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California 2023 Legislative Outcomes Report

The People Concern supported a variety of bills during the 2023 California Legislative session. We focused on creating more affordable housing, reducing barriers for low-income individuals to access services and housing, support for survivors of domestic violence, contract reforms, and funding for homelessness programs. We are pleased that the following bills supported by The People Concern were signed into law:

AB 373

Grants priority access to pupils in foster care and students experiencing homelessness, ensuring meaningful opportunity to meet academic achievement standards and full access to academic resources, services, and extracurricular and enrichment activities.

AB 590

Authorizes advance payment state-funded assistance grants and contracts, up to 25% of the annual allocation, when advance payment is essential for effective implementation of a program.

AB 785

Creates exemptions from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) with projects related to affordable housing, low barrier navigation centers, supportive housing, and transitional housing for youth.

AB 1386

Facilitates access for a broader range of veterans experiencing homelessness into affordable housing when units are available.

AB 1679

Allows the County of Los Angeles to impose a 0.5% tax rate dedicated to affordable housing and homelessness services, should voters approve a proposal to replace the previously established Measure H.

AB 1734

Creates exemptions for surplus land disposal designated for certain purposes, such as low barrier navigation centers, supportive housing, transitional housing for youth, and affordable housing.

SB 4

Provides a streamlined process for religious organizations and nonprofit colleges to develop affordable housing on their property regardless of local zoning restrictions.

SB 267

Allows a tenant with a housing voucher to submit alternative evidence showing their ability to pay their portion of the rent in lieu of a credit report.

SB 290

Entitles abuse survivors or their representatives to a free copy of 911 recordings and photographs digitally stored by law enforcement related to their case so they may seek protection without the financial barriers of evidence fees. Additionally, SB 290 equalizes the access period to five years for cases of sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, or abuse of an elder/dependent adult.