

# PROTECTING FOSTER YOUTH IN THE STATE BUDGET

Coalition to Restore Proposed Cuts  
to Housing Support Programs



February 15, 2024

# Agenda

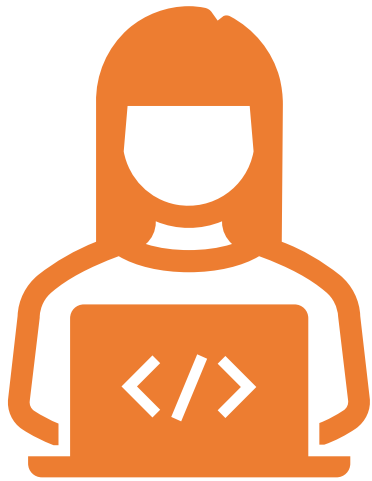
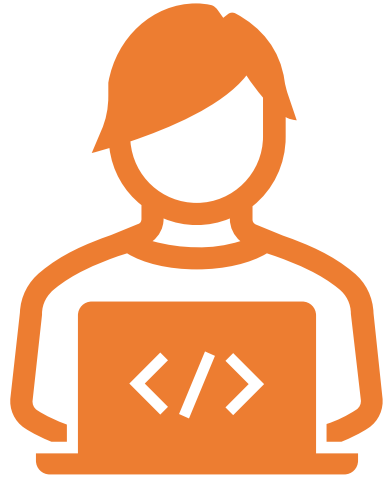
1. Coalition letter signatories and emails to Administration—thank you! (Amy)
2. Schedule calls with district representatives to ask for their support (Amy)
3. Join upcoming calls with Governor's Office (Amy)
4. Attend 2/20 and 3/13 budget hearings (Simone)
5. Identify the number of youth served by this coalition (Simone)
6. District meetings scheduled with budget committee chairs (Simone)
7. Media: Share articles & social media posts (Simone)



We've reached **102** organization/agency signatories on our coalition letter to the Governor, which includes counties as well!

So far, we've had **112** young adults sign on. **Please continue to circulate the young adult sign-on link—let's get to 500!**

**<http://tinyurl.com/protect-fy-in-state-budget>**



## Schedule Zoom Calls: Request that your district representatives prioritize sustaining these investments in the budget

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- It's clear that multiple members of the Legislature will need to identify protecting these cuts as **their** priority in the budget in order for it to be adopted as a priority of the Legislature. ***We need widespread support!***
- **Schedule calls with your district office**—find your district, the member's Chief of Staff, an email script for scheduling, and talking points for the meeting here: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Z4Ea5-7lecx\\_J56YJ8GvgtS7zhAvQVOnyrqIIHMbZKA/edit#gid=1137165217](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Z4Ea5-7lecx_J56YJ8GvgtS7zhAvQVOnyrqIIHMbZKA/edit#gid=1137165217)
  - Any meetings you get scheduled, please add [simone@jbay.org](mailto:simone@jbay.org) to the invite and she will join.
- The action we want from them is to **sign onto the Assembly or Senate letter supporting sustaining these programs in the budget**. When these letters are final, we will drop them into the Google Sheet.

# Join Upcoming Calls with the Governor's Office

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**2/21:** Angela Pontes, Deputy Legislative Secretary  
**(to discuss SILP Housing Supplement)**

**TBD:** James Hacker, Deputy Cabinet Secretary & Myles White, Deputy Legislative Secretary  
**(to discuss Housing Navigation & Maintenance Program)**



**Please indicate in the chat if you are interested in joining us on either or both of these calls.**

# Plan on Attending Budget Hearings

Date & Time	Assembly Budget Subcommittee	Location	Relevant Program
February 20 <sup>th</sup> upon session adjournment (approx. 10am)	Joint - Budget Sub 5 & Housing/Community Dev't Committee	State Capitol, Room 447	Housing Navigation & Maintenance Program
March 13 <sup>th</sup> at 1:30	2 (Human Services)	State Capitol, Room 444	SILP Housing Supplement
<b>April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30*</b>	<b>2 (Human Services)</b>	<b>State Capitol, Room 444</b>	<b>SILP Housing Supplement</b>
<b>April 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30*</b>	<b>5 (State Administration)</b>	<b>State Capitol, Room 447</b>	<b>Housing Navigation &amp; Maintenance Program</b>
April 23 <sup>rd</sup> at 1:30	5 (State Administration)	State Capitol, Room 447	Housing Navigation & Maintenance Program
April 30 <sup>th</sup> at 1:30	5 (State Administration)	State Capitol, Room 447	Housing Navigation & Maintenance Program
May 1 <sup>st</sup> at 1:30	2 (Human Services)	State Capitol, Room 444	SILP Housing Supplement
May 7 <sup>th</sup> at 1:30	5 (State Administration)	State Capitol, Room 447	Housing Navigation & Maintenance Program
May 14 <sup>th</sup> at 1:30	5 (State Administration)	State Capitol, Room 447	Housing Navigation & Maintenance Program

