Historic Moments Call for Bold Leadership: Represent California

No matter who we are or where we come from, we all want to live healthy, thriving lives. The coronavirus pandemic has profoundly shown us that the health and well-being of one of us is dependent on the health and well-being of all of us. It has also revealed that historic disinvestment in low-income communities, Black communities, immigrant communities and tribal communities has left these communities vulnerable to greater sickness and death. This is not an accident. Policy decisions over the past four decades that have prioritized benefits to corporations and the already-wealthy, while at the same time underfunding health clinics, safe housing, sick leave and public education have put communities at risk in this pandemic.

This is not a choice we have to keep making. In the midst of this health crisis, we do not have to repeat the mistakes of the past. We can choose to focus on providing the backbone of support - health, housing, income - that hardest-hit communities need, and ensuring that we all pay our fair share to make it happen.

Historic moments call for bold leadership. The Governor has already shown tremendous leadership in the face of unprecedented times. But we can’t stop now. California will come out of this stronger than ever if we, together, harness our innovative, risk-taking spirit and fight for bold solutions that move us forward, not backward.

We call on the Governor and the Legislature to courageously represent us: your farmworkers, grocery store clerks, janitors, school teachers, parents, grandparents, students, clergy, nurses, and so many
more. Only by representing together can we come through this
difficult time.

**Organizations:**

AAPIs for Civic Empowerment-EF
Coalition for Humane and Immigrant Rights
California Calls
Orange County Civic Engagement Table
PICO California
Power California
San Francisco Rising