

Assembly California Legislature **Committee on Rules**

BLANCA PACHECO CHAIR

Friday, March 28, 2025 10 minutes prior to Session State Capitol, Room 126

CONSENT AGENDA

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Memo

To:	Rules Committee Members
From:	Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant
Date:	3/27/2025
Re:	Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, the referral recommendation for AB 19, AB 367, and AB 762 has changed.

The following measures have been added to the referral list: AB 650, AB 930, AB 1530, AB 1531, AJR 7, and AJR 8.

AB 1345 has been removed from the referral list.

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AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 24, 2025

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE-2025-26 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 6

Introduced by Assembly-Member Members Ta and Kalra (Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Nguyen) (Principal coauthors: Senators Cortese and Umberg)

December 12, 2024

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 6—Relative to Black April Memorial Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 6, as amended, Ta. Black April Memorial Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of April 2025 as Black April Memorial Month and request that *encourage* the Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag *to* be flown over the State Capitol Building. *throughout the state*.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, April 30, 2025, marks the 50th year since the Fall
- 2 of Saigon, on April 30, 1975, to communism; and
- 3 WHEREAS, For many Vietnam and Vietnam-era veterans who
- 4 were directly involved in the war and Vietnamese Americans who
- 5 have settled in the United States, the Vietnam War was a tragedy
- 6 full of great suffering and loss of American, Vietnamese, and7 Southeast Asian lives; and
- / Southeast Asian lives; and
- 8 WHEREAS, The combined United States and South Vietnamese 9 fatalities among military personnel during the Vietnam War
- 10 reached more than one-half million, with approximately 800,000
- 11 additional troops being wounded in combat. Millions of

1 Vietnamese civilians suffered casualties and death as a result of 2 the extended conflict; and

WHEREAS, After the Fall of Saigon, millions of Vietnamese
and their families fled Vietnam to surrounding areas and the United
States, including, but not limited to, former military personnel,

6 government officials, and those who had worked for the United 7 States during the work and

7 States during the war; and

8 WHEREAS, In the late 1970s to mid-1980s, thousands of 9 Vietnamese risked their lives by fleeing Vietnam aboard small 10 wooden boats. These emigrants reached refugee camps in Thailand, 11 Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Hong Kong, while 12 approximately one-half of the people fleeing Vietnam in search 13 of freedom and democracy perished at sea; and

14 WHEREAS, Today, more than 600,000 Vietnamese residents

15 live in California, with the largest concentration of Vietnamese16 residents found outside of Vietnam residing in the County of17 Orange; and

18 WHEREAS, Human rights, religious freedom, democracy, and

19 protection against threats of aggression are important concerns of

20 Vietnamese Americans and Vietnamese communities worldwide

21 stemming from abuse of human rights that continue to occur in

22 Vietnam in the areas of child labor, human trafficking, religious 23 and political persecution, suppression of the press, unlawful

and political persecution, suppression of the press, unlawful
 deprivation of life, forced disappearances, and land seizure, among

25 others; and

WHEREAS, We must teach our children and future generations important lessons from the Vietnam War and the continuing situation in Vietnam, including how the plight of the Vietnamese refugees following the end of the war serves as a powerful example of the values of freedom and democracy; and

31 WHEREAS, We, the people of California, should actively 32 rededicate ourselves to the principles of human rights, individual 33 freedom, sovereignty, and equal protection under the laws of a just 34 and democratic world. Californians should set aside moments of 35 time every year on April 30 to give remembrance to the soldiers,

36 medical personnel, and civilians who died during the Vietnam War

37 in pursuit of freedom and democracy; and

38 WHEREAS, Vietnamese American communities throughout

39 California will commemorate April 30, 2025, as Black April, a

40 day of remembrance and rededication to the principles of freedom,

1 including freedom of religion, freedom of expression, freedom of 2

the press, and internet freedom; now, therefore, be it

3 Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate

thereof concurring, That in recognition of the great tragedy and 4

suffering and lives lost during the Vietnam War, the month of 5 6

April 2025 shall be proclaimed Black April Memorial Month, a special time for Californians to remember the lives lost during the 7

