

The California Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC-CA)

The California Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC-CA) is the statewide social justice effort of the Union for Reform Judaism, the largest Jewish denomination in the country, representing more than 100 congregations and 150,000 Reform Jews across the state. Reform congregations across the state are standing in solidarity with vulnerable populations and working to advance Jewish values in the public sphere.

RAC-CA works to support state bills that advance Jewish values in the public sphere. Currently, we focus on bills in 6 issue areas: criminal justice reform, immigrant rights, climate change, homelessness and housing, health care, and gun violence.

RAC-CA has brought about significant progress for our state in the five years since its founding in 2012. In conjunction with coalition allies, RAC-CA mobilized rabbis, cantors and lay leaders to achieve historic victories, including:

- AB-4 The Trust Act, which protected undocumented immigrants by limiting police cooperation with federal deportation authorities;
- Budget approval for substantial funding for affordable housing from the state's cap-and-trade fund;
- AB-953 The Racial Identity and Profiling Act, which required all law enforcement agencies in the state to report data from their stops and arrests to track racial profiling in California;
- Proposition 57 The Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act, which provided incentives for rehabilitation, created a path to early parole for nonviolent offenders and increased the number of minor offenders who are sent to the juvenile justice system rather than charged as adults.
- SB-54 The California Values Act, which built on The Trust Act to extend further protections for immigrants by expanding the limits of police and prison cooperation with Federal deportation authorities.
- SB-100 The 100% Clean Energy Act, which mandated that all energy in California be clean and carbon-free by 2045.



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