**\*Priority hearings (most relevant agenda)**

# How many young people does this coalition serve?

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As we meet with legislative members, state departments, and the Newsom Administration, it helps these key decision-makers feel the power of the coalition to know **how many young people are collectively served.**





**Please take a moment right now to complete this form**

**Visit: <http://tinyurl.com/JBAY-FORM>**

- 1. How many youth ages 18-25 does your organization serve?**  
(For public agencies or associations, please provide the number of youth your organization represents)
- 2. Can you attend two upcoming budget hearings?**  
(2/20 & 3/13)



# We Have 3 District Meetings Scheduled So Far

March 22<sup>nd</sup> @  
11am in  
Van Nuys



**Budget Sub #4  
Chair:**  
Senator  
Stephen Padilla

**Represents:**  
San Diego,  
Imperial,  
Riverside and San  
Bernardino

**Budget Sub #3  
Chair:**  
Senator  
Caroline Menjivar

**Represents:**  
Burbank and San  
Fernando Valley

**Senate Budget  
Chair:**  
Senator  
Scott Wiener\*

**Represents:**  
San Francisco

\*Brand new committee assignment!

March 1<sup>st</sup> @  
9am in  
La Palma



**Budget Sub #5  
Chair:**  
Assemblymember  
Sharon Quirk-Silva

**Represents:**  
Buena Park,  
Cypress, Fullerton,  
Stanton, La Palma,  
and West  
Anaheim

**Budget Sub #2  
Chair:**  
Assemblymember  
Corey Jackson

**Represents:**  
Riverside  
County

**Assembly Budget  
Chair:**  
Assemblymember  
Jesse Gabriel

**Represents:**  
San Fernando  
Valley

March 27<sup>th</sup> @  
11am in  
Moreno Valley



# Share these articles on the proposed budget cuts widely



FEB, 2 2024

**California Governor's Budget Breaks His Promise To Older Foster Youth**

Carolyn Travis  
The Imprint Youth & Family News

<https://imprintnews.org/foster-care/california-governors-budget-breaks-his-promise-to-older-foster-youth/247373>



FEB, 14 2024

**Commentary: Governor's Budget Hurts Housing Options For Foster Youths**

Jan Judson  
The Davis Enterprise

[https://www.davisenterprise.com/to wnnews/revenue/commentary-governor-s-budget-hurts-housing-options-for-foster-youths/article\\_c94e7c3c-c790-11ee-afab-e79585723841.html](https://www.davisenterprise.com/to wnnews/revenue/commentary-governor-s-budget-hurts-housing-options-for-foster-youths/article_c94e7c3c-c790-11ee-afab-e79585723841.html)



FEB, 15 2024

**Advocates Warn Against Cutting Housing Subsidy For Former Foster Youth**

Betty Marquez Rosales  
EdSource

<https://edsources.org/2024/advocate-s-warn-cuts-in-foster-youth-housing-subsidy-threatens-already-vulnerable-population/705289>

# Keep on Posting!

Social Media Toolkit: <http://tinyurl.com/protect-fy-sm-toolkit>



Thank you Senator Menjivar for speaking up for foster youth!



297 impressions

**Can You Live on \$1,206 a Month?**

That is what foster youth in a SILP receive to pay all living expenses: rent, food, utilities, clothing, transportation and more.

Given this low rate and escalating housing costs, 1 in 5 current foster youth in California have at least one episode of homelessness between ages 18 and 21.



420 impressions

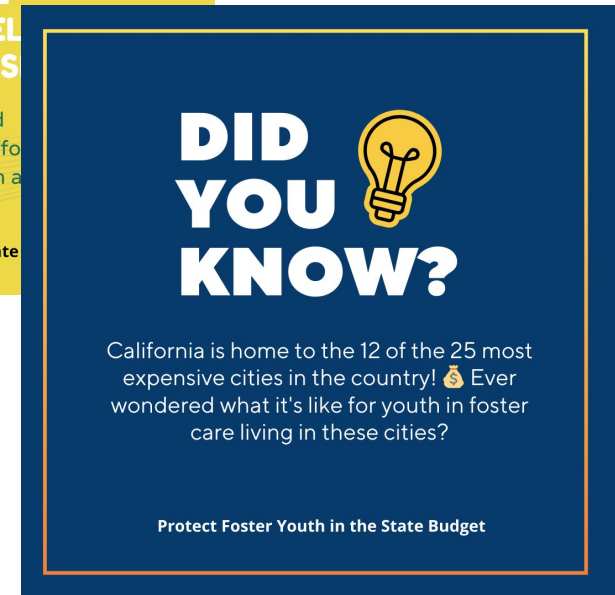


188 impressions


**LGBTQ YOUTH FACE DISPROPORTIONATELY HIGH RATES OF HOMELESSNESS**

Often due to family rejection and discrimination. Providing safe, affordable housing for LGBTQ youth both in and out of foster care is critical.

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**DID YOU KNOW?**



California is home to the 12 of the 25 most expensive cities in the country! 💰 Ever wondered what it's like for youth in foster care living in these cities?

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208 impressions

# FOR FUTURE QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION

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