies that advance Family Friendly Workplaces
- Expand the California Earned Income Tax Credit for employees

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AB 2138 (Chiu, Low) Business and Professional licensing for people with criminal records - would prohibit a person from being denied a license solely on the basis that he or she has been convicted of a nonviolent crime and would make conforming changes.	Priority	Asm Business & Professions Check bill status
AB 2066 (Stone) Personal Income Taxes – Expand CalEITC for low-wage workers and ensure that the CalEITC reaches all working Californians who file taxes yet are currently excluded from the federal and state EITCs including young adults, seniors and immigrant families	Priority	Asm Revenue & Taxation Check bill status
AB 1870 (Reyes, Friedman, Waldron) Employment discrimination: unlawful employment practices - extend the period to 3 years for which complaints alleging unlawful employment or housing practices may be filed with the Department of Fair Employment and Housing.	Support	Asm Labor & Employment, hearing 4/18/18 Check bill status

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<p>AB 1902 (Levine) – The Fair Wage Act will require specific companies operating in California that have a market capitalization or valuation over one billion dollars to pay sub-contracted service workers wages that are tied to the Department of Housing and Community Development’s (HCD) income levels for the county they are sub-contracted to work in.</p>	Support	<p>Asm Labor & Employment, hearing 4/18/18</p> <p>Check bill status</p>
<p>SB 937 (Wiener) – Workplace Lactation Accommodation by employers to develop and implement a policy regarding lactation accommodation and make it available to employees.</p>	Support	<p>Sen Labor & Industrial Relations, hearing 4/11/18</p> <p>Check bill status</p>
<p>AB 2841 (Gonzalez) – Expand California paid sick to increase the sick leave accrual for in-home supportive services providers to 40 hours or 5 days for employment beginning January 1, 2026.</p>	Support	<p>Asm Labor & Employment, hearing 4/11/18</p> <p>Check bill status</p>

RISE TOGETHER LEVELS OF SUPPORT:

- Legislative Priority** – Rise Together will develop a position, advocate, and generate multi-sector support as needed.
- Legislative Support** – Rise Together will monitor and respond to requests for support through such vehicles as “sign-on letters” and support the work of partners who are the thought leaders on these issues.

PARTNERS WE WORK WITH TO ALIGN OUR POLICY AGENDA INCLUDE:

- All-In Alameda County
- Bay Area Council Economic Institute
- California Forward
- California Work & Family Coalition
- Children Now
- Ensuring Opportunity Campaign to End Poverty in Contra Costa
- First 5 Association of California
- Funding the Next Generation
- Live Healthy Napa County
- Marin Kids
- Marin Promise
- Non-Profit Housing Association of Northern California
- Parent Voices-Oakland
- PolicyLink
- REDF
- Roots & Rebound
- Step Up Silicon Valley
- Thrive Alliance of Non-Profits for San Mateo County
- United Way Bay Area
- United Ways of California
- Urban Habitat
- Urban Strategies Council
- Western Center on Law & Poverty
- YWCA San Francisco & Marin