8 Vietnam War era, and to hope for a more humane and just life for

9 the people of Vietnam; and be it further

10 Resolved, That in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Fall

of Saigon, the Legislature requests encourages that the Vietnamese 11

Heritage and Freedom Flag, which is recognized by the state of 12

California as a symbol of the Vietnamese community's continued 13

struggle for freedom and liberty for the people of Vietnam, be 14

15 flown over the State Capitol Building; throughout the state; and

16 be it further

17 Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies

18 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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ACR 6 Page 1

Date of Hearing: March 28, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES Blanca Pacheco, Chair ACR 6 (Ta) – As Amended March 24, 2025

SUBJECT: Black April Memorial Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of April 2025 as Black April Memorial Month and encourages the Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag to be flown throughout the state in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Fall of Saigon. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) April 30, 2025, marks the 50th year since the Fall of Saigon, on April 30, 1975, to communism.
- 2) For many Vietnam and Vietnam-era veterans who were directly involved in the war and Vietnamese Americans who have settled in the United States, the Vietnam War was a tragedy, full of great suffering and loss of American, Vietnamese, and Southeast Asian lives.
- After the Fall of Saigon, millions of Vietnamese and their families fled Vietnam to surrounding areas and to the United States, including, but not limited to, former military personnel, government officials, and those who had worked for the United States during the war.
- 4) Today, more than 600,000 Vietnamese residents live in California, with the largest concentration of Vietnamese residents found outside of Vietnam residing in the County of Orange.
- 5) We must teach our children and future generations important lessons from the Vietnam War and the continuing situation in Vietnam, including how the plight of the Vietnamese refugees following the end of the war serves as a powerful example of the values of freedom and democracy.
- 6) We, the people of California, should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of human rights, individual freedom, sovereignty, and equal protection under the laws of a just and democratic world. Californians should set aside moments of time every year on April 30 to give remembrance to the soldiers, medical personnel, and civilians who died during the Vietnam War in pursuit of freedom and democracy.
- Vietnamese American communities throughout California will commemorate April 30, 2025, as Black April, a day of remembrance and rededication to the principles of freedom, including freedom of religion, freedom of expression, freedom of the press, and internet freedom.
- 8) In recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Fall of Saigon, the Legislature encourages that the Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag, which is recognized by the state of California as a symbol of the Vietnamese community's continued struggle for freedom and liberty for the people of Vietnam, be flown throughout the state.

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FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2025–26 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced by Assembly Member Alanis

January 15, 2025

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 15—Relative to California Propane Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 15, as introduced, Alanis. California Propane Day.

This measure would declare April 15, 2025, as California Propane Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, California leads the nation in propane sales, with 2 over 500,000,000 gallons sold annually; and

2 Over 500,000 galoits sold alliually, and

3 WHEREAS, Propane is an essential fuel source that supports

4 California's diverse industries and contributes over \$3 billion to 5 the state's economy; and

6 WHEREAS, The propane industry provides employment to 7 thousands of Californians, many of whom work for small and

8 family-owned businesses that have served their communities for 9 generations; and

9 generations; and

10 WHEREAS, Propane has a wide range of applications across

industries, including agriculture, restaurants, movement of goods,construction, transportation, and power generation; and

13 WHEREAS, Propane is especially vital to residents in rural,

14 cold-climate, and low-income communities and is used for cooking

15 and home heating in over 420,000 California households; and

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1 WHEREAS, In agriculture, propane is a nontoxic, 2 environmentally friendly fuel used to meet United States 3 Department of Agriculture organic certification standards, replacing 4 pesticides and herbicides. It powers irrigation engines for water 5 movement and is essential for crop protection, including fueling 6 wind machines to prevent frost on citrus crops and in key wine 7 regions such as Napa and Sonoma; and

8 WHEREAS, Many recreational activities use propane, including 9 barbecuing and camping. Propane partners with California parks 10 so the state's beautiful nature can be enjoyed while keeping the 11 environment safe and clean; and

WHEREAS, Propane possesses unique features as a mobile,timeless fuel that does not degrade or expire; and

WHEREAS, Propane has a low Carbon Intensity (CI), comparable to the California electrical grid, provides a low-nitrogen oxides (NOx) solution for reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases (GHG), and can rapidly help meet the state's climate goals because it contains no methane or sulfur oxides (SOx); and

