

VP Kamala Harris: A Trailblazer in Service and Governance

Since 2004, Vice President Kamala Harris has held several prominent elected positions, including San Francisco District Attorney, California Attorney General, United States Senator, and now Vice President. Throughout her career, she has been a steadfast advocate for numerous critical issues. Below is an overview of the key areas she has championed during her extensive tenure in leadership and public service.

Promotion of Economic and Social Equity

- **Empowering Workers:** As chair of the White House Task Force on Worker Organizing and Empowerment, Harris has mobilized federal policies to support labor rights.
- **Reducing Homeownership Appraisal Bias:** She has led the administration's efforts to ensure fairer housing appraisals.
- **Supporting Low and Middle-Income Families:** Harris sponsored the LIFT Act in the Senate to provide families making up to \$100,000 with a \$6,000 per year credit, or \$500 per month. Singles making up to \$50,000 would receive \$3,000 per year, or \$250 per month.
- **Addressing Student Debt:** As California Attorney General, Harris battled predatory for-profit colleges, securing a \$1.1 billion settlement, and has advocated for the administration's \$168.5 billion debt cancellation for 4.76 million borrowers.

Leadership in Maternal Health

- Expanding Postpartum Medicaid Coverage: As part of Harris's focus on improving maternal health, she successfully advocated for expanding postpartum Medicaid coverage, increasing it from just 3 states to now 47 states and Washington, D.C. This expansion extends coverage from 60 days to 12 months.
- Launching the National Maternal Mental Health Hotline: The National Maternal Mental Health Hotline (1-833-TLC-MAMA) was established as a result of Harris's "Blueprint for Addressing the Maternal Health Crisis."
- Tackling the Black Maternal Mortality Crisis: As a Senator, Harris introduced the Maternal CARE Act, which aimed to reduce Black maternal mortality. The act highlighted North Carolina's Pregnancy Medical Home program as a model for successfully reducing disparate health outcomes.
- Advocating for Uterine Fibroid Research: Harris pushed for funding for research to address uterine fibroids, a condition affecting over 80% of Black women by the age of 50.



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Advocacy for Criminal Justice Reform and Victims' Rights

- **Victims Services**: As San Francisco District Attorney, Harris launched California's first onsite trauma therapy program for children and youth who are victims and witnesses of domestic violence or sexual assault.
- **Eliminating Rape Kit Backlogs**: As California Attorney General, Harris cleared a longstanding backlog of over 1,300 untested rape kits, earning a US Department of Justice award for her efforts.
- Establishing the Division of Recidivism Reduction and Re-Entry: As California Attorney General, Harris established the Division of Recidivism Reduction and Re-Entry (DR3) to reduce repeat offenses and support rehabilitation. One of the DR3 initiatives included expanding her San Francisco Back on Track program statewide.

Commitment to Children's Justice and Education

- **Founding the Bureau of Children's Justice:** As California Attorney General, Harris created the Bureau of Children's Justice to address key issues affecting children, such as foster care, adoption, and the juvenile justice system. The bureau also tackled discrimination and inequities in education, human trafficking of vulnerable youth, and childhood trauma.
- **College Affordability**: Harris introduced the BASIC Act in the Senate to ensure that college students, especially Pell Grant recipients, could afford basic necessities.
- **Teacher Pay Equity**: Harris's 2019 Presidential campaign included a proposal to close the pay gap between teachers and private-sector employees



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Charting the Future with a Harris Administration

During recent campaign events, Vice President Kamala Harris outlined several key areas she plans to focus on as President.

- **Combating Price Gouging**: Harris plans to implement measures to reduce costs for consumers.
- **Banning Hidden Fees and Surprise Charges**: She aims to enhance consumer protection by banning hidden fees and surprise charges.
- **Regulating Corporate Landlords**: Harris intends to cap unfair rent increases imposed by corporate landlords.
- **Capping Prescription Drug Costs**: She will take on big pharma to make medications more affordable by capping prescription drug costs.
- **Protecting Healthcare Coverage**: Harris plans to increase the affordability of healthcare and safeguard health coverage from Republican attacks.
- **Voting Rights Legislation**: She will work to pass the Freedom to Vote Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.
- **Gun Control Measures**: Harris intends to implement universal background checks, red flag laws, and an assault weapons ban.
- **Restoring Reproductive Freedom**: Harris will ensure women's right to choose is protected.