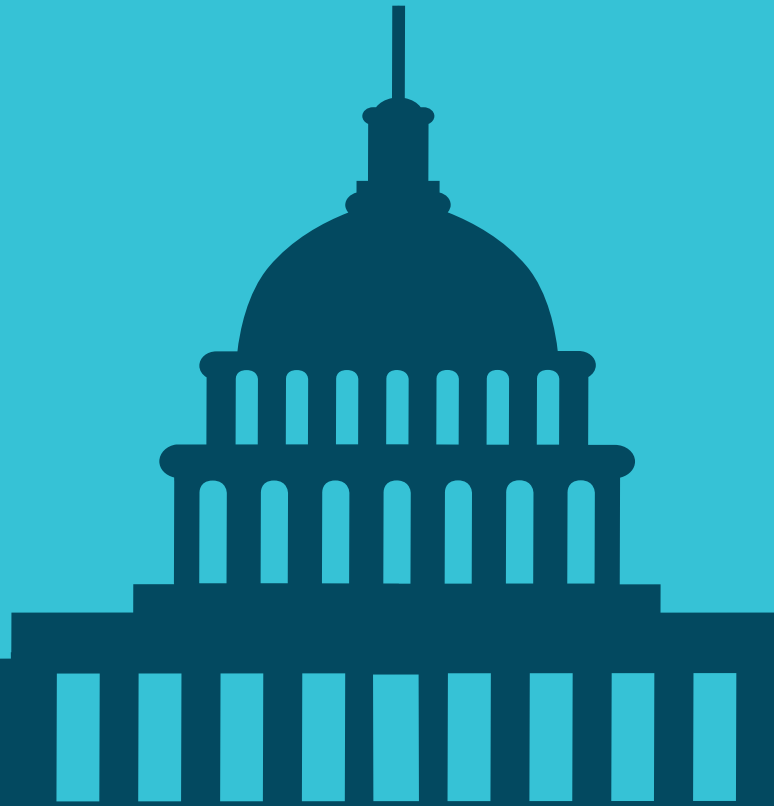


# LEADING THE NEXT PHASE

OF THE LGBT CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT



# 2015

LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD





# Full equality and acceptance, inside California and beyond.

## A message from Executive Director Rick Zbur

Dear Equality California member,

During the summer of 2014, our board and staff undertook an ambitious review of Equality California's mission priorities in light of the rapidly changing landscape of LGBT civil rights in California and across the country. The U.S. Supreme Court had already restored marriage rights to same-sex couples in California, and a cascade of victories across the country made it likely that the 20-year battle for national marriage equality would also end in triumph.

In the fall of 2014, we unveiled our new, expanded mission reflecting a stark reality: marriage equality still leaves LGBT people profoundly unequal in crucial ways. Our youth are still up to four times more likely to attempt suicide and are more likely to experience bullying and homelessness than the general population. LGBT students face higher school dropout rates due to lack of acceptance and inadequate school programs and resources. Four in ten transgender people have attempted suicide. LGBT people are more likely than the general population to face arrest and more likely to be convicted of crimes. LGBT hate crimes are still commonplace in California and across the country. LGBT people continue to suffer high rates of depression and substance abuse and low rates of health insurance coverage. LGBT people of color and undocumented immigrants and the transgender community face even greater challenges in all these areas.

Our new mission focusing on these harsh truths began to guide our work in 2015. While it is possible to measure the impact of the work that we do in many different ways, one of the most immediate is here in our annual Legislative Scorecard.

Before California Governor Jerry Brown finally put a cap on his pen on October 11 – the deadline for him to sign bills sent to him by the legislature – he had signed all seven bills that crossed his desk sponsored by Equality California in 2015.

These pieces of legislation all have one thing in common. Each advances new objectives of our refocused mission in three key areas: reducing LGBT disparities in health and wellbeing, creating a fair and just society for all communities that LGBT people are part of, and advancing LGBT civil rights and acceptance both inside and outside of California.

**Reducing the glaring disparities in health and wellbeing that LGBT people still suffer compared to the non-LGBT population.** In spite of the enormous civil rights gains that the LGBT community has made over the past two decades, LGBT people still suffer in the most basic benchmarks of community health and wellbeing. Historically, state health and social services agencies did not include gender identity or sexual orientation when they collected demographic

information about the people they serve. This lack of information prevents an accurate assessment of the LGBT community's needs and whether or not government programs are serving LGBT people. This year, EQCA sponsored a bill that mandates that health and social service agencies finally include our community when they collect demographic information, which will help assess, develop and guide programs for LGBT people in need.