WHEREAS, California is the nation's leader in renewable propane production and usage, with renewable propane having one-half to one-quarter the CI of the electrical grid; and

WHEREAS, Renewable propane, derived from nonpetroleum
sources and bio-based derivatives, can be blended seamlessly with
existing infrastructure, requiring no additional investment from
consumers for appliances or infrastructure upgrades; and

WHEREAS, The propane industry prioritizes safety, working closely with Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and other first responders during emergencies. Propane is critical for emergency services as the most deployable fuel during crises, powering temporary stations for operations, including remote fire camps, cell towers for telecommunications, and recovery operations; and

34 WHEREAS, Propane fuels every stage of wildfire management,

35 including preventative measures such as fuel reduction through

36 prescribed fire and controlled burns. Propane is often the first fuel37 reconnected after a disaster; and

WHEREAS, California communities affected by power outages
due to storms, wildfires, and Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS)

40 depend on propane for backup generation. Hospitals, businesses,

utilities, and homeowners rely on propane during grid instability;
 and

3 WHEREAS, April 15 is the birthday of beloved cartoon 4 character and pop culture icon Hank Hill from the television show 5 King of the Hill, who exemplifies the safety and value of propane 6 as an energy choice through his work at the fictional Strickland 7 Propane; and

8 WHEREAS, The Olympics have historically used propane for 9 various purposes, with the 1932 Los Angeles Games using propane 10 for cooking and water heating in the Olympic Village. Propane 11 has fueled the Olympic torch since 2000, including with renewable 12 propane at the 2024 Summer Olympics; and

WHEREAS, Propane has been federally recognized as a clean
 alternative fuel by the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (Public

15 Law 101-549) and the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Public Law16 102-486); and

WHEREAS, Propane is a clean-burning fuel that is affordable,reliable, accessible, and sustainable; and

19 WHEREAS, The Legislature recognizes its responsibility to

20 support all clean energy solutions in reducing GHG emissions and21 ensuring dependable fuel sources for current and future

22 Californians; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate
 thereof concurring, That the Legislature, in recognition of the

25 importance of propane to the well-being of this state, declares

26 April 15, 2025, as California Propane Day; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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ACR 15 Page 1

Date of Hearing: March 28, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES Blanca Pacheco, Chair ACR 15 (Alanis) – As Introduced January 15, 2025

SUBJECT: California Propane Day.

SUMMARY: Declares April 15, 2025, as California Propane Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- California leads the nation in propane sales, with over 500 million gallons sold annually. Propane is an essential fuel source that supports California's diverse industries and contributes over \$3 billion to the state's economy.
- 2) Propane has a wide range of applications across industries, including agriculture, restaurants, movement of goods, construction, transportation, and power generation. The propane industry provides employment to thousands of Californians, many of whom work for small and family-owned businesses that have served their communities for generations.
- 3) Propane is especially vital to residents in rural, cold-climate, and low-income communities and is used for cooking and home heating in over 420,000 California households.
- 4) Propane has a low Carbon Intensity (CI), comparable to the California electrical grid, provides a low-nitrogen oxides (NOx) solution for reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases (GHG), and can rapidly help meet the state's climate goals because it contains no methane or sulfur oxides (SOx).
- 5) California is the nation's leader in renewable propane production and usage, with renewable propane having one-half to one-quarter the CI of the electrical grid. Renewable propane, derived from nonpetroleum sources and bio-based derivatives, can be blended seamlessly with existing infrastructure, requiring no additional investment from consumers for appliances or infrastructure upgrades.
- 6) Propane is a clean-burning fuel that is affordable, reliable, accessible, and sustainable. The Legislature recognizes its responsibility to support all clean energy solutions in reducing GHG emissions and ensuring dependable fuel sources for current and future Californians.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800 Back to Agenda Page 15 of 31 CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2025–26 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced by Assembly Member Hadwick

February 12, 2025

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 31—Relative to California Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 31, as introduced, Hadwick. California Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

This measure would declare the week of April 13, 2025, to April 19, 2025, inclusive, as California Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, When an emergency occurs, the prompt response

