

ACC General Meeting- Governor Newsom's Priorities: Effect on Local API Community & County Service
Wednesday, March 27, 2019

What do you want us (ACC, API Legislative Caucus) to know about your community?

- We need to focus on the Older Adult and Aging population
 - [SB 512](#) (Pan)- Long term support
- Family Planning- reproductive rights and education, abortion etc. need to be a focus as well for the younger generations (both API and in general) –*James Chang, Berkeley Rent Board Member*
- **State Budget:** In crafting the budget, REAL Costs need to be accounted. The current reimbursement and funding ratios are cost-prohibitive so CBO's are dying out.
 - It used to be 90:10, now it's more 60:40 for smaller organizations
 - Smaller CBOs need funding from state for admin costs
 - The Thresholds imposed on – *Shirley Gee from VCCEB*
- **Immigration and Public Charge** is STILL a priority for the community and providers.
 - ➔ [ACR 1 \(Bonta\)](#) Assembly Concurrent Resolution to condemn public charge
 - ➔ Alameda County, Public Charge Info: [SSA Immigration](#)

Important Information from the API Legislative Caucus and Alameda County Lobby Team:

It's important to be in contact with your state legislators! Hearing from advocates directly is effective.

- The **API Legislative Caucus** is a bridge between Sacramento and the API Community. Bay Area Members include: Chair Phil Ting, Assm Bonta, Assm Chiu, Assm Kalra.
The API Legislative Caucus Platform:
 1. Housing- Many housing bills are being authored by API Caucus members
 2. Health & Mental Health- 19 mental health bills introduced
 3. Immigration- Introduced [AB 1113](#) to create office for immigration and refugees+ Census 2020
- **In brief, Governor Gavin Newsom's Priorities:** Monica shared that Governor Newsom is more focused on health and human services compared to his predecessor Jerry Brown who was focused on subjects like infrastructure. Newsom is expected to be more likely to *reinvest* in California through social programs.
 - So far, the Governor has released much 1 time funding to address issues like homelessness (EX: Emergency shelter funding)
 - Gov Newsom is planning to create California's first ever Master Plan on Aging.
 - The Governor isn't perfect... He needs to understand that Counties need added funding to address service related issues like homelessness.
 - Besides housing and homelessness, early childcare and education is also a priority.
 - MHSA- The State is considering making fundamental changes to the Mental Health Service Act funding. We have yet to see what that looks like.
- **If you have suggestions on positions Alameda County should take on a given Assembly or Senate Bill**, attend the Alameda County Personnel Administrative and Legislative Committee meeting on Mondays at 1:30PM in the County Admin building 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612. Visit: <https://www.acgov.org/cao/pal.htm> for more details.