LGBT students still face bullying and harassment in schools, contributing to mental health problems, suicide attempts and high dropout rates. One of our co-sponsored bills this year required updating of California sex education materials to include LGBT people and families, to improve school climate and increase rates of academic success for LGBT kids. Another sponsored bill requires school districts to give teachers the resources they need to combat bullying, and to support LGBT students who are facing a lack of acceptance in school, at home or in the community.

Transgender people still confront discrimination, harassment and violence on a daily basis, including even in settings that should be the safest. We co-sponsored legislation this year that protects transgender kids in foster care by requiring social service workers to consider their gender identity as a factor before placing them in a potentially dangerous foster home. And because transgender people are far less likely to have health coverage than the general population, another EQCA-co-sponsored bill requires out-of-state companies who contract with the state of California to offer the same health insurance to transgender employees offered to everyone else.

Finally, we supported efforts – inside the Capitol and across the state – to bring healthcare to undocumented LGBT Californians, among the most marginalized members of our community. We were delighted that Governor Jerry Brown included funding in the state budget to extend health care coverage under Medi-Cal to undocumented children below the age of 19.

**Full equality and acceptance, inside California and beyond.** Equality California's work increasingly extends outside our state's borders. This year, we sponsored a joint resolution urging President Obama to work to end the discriminatory federal ban on blood donation by gay and bisexual men and some transgender people. Our co-sponsored legislation requiring equal health coverage for transgender employees means that companies located in other states that contract with the state of California must conform to California law and not discriminate. And because of the size and purchasing power of California school districts, our work on AB 329, which requires that sex education curricula reflect LGBT people and their families, means that textbooks used by millions of school kids nationwide will

**“I am proud to stand alongside EQCA in this fight and I am filled with hope that working together, we will continue to make great strides toward equality for all.”**

Senate President Pro-Tem Kevin de León

conform to California standards. We also sponsored signed legislation that prohibits the exclusion of potential jurors from a jury pool on the basis of gender identity, and a two-year bill that would limit charities eligible for donations through a state-employee giving plan to those that do not discriminate against LGBT people.

**Creating a fair and just society.** California's estimated 250,000 LGBT undocumented immigrants are generally shut out of health coverage under the Affordable Care Act. That is the reason we supported legislation to extend coverage under Medi-Cal to undocumented Californians, authored by Sen. Ricardo Lara (D-Long Beach), and the resulting decision by the legislature and the governor to include funds as part of this year's budget to extend Medi-Cal coverage to undocumented children.

Our scorecard provides a snapshot of the bills which we have sponsored or worked on and supported, as well as a look at how your lawmaker scored this year on the issues vital to the LGBT community.

We wish you a healthy, hopeful and fully equal holiday season.

Sincerely,



Rick Zbur  
Executive Director, Equality California

## A message from Equality California's Board President



Dear friend,

Equality California's Legislative Scorecard is one of the most important reports we publish each year. The Scorecard highlights the critical importance of having a recognized, trusted voice speaking for the LGBT community in Sacramento. Thanks to Equality California's deep relationships with elected officials and the experience and sophistication of our legislative advocacy team, California leads the nation in state civil rights protections for the LGBT community. The Scorecard highlights the critical importance of having a recognized, trusted voice in Sacramento speaking for the LGBT community.

Among other things, Equality California uses the information in this report in determining whether to endorse incumbent candidates for reelection (or election to another office). EQCA has a strict policy of automatically disqualifying from our endorsement any incumbent legislator who fails to score 100% on the Scorecard. This policy sends a powerful message to elected officials about the importance of standing steadfastly with the LGBT community and provides helpful guidance to our community in making their own voting decisions.

I hope you find the Scorecard instructive and compelling, and that you will join me in supporting the essential work of California's statewide civil rights organization representing the LGBT community.