2 of public safety personnel is critical to the protection of life and3 preservation of property; and

4 WHEREAS, Thousands of dedicated public safety dispatchers

5 serve the citizens of the State of California on a daily basis by

6 answering emergency and nonemergency calls for assistance and7 coordinating public safety field units; and

8 WHEREAS, These career professionals answer over 9 240,000,000 911 calls annually; and

10 WHEREAS, These professionals measure their success in the 11 lives that are saved by the 911 system each and every day; and

12 WHEREAS, Public safety dispatchers have contributed

13 substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires,

14 and helping of others during a critical time of need; and

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WHEREAS, Public safety communications professionals work
 under challenging and stressful circumstances; and

3 WHEREAS, Public safety communications professionals 4 dedicate their lives and careers to helping others; and

5 WHEREAS, Effective January 1, 2021, Chapter 68 of the 6 Statutes of 2020 recognized public safety dispatchers as first 7 responders in the State of California; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1991, the United States Congress designated 9 the second week in April as National Public Safety 10 Telecommunicators Week; and

WHEREAS, California Public Safety Telecommunicators Week
will recognize all public safety dispatchers who are an integral
part of California's first responder team, who work 24 hours per
day, seven days per week, and serve as the first critical contact our

15 citizens have with emergency services; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate
 thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby declares the week

of April 13, 2025, to April 19, 2025, inclusive, to be California

19 Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, and honors and recognizes

20 the importance and contributions of California's public safety

21 communications professionals and commends them for their

22 continued commitment and service to the residents of California;

and be it further

24 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies

25 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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ACR 31 Page 1

Date of Hearing: March 28, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES Blanca Pacheco, Chair ACR 31 (Hadwick) – As Introduced February 12, 2025

SUBJECT: California Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

SUMMARY: Declares the week of April 13, 2025, to April 19, 2025, inclusive, as California Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, and recognizes the importance and contributions of California's public safety communications professionals. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Thousands of dedicated public safety dispatchers serve the citizens of the State of California on a daily basis by answering emergency and nonemergency calls for assistance and coordinating public safety field units.
- 2) These career professionals answer over 240 million 911 calls annually. They measure their success in the lives that are saved by the 911 system each and every day.
- 3) Public safety dispatchers have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires, and helping of others during a critical time of need.
- 4) Public safety communications professionals work under challenging and stressful circumstances and dedicate their lives and careers to helping others.
- 5) California Public Safety Telecommunicators Week will recognize all public safety dispatchers who are an integral part of California's first responder team, who work 24 hours per day, seven days per week, and serve as the first critical contact our citizens have with emergency services.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2025–26 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced by Assembly Member Pacheco

February 26, 2025

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 42—Relative to adult education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 42, as introduced, Pacheco. Adult Education Week.

This measure would proclaim the week of April 6 through April 12, 2025, as Adult Education Week, and salute the teachers, administrators, classified staff, and students of adult education programs statewide, honoring their efforts, persistence, and accomplishments.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The State of California will observe April 6 through

April 12, 2025, as Adult Education Week, recognizing the unique
accomplishments of California adult schools; and

4 WHEREAS, The California State Legislature acknowledges

5 that K–12-based adult schools offer quality programs to meet the

6 ever-changing economic and workforce development and lifelong7 learning needs of our diverse state; and

8 WHEREAS, The first recorded adult education class in 9 California was held in the basement of St. Mary's Cathedral in

10 San Francisco in 1856. The class was authorized by the San

11 Francisco Board of Education to teach English to Irish, Italian,

12 and Chinese immigrants. John Swett, who was the first volunteer

13 teacher for the class, later became a California State Superintendent

14 of Public Instruction; and

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1 WHEREAS, Most students served through adult education deal

2 with illiteracy, poverty, and high unemployment, and are the most

negatively impacted group when the state faces economic, social,and health challenges, most recently seen through the impact of

5 the COVID-19 pandemic; and

6 WHEREAS, Adult schools have been used on numerous 7 occasions to assist the state as it dealt with significant social,

8 political, and economic issues through job training programs during

9 World War II, immigration reform of the 1980s, and, most recently,

10 the Great Recession; and

WHEREAS, Adult education in California overcame its biggestchallenge as a result of the severe economic crisis facing both the

