





## **Our Alliance**







California Calls is a growing alliance of 31 grassroots, community-based organizations spanning urban, rural and suburban counties across 12 counties working together to find solutions for the problems in our state caused by lack of money to pay for public education and other services we all use.

























Working Partnerships USA

# Why We Came Together

- 1. 1978 anti-tax Proposition 13.
- 2. Perpetual ballot propositions reframing debate, shifting public policy to the right: attacking people of color, immigrants, the poor.
- 3. Small rightwing minority creating political gridlock.
- 4. Even progressive elected officials forced to propose draconian cuts.







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### **Our Agenda**

#### **FUND PUBLIC SERVICES:**

Guarantee secure, sufficient and stable funding for public services that will benefit all Californians, particularly those who need it the most—poor, working class, and middle class communities of color.

#### **GOOD GOVERNMENT:**

Improve the effectiveness of our government so that it meets the needs of our communities.

#### **FAIR TAXES:**

Reform the tax system for greater equity where everyone pays what they can afford to pay, and not more or less.

#### **ECONOMIC GROWTH:**

Invest in our future and encourage the development of good paying jobs that give back to our communities through high road economic growth.

## **Our Strategy**



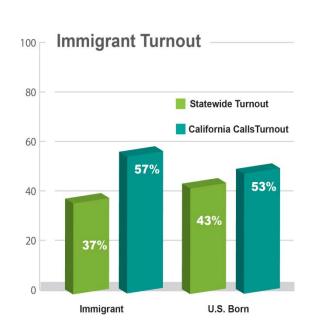


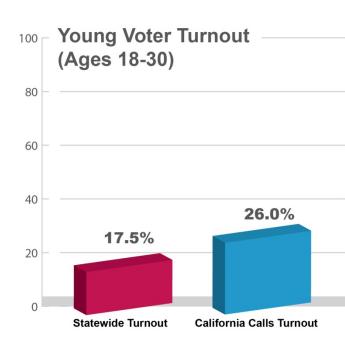
1. Build an alliance of powerful social justice organizations around the state.

2. Utilize a state-of-the-art civic engagement system capable of reaching hundreds of thousands of voters.

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3. Develop innovative strategic communications strategies





4. Forge strategic collaborations with key statewide efforts.



## **Integrated Voter Engagement Model**



- Residents are engaged
  - Voting
  - Critical statewide policy issues
  - Local and regional issues
  - On-going community organizing and public policy advocacy of regional anchor organizations and coalitions.
- Voter Engagement infrastructure is based on local organizations and networks of grassroots leaders, it doesn't disappear after any one particular battle or election, but instead has the capacity to establish sustained relationships with residents.



#### **California Calls' Victories**

- Contacted over 809,763
  voters in low-income
  communities of color
  through 14 Civic
  Engagement Programs
  (CEPs) since 2009.
- Identified over 616,635 supporters.
- Coordinated the largestever community-led voter engagement effort, winning Prop 30 in November 2012.

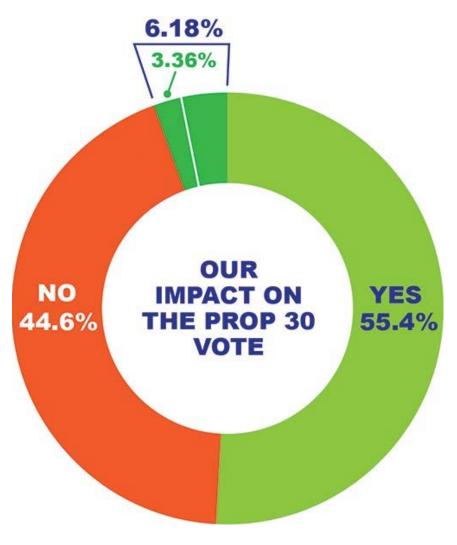




# Prop 30







# Prop 47









# **Building Local Power**



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- Education
  - Local Control Funding Formula
- Health Care
  - Affordable Care Act
  - #Health4All
  - Long-term care
- Economic Justice
  - Minimum Wage
- Immigration
- Environment
- Affordable Housing
- Criminal Justice Reform
- Foster care