Andreas Meyer  
Equality California Board President

# thank you

## to our 2015 legislative partners

A "thank you" to our 2015 legislative partners: The success of our sponsored legislation is possible only because of our partnership with the members of the legislature who carry our bills. They do the hard work of convincing fellow legislators and the governor to support the issues central to the LGBT community. Equality California wishes to thank the following for the success of our sponsored legislation:

**Assemblymember Richard Bloom** (D-Santa Monica)

**Assemblymember David Chiu** (D-San Francisco)

**Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia** (D-Coachella)

**Senator Mark Leno** (D-San Francisco)

**Assemblymember Evan Low** (D-Campbell)

**Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell** (D-Long Beach)

**Assemblymember Mark Stone** (D-Santa Cruz)

**Assemblymember Shirley Weber** (D-San Diego)

And to the authors of our EQCA-supported bills:

**Assemblymember Luis Alejo** (D-Salinas)

**Assemblymember Susan Eggman** (D-Stockton)

**Senator Ricardo Lara** (D-Long Beach)

# On the ground in Sacramento

Equality California owes its effectiveness to the partnerships it has built with members of the legislature and other policymakers. To build and maintain those relationships, in addition to our program staff, we are the only LGBT organization with an on-the-ground team in Sacramento.



## Alice Kessler

Our outside legislative director, Alice Kessler, leads our legislative advocacy in Sacramento. Alice is managing partner of DiMare, Brown, Hicks & Kessler, a government affairs advocacy firm located in Sacramento. She brings more than 12 years of experience in government relations, including four years as Equality California's in-house government affairs director, as well as legal and policy work for organizations including Disability Rights California, the University of California and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Alice is a graduate of Dartmouth College and the University of California, Davis School of Law.



## Jo Michael

Jo Michael is Equality California's full-time legislative manager in Sacramento and has helped advance more than 20 successful pieces of sponsored and supported legislation for the organization. His commitment to working for social justice and equality date back well over a decade, when he co-founded his high school's first Gay-Straight Alliance. He has since worked for Family Equality Council, Advocates for Informed Choice, ONE Archives, and as a field organizer for the No on Proposition 8 Campaign. Jo was named one of the Best LGBT Lawyers under 40 by the National LGBT Bar Association for 2015 and is a former co-chair of SacLEGAL, Sacramento's LGBT bar association.

“EQCA has and will continue to be a valued partner not only in advancing equality for all Californians, but also in safeguarding our hard won accomplishments.”

Assemblymember Susan Eggman (D-Stockton)



“In 2015 EQCA had another great year, successfully sponsoring and advocating legislation that helps protect and advance the rights of LGBT Californians. This year EQCA reached the impressive milestone of having sponsored 110 bills into law. EQCA continues to be a national leader in the fight for equality, and I’m excited about working with you again in 2016!”

Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins

## 2015 Priority “Equality Score” Legislation

As part of the process of holding elected officials accountable for their votes and to educate our members about legislation important to us, this year we have scored lawmakers on eight sponsored bills, one resolution and one supported bill of special importance to EQCA’s mission.

## EQCA Sponsored Legislation

### **AB 959: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Disparities Reduction Act**

California uses demographic data it collects on age, race and ethnicity, gender, disability and other categories to develop and guide health and social services programs, but the state generally fails to gather data on sexual orientation and gender identity. That means LGBT people have been invisible and unaccounted for, and that makes it difficult to assess whether state programs are meeting the LGBT community's needs. AB 959 requires state agencies that provide health and human services to collect voluntarily provided information on sexual orientation and gender identity whenever they collect other types of demographic data. This data will help address disparities in health and wellbeing that affect LGBT people and aid in the development of government programs that successfully meet the needs of the LGBT community.

**Author:** Assemblymember David Chiu (D-San Francisco)

### **AB 329: California Healthy Youth Act**

Sex education curricula have not fairly reflected LGBT people or our families. LGBT-inclusive curricula have been shown to have a positive effect on school climate overall and help LGBT youth feel accepted in school, reducing dropout rates and increasing academic success. AB 329 ensures that students receive sexual health education that is comprehensive, medically accurate, age-appropriate and inclusive. The sheer size of California's student body makes the state the nation's largest purchaser of textbooks, meaning the new law is likely to have an impact in the development textbooks that will be purchased and used in other states, as well.

