

CCCE 2017 LEGISLATIVE ENDORSEMENTS

The Coalition of Communities of Color (CCC) is an alliance of culturally specific community-based organizations working to advance racial justice by elevating the voice of communities of color in policy-making decisions. The CCC supports the following legislative priorities that provide opportunities for advancing racial equity across Oregon.

HEALTH CARE

- **Community Based Traditional Health Care Workers:** Provide funding to help realize access goals, create new positions in culturally specific community-based organization, and improve health care training in underserved areas.
- **Cover All Kids:** Expand coverage to 17,600 underserved immigrant children.
- **Reproductive Health Equity Act:** Establishes coverage for the full range of reproductive health services at zero out-of-pocket cost for all persons, regardless of income, citizenship status, gender identity or type of insurance.

EDUCATION

- **Ethnic Studies:** Develop a statewide diversity studies curriculum for K-12 schools.
- **Support Culturally-Specific Early Learning Programs:** Fund programs that have demonstrated success in this area, including those that are preschool-like and include family engagement, home visits and school-based learning.
- **Reform Preschool Promise:** Remove bachelor degree requirements applied to preschool teachers that disproportionately impact schools serving culturally specific communities.
- **Immigrant Credentialing:** The CCC will support efforts to address the challenges associated with immigrant and refugee re-credentialing.
- **Measure 98 Implementation:** Support enabling legislation to fund workforce training, college prep, and dropout prevention.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

- **Diesel and Air Toxics:** The health impacts of diesel and air quality issues disproportionately impact communities of color and low-income communities. The CCC will support efforts to reduce and phase out the use of diesel engines and reforms that improve air quality.
- **Addressing Climate Change:** Climate change poses a grave threat to economic, environmental and social equity in Oregon. The CCC will support climate solutions that cap emissions and hold polluting industries accountable while reinvesting any proceeds into clean energy and addressing disproportionate impacts in underserved communities.
- **Improving Equity in Transportation:** Fund urban and rural infrastructure gaps by prioritizing maintenance over new projects, safe routes to school and pedestrian safety, increased public and active transit service, greenhouse gas emission reduction planning, increased adoption of clean electric cars and buses, and increase accountability and cost effectiveness of projects. The CCC also supports requiring Oregon's largest public transit agencies to have transparent, accountable, and equitable governance.

HOUSING

- **Just Cause Eviction:** Ensure that tenants cannot be evicted without legal cause.
- **Rent Stabilization:** Allow local governments to stabilize rising rents.
- **Cap the Mortgage Interest Deduction:** Limit the tax deduction to increase revenue for affordable housing priorities. This deduction generally benefits high income homeowners and costs the state almost \$1 billion dollars each budget cycle.

RACIAL JUSTICE & CIVIL RIGHTS

- **End Profiling:** Strengthen the existing law, require training statewide and improve data and community oversight.
- **Improve Voter Data:** Allow the state to collect more demographic and language data.
- **Criminal Justice Reform:** The CCC will support reforms to Oregon's criminal justice system and that advance racial equity and accountability in the system and improve safety in our communities.

ECONOMIC STABILITY

- **Improve Wage Theft Protections:** Ensure that workers have access to records, while improving enforcement and protections for retaliation.
- **Expand Access to Childcare:** Increase investment and expand eligibility
- **Expand access to WIC:** Double the vouchers for fruits/veggies and extend WIC benefits eligibility up to age 6 or kindergarten.
- **Child Savings Accounts:** Establish a robust Children's Savings Accounts statewide platform.
- **Tax and Budget:** The CCC will support progressive revenue proposals as an alternative to cutting services that disproportionately impact communities of color.

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