



2025 CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

Your Strategic Advocacy Planning Guide

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Plan your advocacy efforts around these critical dates

JANUARY 2025

Key Dates:

- January 1 - Statutes take effect
- January 6 - Legislature reconvenes
- January 10 - Budget bill must be submitted by Governor
- January 20 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observed
- January 24 - DEADLINE: Last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel

Advocacy Actions:

- Review Governor's budget proposal submitted January 10
- Identify priority bills for reintroduction or new legislation
- Schedule early meetings with legislative staff
- Submit bill requests if working with a sponsor

FEBRUARY 2025

Key Dates:

- February 17 - Presidents' Day observed
- February 21 - DEADLINE: Last day for bills to be introduced

Advocacy Actions:

- Monitor bill introductions in your issue areas
- Begin analyzing new legislation for positions
- Start coalition building for priority bills
- Prepare for committee hearing season



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MARCH 2025

Key Dates:

- March 31 - Cesar Chavez Day observed

Advocacy Actions:

- Submit position letters on key bills
- Register to speak at committee hearings
- Meet with committee staff and members
- Build grassroots support for priority legislation

APRIL 2025

Key Dates:

- April 10 - Spring Recess begins upon adjournment
- April 21 - Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess

Advocacy Actions:

- Use recess period for home district meetings
- Organize advocacy events in legislators' districts
- Prepare for intensive committee activity post-recess
- Update coalition partners on bill progress

MAY 2025 ⚠️ CRITICAL MONTH

• Key Dates:

- May 2 - DEADLINE: Last day for policy committees to hear and report fiscal bills introduced in their house to fiscal committees
- May 9 - DEADLINE: Last day for policy committees to hear and report nonfiscal bills introduced in their house to the Floor
- May 16 - DEADLINE: Last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 9
- May 23 - DEADLINE: Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report bills introduced in their house to the Floor; Last day for fiscal committees to meet prior to June 9
- May 26 - Memorial Day observed

Advocacy Actions:

- URGENT: Ensure your priority bills get committee hearings before deadlines
- Focus on fiscal committee strategy for bills with budget impact
- Rally supporters for final committee votes
- Prepare for floor vote campaigns



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JUNE 2025 ⚠️ SUPER CRITICAL

Key Dates:

- June 2-6 - Floor Session only (No committee meetings except Rules Committee and Conference Committees)
- June 6 - DEADLINE: Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house
- June 9 - Committee meetings may resume
- June 15 - DEADLINE: Budget bill must be passed by midnight

Advocacy Actions:

- ALL HANDS ON DECK: Final push for house-of-origin passage
- Monitor budget negotiations intensely
- Coordinate with coalitions for critical floor votes
- Prepare strategy for bills moving to opposite house

JULY 2025

Key Dates:

- July 4 - Independence Day observed
- July 18 - DEADLINE: Last day for policy committees to hear and report bills; Summer Recess begins upon adjournment (provided Budget Bill has been passed)

Advocacy Actions:

- Focus on bills that crossed over to opposite house
- Final committee push before summer recess
- Plan summer district advocacy strategy
- Analyze budget outcomes



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AUGUST 2025

Key Dates:

- August 18 - Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess
- August 29 - DEADLINE: Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report bills to the Floor

Advocacy Actions:

- Re-engage on bills in fiscal committees
- Prepare for final legislative sprint
- Update position papers and talking points

SEPTEMBER 2025 ⚠️ FINAL SPRINT

Key Dates:

- September 1 - Labor Day observed
- September 2-12 - Floor session only (No committees except Rules Committee and Conference Committees)
- September 5 - DEADLINE: Last day to amend bills on the Floor
- September 12 - DEADLINE: Last day for each house to pass bills; Interim Recess begins upon adjournment

Advocacy Actions:

- FINAL PUSH: All-out effort for bill passage
- Monitor floor amendments closely
- Coordinate final coalition efforts
- Track conference committee negotiations



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OCTOBER 2025

Key Dates:

- October 12 - DEADLINE: Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature before September 12

Advocacy Actions:

- Submit letters urging Governor to sign/veto bills
- Monitor veto messages for policy insights
- Begin planning 2026 legislative agenda

2026 IMPORTANT DATES

Key Dates:

- January 1, 2026 - Statutes take effect
- January 5, 2026 - Legislature reconvenes

STRATEGIC ADVOCACY TIMING:

90 Days Before Deadlines:

- Research and draft position papers
- Build coalitions and gather endorsements
- Schedule introductory meetings with key staff

30 Days Before Deadlines:

- Intensify outreach to target legislators
- Mobilize grassroots and earned media
- Coordinate coalition messaging



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1 Week Before Deadlines:

- Daily contact with priority offices
- Monitor committee agendas and amendments
- Activate rapid response networks

KEY ADVOCACY WINDOWS:

- 🎯 January-February: Bill development and introduction period
- 🎯 March-May: Committee hearing intensive period
- 🎯 June: Critical house-of-origin passage deadline
- 🎯 July-August: Opposite house consideration
- 🎯 September: Final passage opportunities
- 🎯 October: Governor decision period

BUDGET PROCESS HIGHLIGHTS:

- 📊 January 10: Governor's initial budget proposal
- 📊 May (mid-month): May Budget Revision released
- 📊 June 15: Final budget must be passed

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