**Author:** Assemblymember Shirley Weber (D-San Diego)  
**Co-sponsors:** American Civil Liberties Union of California, California Latinas for Reproductive Justice, Forward Together, Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California

### **AB 827: Help Teachers Support LGBT Youth**

Teachers deal with students every day and witness their interactions first hand. That makes them a front line against bullying and harassment and in providing a supportive and accepting school environment. AB 827 provides resources and information to aid teachers in identifying and assisting LGBT students in need of support in dealing with bullying or the effects of a lack of social acceptance at school, at home or in the community. This bill helps address the needs of LGBT youth, who have a higher dropout rate than their non-LGBT peers and are four times more likely to attempt suicide.

**Author:** Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell (D-Long Beach)

### **AB 960: Equal Protection for All Families Act**

Couples conceive in a variety of ways, but California law only reliably recognized intended parents who conceived using assisted reproduction if a medical professional was involved. AB 960 updates California's assisted reproduction laws to recognize intended parents, regardless of the method of conception. These important changes in the law will increase access to family building options for LGBT people by eliminating economic barriers.

**Author:** Assemblymember David Chiu (D-San Francisco)  
**Co-sponsors:** National Center for Lesbian Rights, Our Family Coalition

### **SB 703: Companies Contracting with the State of California Must Provide Equal Insurance Benefits to Transgender Employees**

California companies are required to provide equal insurance benefits to all employees. SB 703 requires out-of-state contractors doing business with state agencies to offer transgender employees the same healthcare coverage they offer their other employees.

**Author:** Senator Mark Leno (D-San Francisco)  
**Co-sponsors:** National Center for Lesbian Rights, Transgender Law Center

### **SB 731: Supporting Transgender Foster Youth**

Transgender youth frequently encounter hostility in the foster homes that are supposed to provide them with a safe haven. SB 731 requires that social service workers consider a young person's gender identity before placement in a foster home. The bill is designed to ensure that all foster youth, including those who identify as transgender, are placed in safe and supportive settings.

**Author:** Senator Mark Leno (D-San Francisco)  
**Co-sponsors:** National Center for Lesbian Rights, Transgender Law Center

### **AB 87: End Discrimination Against Transgender Jurors**

A fair trial means being heard by a jury of your peers, but potential transgender jurors too often are excluded from juries due to their gender identity or expression. AB 87 prohibits discrimination against transgender jurors in the jury selection process in California courts. The bill also makes clear that jury selection discrimination based on ethnicity, age, genetic information, or disability is prohibited as well.

**Author:** Assemblymember Mark Stone (D-Santa Cruz)

### **AB 1050: Private Organizations that Discriminate Do Not Benefit from State Employee Charity**

A two-year bill, AB 1050 would require that all charities eligible for donations through a state-employee-giving program be screened to ensure that they do not discriminate based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

Author: Assemblymember Evan Low (D-Campbell)

## **EQCA Sponsored Resolution**

### **AJR 16: Resolution on FDA Blood Donation Policies**

AJR 16 calls upon President Obama to encourage federal health officials to develop new science-based blood donation guidelines that focus on individual risk assessment, and to change, once and for all, its outdated policy that discriminates against gay and bisexual men and certain transgender people.

Authors: Assemblymembers Richard Bloom (D-Santa Monica), Eduardo Garcia (D-Coachella) and Evan Low (D-Campbell)

## **EQCA Supported Bill**

### **SB 4: Health for All Kids**

EQCA supported SB 4 (Lara) because California's LGBT community includes an estimated 250,000 undocumented immigrants, the vast majority of whom were shut out of the Affordable Care Act and so lack quality, affordable health coverage. EQCA is committed to ensuring health care coverage for everyone in our community, regardless of immigration status. SB 4 implements the extension of Medi-Cal coverage to undocumented young people under 19, part of a \$40 million allocation approved by Governor Brown as part of this year's budget. An estimated 170,000 undocumented kids, many of them LGBT, will now be eligible for health care coverage through Medi-Cal. The measure initially would have expanded coverage to adults as well. Equality California continues to support efforts to bring health coverage to all undocumented Californians.

Author: Senator Ricardo Lara (D-Long Beach)

## **Other EQCA Supported Bills**

Equality California supports and advocates for bills, that, while not sponsored by EQCA, are still central to the three core segments of our mission and important in addressing disparities facing the diverse communities of which LGBT people are a part. As in the past, votes on these bills were not factored into this year's scores. However, in future years, we may score similar legislation in line with our expanded mission to create a fair and just society.

