Our recommendations for California’s leaders

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

- End exclusionary zoning
- Move to a ministerial approval process
- Restructure the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- Standardize and cap building fees
- Reduce the power of local agency formation commissions
- Reverse efforts to criminalize homelessness
- Strengthen California’s conservatorship laws
- Expand CEQA exemptions for homeless housing/shelter projects

EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE

- Remove barriers to the growth of charter schools and other alternatives
- Establish a tuition tax credit program
- Restructure future pension obligations
- Increase emphasis on vocational and technical education
CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- Resist any effort to roll back recent criminal justice reforms
- Reduce overcriminalization; decriminalize victimless crimes
- Curtail the use of fines and fees as punishment
- Establish a mechanism to automatically expunge criminal records
- Upgrade rehabilitation programs within the prison system

WELFARE REFORM

- Abolish asset tests for California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids, or CalWORKs, and other programs
- Expand welfare diversion programs
- Prioritize cash payments over in-kind benefits and indirect payments

ECONOMIC INCLUSION

- Repeal unnecessary occupational licensing laws
- Rethink occupational zoning
- Deregulate childcare
- Reduce barriers to entrepreneurship