### **AB X2 15: End of Life Option Act**

At the height of the AIDS epidemic, thousands of terminally ill gay and bisexual men endured painful, prolonged deaths because their physicians were not permitted to help them die a dignified, pain-free death. AB X2 15 provides another option by allowing terminally ill, mentally competent Californians to ask for and receive assistance from their physician to shorten an unnecessarily painful dying process and achieve a peaceful death.

Author: Assemblymember Susan Eggman (D-Stockton)

### **AB 953: Law Enforcement Racial Profiling**

AB 953 modernizes California's definitions of racial and identity profiling and makes records of police practices more accessible to the public. AB 953 will ensure that profiling is prohibited based on race, gender, national origin, religion, and sexual orientation. LGBT people are part of every ethnic and religious community, so when police unfairly single out members of the LGBT community or communities of color for harsher or unfair treatment, it is just plain wrong and affects LGBT people as well.

Author: Assemblymember Shirley Weber (D-San Diego)

### **AB 865: EmPower California**

This bill requires the California Energy Commission to develop outreach programs to energy industry businesses owned by women, people of color, disabled veterans, and LGBT individuals. AB 865 is based on the California Public Utilities Commission's supplier diversity program, which has increased contractor diversity in the utility and telecommunications industry.

Author: Assemblymember Luis Alejo (D-Salinas)

### **SR 33 and HR 24: California Pride Month resolutions**

These resolutions declare June, 2015 as LGBT Pride Month in California.

Authors: Assemblymember Susan Eggman (D-Stockton) and Senator Ricardo Lara (D-Long Beach)



“Year after year, Equality California continues to be a national leader in advocating for human rights and supporting the LGBT community.”

Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia



## OUR SCORECARD

### Methodology & Symbol Key

In the scorecard that follows, the analysis of votes is based on the final floor votes cast on the measures. Yes votes are represented by “1” and no votes are represented by “0.” Legislators present but not voting are denoted by a “—,” which is equivalent to a “no” vote. Passage of legislation requires a “yes” vote by the majority of all legislators. Therefore, not voting has the same effect as a “no” vote. Legislators who were officially absent for a vote did not have that vote factored into the rating and are denoted on the scorecard with an “A.” Missed votes were excused if the legislator was a co-author, voted to support the legislation at a previous floor vote or in committee, or was absent from the floor on official business. The overall score reflects officials’ votes on EQCA-sponsored legislation and SB 4 (Lara) only. Highlighted in light blue were EQCA-supported **NOT** factored into this year’s scoring. The votes are included for informational purposes only.



## 2015 SCORECARD

## Scoring trends:

Overall, the 2015 Equality Scores for the two houses of the California Legislature as a whole remained substantially equivalent to the scores for 2014. In the State Senate, the average score dropped somewhat from 76 percent to 72 percent in 2015, which is attributable to a slight drop in support for equality legislation among Senate Republicans. In contrast, every Senate Democrat earned a perfect 100 percent Equality Score. In the Assembly, the average score improved by one point – 76 percent in 2014 compared with 77 percent in 2015 -- which is attributed to slightly increased support for equality legislation among Assembly Republicans, with the average Republican score increasing from 24 percent in 2014 to 34 percent in 2015. Although Republican scores in both houses remain at failing levels, we note the significant achievement of the Log Cabin Republicans California Chapter whereby the California Republican Party in March, 2015 officially sanctioned for the first time the chapter as an official volunteer arm of the state party. We also note that three Republican legislators earned scores near or above 80 percent, which indicates some modest progress, and we are hopeful that continued engagement of EQCA with the California Log Cabin Republicans will help improve support for equality legislation in the years ahead.



“Equality CA works tirelessly on behalf of LGBT Californians. Its work on issues ranging from marriage recognition to healthcare and education have made a tangible difference in the lives of LGBT people throughout our state. As a board member and an Assemblymember, I have had the honor of working closely with Equality California on a range of issues. I look forward to our continued partnership.”

Assemblymember Richard Bloom



## 2015 GOVERNOR SCORECARD

Governor Jerry Brown once again proved himself a steadfast ally to the LGBT community in 2015, earning a 100 percent Equality Score for a second year in a row. Governor Brown signed all seven pieces of Equality California-sponsored legislation that crossed his desk this year, as well as SB 4, Health4All Kids (Lara), which Equality California strongly supported in 2015. In addition, the governor appointed visible LGBT leaders to several key state government posts. We thank Governor Brown and his staff for their leadership in advancing LGBT equality both through our legislative initiatives as well as through our program of administrative advocacy before California state agencies in which the Governor provided leadership on a variety of agency decisions that have improved the lives of LGBT people.



Governor	District	Party	AB 959	AB 960	AB 827	AB 329	AB 87	SB 703	SB 731	AJR 16	AB 1050	SB 4	AB X2 15	AB 953	AB 865	SR 33	HR 24	SCORE
Jerry Brown	State	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	n/a	n/a	1	1	1	1	n/a	n/a	100%

## thank you

We thank **Governor Brown**, **Senate Pro Tem Kevin de León** and **Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins** for their own perfect 100 percent Equality Scores and for their strong leadership supporting our bills.

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Starting May 2016, California will become the state with the largest immigrant population to provide health care to all children, regardless of immigration status. This is a major victory but far from true health for all. As disparities in access persist, including among LGBT Californians, I will rely on organizations such as Equality California to organize, advocate and educate so we can achieve coverage for everyone.”

Senator Ricardo Lara



Name	District	Party	AB 959	AB 960	AB 827	AB 329	AB 87	AJR 16	SB 703	SB 731	AB 1050	SB 4	AB X2 15	AB 953	AB 865	SR 33	SCORE
Allen, Benjamin	26	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	n/a	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Anderson, Joel	38	R	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	11%
Bates, Patricia	36	R	—	—	0	0	1	1	0	—	n/a	0	0	0	0	—	22%
Beall, Jim	15	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	n/a	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Berryhill, Tom	8	R	1	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0	0	0	—	11%
Block, Marty	39	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	n/a	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Cannella, Anthony	12	R	1	1	1	0	1	1	—	1	n/a	1	0	0	1	1	78%
De León, Kevin	24	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	n/a	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Fuller, Jean	16	R	0	—	0	0	—	—	0	—	n/a	0	0	0	0	—	0%
Gaines, Ted	1	R	1	A	0	0	0	1	0	0	n/a	0	0	0	0	—	25%
Galgiani, Cathleen*	5	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	n/a	1	1	—	1	1	100%
Glazer, Steven	7	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	n/a	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Hall, Isadore	35	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	n/a	1	1	1	1	A	100%
Hancock, Loni	9	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	n/a	1	1	1	1	A	100%
Hernandez, Ed	22	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	n/a	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Hertzberg, Robert	18	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	n/a	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Hill, Jerry	13	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	n/a	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Hueso, Ben	40	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	n/a	1	—	1	1	1	100%
Huff, Bob	29	R	1	—	0	0	1	0	0	—	n/a	0	0	0	0	—	22%
Jackson, Hannah-Beth	19	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	n/a	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Lara, Ricardo*	33	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	n/a	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Leno, Mark*+	11	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	n/a	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Leyva, Connie	20	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	n/a	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Liu, Carol	25	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	n/a	1	1	1	1	1	100%
McGuire, Mike	2	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	n/a	1	1	1	1	A	100%
Mendoza, Tony	32	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	n/a	1	0	1	1	1	100%
Mitchell, Holly	30	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	n/a	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Monning, Bill	17	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	n/a	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Moorlach, John	37	R	—	—	0	0	1	—	0	0	n/a	0	0	1	0	—	11%
Morrell, Mike	23	R	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Nguyen, Janet	34	R	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	n/a	—	0	0	1	—	44%
Nielsen, Jim	4	R	0	—	0	0	1	0	—	0	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	11%
Pan, Richard	6	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	n/a	1	—	1	1	A	100%
Pavley, Fran	27	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	n/a	1	1	1	1	A	100%
Roth, Richard D.	31	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	n/a	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Runner, Sharon	21	R	0	A	0	0	A	—	0	0	n/a	0	0	0	0	—	0%
Stone, Jeff	28	R	—	—	0	0	0	—	0	0	n/a	0	0	0	—	1	0%
Vidak, Andy	14	R	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	n/a	1	0	0	0	—	56%
Wieckowski, Bob	10	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	n/a	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Wolk, Lois	3	D	1	1	1	1	A	1	1	1	n/a	1	1	1	1	1	100%

Bills highlighted in **BLUE** are EQCA-supported legislation that was not factored into this year's scoring. The votes are included for informational purposes only.





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Achadjian, Katcho	35	R	1	1	—	0	1	1	0	1	1	—	0	0	1	1	60%
Alejo, Luis A.	30	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	A	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Allen, Travis	72	R	—	—	0	0	—	—	0	—	—	0	0	0	0	—	0%
Atkins, Toni*	78	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Baker, Catharine	16	R	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	60%
Bigelow, Franklin E.	5	R	—	—	0	0	—	—	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	—	0%
Bloom, Richard+	50	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	A	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Bonilla, Susan A.	14	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Bonta, Rob	18	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Brough, William	73	R	—	—	0	0	1	0	0	—	—	0	0	0	0	—	10%
Brown, Cheryl R.	47	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	100%
Burke, Autumn	62	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Calderon, Ian C.	57	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Campos, Nora	27	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Chang, Ling Ling	55	R	1	1	—	0	1	1	0	—	1	0	0	0	—	1	50%
Chau, Ed	49	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Chávez, Rocky J.	76	R	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	A	1	0	0	A	1	89%
Chiu, David+	17	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Chu, Kansen	25	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Cooley, Ken	8	D	1	1	1	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	90%
Cooper, Jim	9	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	A	1	1	1	—	1	1	100%
Dababneh, Matthew	45	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Dahle, Brian	1	R	—	—	0	0	1	—	0	—	—	0	0	0	—	A	10%
Daly, Tom	69	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	—	1	1	1	100%
Dodd, Bill	4	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Eggman, Susan Talamantes*	13	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	A	1	100%
Frazier, Jim	11	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	—	1	1	100%
Gaines, Beth	6	R	—	—	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	—	0%
Gallagher, James	3	R	—	1	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	10%
Garcia, Cristina	58	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Garcia, Eduardo+	56	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Gatto, Mike	43	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	100%
Gipson, Mike	64	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	100%
Gomez, Jimmy	51	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Gonzalez, Lorena	80	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	100%
Gordon, Richard S.*	24	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Gray, Adam	21	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	90%
Grove, Shannon L.	34	R	1	—	0	0	1	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	—	20%
Hadley, David	66	R	1	1	1	0	—	1	0	1	—	0	1	0	0	1	50%
Harper, Matthew	74	R	—	—	0	0	0	0	0	—	A	0	0	0	0	1	0%

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Name	District	Party	AB 959	AB 960	AB 827	AB 329	AB 87	AJR 16	SB 703	SB 731	AB 1050	SB 4	AB X2 15	AB 953	AB 865	HR 24	SCORE
Hernández, Roger	48	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	100%
Holden, Chris R.	41	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Irwin, Jacqui	44	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	–	1	1	100%
Jones, Brian	71	R	1	–	0	0	0	–	0	–	0	0	0	0	0	–	10%
Jones-Sawyer, Sr., Reginald B.	59	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Kim, Young	65	R	1	1	0	0	1	–	0	–	1	–	0	0	0	1	40%
Lackey, Tom	36	R	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	70%
Levine, Marc	10	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Linder, Eric	60	R	1	1	1	0	1	1	–	1	1	–	0	0	1	1	70%
López, Patty	39	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	100%
Low, Evan*+	28	D	1	1	1	1	A	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Maienschein, Brian	77	R	1	1	1	–	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	80%
Mathis, Devon	26	R	1	1	0	0	1	–	0	–	A	0	0	0	1	1	33%
Mayes, Chad	42	R	1	1	–	0	1	1	1	1	–	0	0	0	–	1	60%
McCarty, Kevin	7	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Medina, Jose	61	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Melendez, Melissa A.	67	R	–	1	0	0	–	–	0	–	–	0	0	0	0	–	10%
Mullin, Kevin	22	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	A	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Nazarian, Adrin	46	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
O'Donnell, Patrick+	70	D	1	1	1	1	A	1	1	1	1	1	0	–	1	1	100%
Obernolte, Jay	33	R	–	1	0	0	1	–	0	–	1	0	0	0	0	–	30%
Olsen, Kristin	12	R	1	–	–	0	1	–	1	1	–	–	0	0	1	–	40%
Patterson, Jim	23	R	–	–	0	0	–	–	0	–	0	0	0	0	0	–	0%
Perea, Henry T.	31	D	1	1	1	1	A	1	1	1	1	1	1	–	1	1	100%
Quirk, Bill	20	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Rendon, Anthony	63	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Ridley-Thomas, Sebastian	54	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	100%
Rodriguez, Freddie	52	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	–	1	1	100%
Salas, Jr., Rudy	32	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Santiago, Miguel	53	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	100%
Steinorth, Marc	40	R	1	1	0	0	1	–	–	–	1	0	0	0	0	1	40%
Stone, Mark+	29	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Thurmond, Tony	15	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Ting, Philip Y.	19	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Wagner, Donald P.	68	R	–	1	0	0	1	0	0	–	1	0	0	0	0	–	30%
Waldron, Marie	75	R	1	–	0	0	–	0	0	–	1	0	0	0	1	–	20%
Weber, Shirley N.+	79	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Wilk, Scott	38	R	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	60%
Williams, Das	37	D	A	1	1	A	1	1	1	1	1	A	0	–	1	1	100%
Wood, Jim	2	D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	A	100%

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# Fair Share for Equality –

## Another measure of success

In January, our sibling organization Equality California Institute inaugurated its groundbreaking Fair Share for Equality initiative with a convening of LGBT leaders, community organizations, educators, social service experts and legislators. Fair Share for Equality made eight recommendations, some of which we began to address with this year's legislation. Set forth are the recommendations and the bills that advance these priorities:



Collect data about LGBT Californians in connection with the provision of social services and the implementation of government programs. **AB 959 (Chiu)**

Address LGBT youth homelessness and create culturally competent foster care and support services for LGBT youth. **SB 731 (Leno)**

Create safe and culturally competent school environments. **AB 329 (Weber), AB 827 (O'Donnell)**

Reduce substance abuse among LGBT individuals, and address high rates of suicide in LGBT youth. **AB 329 (Weber), AB 827 (O'Donnell)**

Reduce violence and differential treatment for LGBT people within the criminal justice system. **AB 953 (Weber)**

Address the unique needs of LGBT seniors  
Adequately fund PrEP, PEP, and HIV prevention and treatment  
Providing healthcare for undocumented LGBT people.  
**SB 4 (Lara)**

“I’ve seen how effectively [EQCA] staff and volunteers work with both the Legislature and the Governor to get important things done in California.”

Assemblymember David Chiu (D-San Francisco)



IN LOVING DEDICATION TO

# George Zander

1944 – 2015

Equality California Field Manager, 2009-2015



We dedicate this year's legislative scorecard to the memory and work of George Zander, who was our field manager for the past six years in the Desert region. He was a kind, outgoing, strategic and energetic presence who brought people together and mentored a generation of LGBT leaders in the Desert and Inland Empire areas. He focused his work on protecting LGBT students in our schools, focusing on the needs of LGBT seniors, advancing civil rights and acceptance of transgender people, and electing pro-equality candidates at all levels of government. George was much-loved and will be deeply missed by our boards and staff, our volunteers and by so many people whose lives he touched.



## About Equality California

Equality California is the nation's largest statewide lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender civil rights organization dedicated to creating a fair and just society. Our mission is to achieve and maintain full and lasting equality, acceptance, and social justice for all people in our diverse LGBT communities, inside and outside of California.

The most successful LGBT legislative advocacy organization in the nation, EQCA has sponsored and advanced more than 110 pieces of pro-equality legislation in the last 16 years. Building on this success, Equality California will use its unmatched effectiveness and expertise in legislative advocacy to work toward full and lasting equality for LGBT people both in California and across the nation.

## Improving the Lives of LGBT Californians

Our mission includes advancing the health and wellbeing of LGBT Californians through direct healthcare service advocacy and education. Through electoral, advocacy, education and mobilization programs, we strive to create a broad and diverse alliance of LGBT people, educators, government officials, communities of color and faith, labor, business, and social justice communities to achieve our goals.

## Fair and Just Society for All

Equality California believes in the core tenet of all civil rights movements, as articulated by Martin Luther King Jr.: injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. Equality California recognizes its role as the leading LGBT civil rights organization in California and its place in the broader civil rights movement, and works to ensure a fair and just society for everyone. LGBT people are part of every race and ethnic community and every socioeconomic group. We are committed to fighting injustice and defending our most vulnerable communities in every area, from immigration to healthcare.



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