13 state and the nation in 2008–09. Funding that was previously

reserved for adult education was redistributed to other levels of

15 education in the state, resulting in many adult schools decreasing

16 in size and some closing; and

17 WHEREAS, Sixty-five percent of adult learners enrolled in 18 adult schools across California during the 2023–24 school year 19 were between 25 and 54 years of age, making them very likely to 20 have children in our public school system. The impact of adult 21 aduation is falt across generations, particularly for early shildhood

education is felt across generations, particularly for early childhoodlearners who have been characterized as a priority of the Governor

and the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, In the 2023–24 school year, adult education provided over 47,000,000 reportable hours of instruction to California's adults, an increase of 5,000,000 hours or 11.9 percent from the previous year; and

WHEREAS, In the 2023–24 school year, the average adult education student received 178 hours of instruction, which is the highest average attendance hours since the State Department of Education began tracking attendance for adult education programs; and

WHEREAS, Adult schools are a primary community resource
for the teaching and instruction of adult literacy, working in
collaboration with community colleges, community centers, and
libraries; and

WHEREAS, K-12 adult education served 443,524 adult students
in the 2023–24 school year compared to the 5,837,700 pupils being
served in K-12 school districts. While this equates to the K-12

40 adult education student population being 8 percent of the size of

1 the K-12 pupil population, adult education receives only 0.6 2 percent of comparable funding to corve this high peeds population:

2 percent of comparable funding to serve this high-needs population;3 and

WHEREAS, In the 2023–24 school year, over 106,000 adult learners enrolled in high school diploma or equivalency classes and another 64,500 enrolled in adult basic education classes. Adult schools provide a way for adults to complete secondary studies and obtain a high school diploma or equivalency at their own pace, and to prepare for and transition to postsecondary education and

10 career training; and

WHEREAS, In the 2023–24 school year, over 261,000 adult learners enrolled in English as a Second Language classes. Adult schools provide instruction to those in the state who need English as a Second Language and citizenship courses, and play a key role in immigrant integration and the path to United States citizenship, which is so important for our diverse communities and in this time of immigration reform; and

18 WHEREAS, Adult schools, recognizing that to break the cycle 19 of illiteracy and to support educational equity for all our children 20 we must focus on educating parents, provide programs in family elementary conjunction 21 literacy at schools with in 22 community-based organizations; and

WHEREAS, In the 2023–24 school year, nearly 134,000 adult learners enrolled in career training classes. Adult schools provide short-term career and technical training for adults seeking changes or enhancements in their career pathway, especially for highly educated immigrants from other countries to integrate and use their prior skills and experience; and

WHEREAS, In the 2023–24 school year, over 6,500 adults were served in programs designed for adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities; and

32 WHEREAS, Adult schools in California were saved from the 33 brink of closure across the state as a result of the Legislature and 34 administration establishing the California Adult Education Program 35 in 2015 that is helping to restore access and programming for adult learners with planning and collaboration on a regional scale; and 36 37 WHEREAS, Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, adult schools continued to provide critical programming and services to adult 38 education students and their families via literacy and basic skills 39

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to help ensure K-12 students were successful as they navigated

2 the challenge of distance learning to finish the school year; and

WHEREAS, Amid the COVID-19 pandemic and ongoing today, adult schools provide important short-term career training programs, including for critical health care positions, to address both the short- and long-term impacts of the pandemic and to respond to Governor Gavin Newsom's charge to meet the moment and address the needs of our communities; and

9 WHEREAS, Adult schools in California are diverse places of 10 learning for students safe from discrimination and bullying that 11 seek to support all students regardless of their ethnicity, race, faith,

and orientation; and
 WHEREAS, The California Adult Education Program celebrates

14 over 10 years providing quality programs for adult learners, having

15 been established in law in 2014; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate
 thereof concurring, That the Legislature does hereby proclaim the

18 week of April 6 through April 12, 2025, as Adult Education Week

19 and salutes the teachers, administrators, classified staff, and

20 students of adult education programs statewide, honoring their

21 efforts, persistence, and accomplishments; and be it further

22 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies 23 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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ACR 42 Page 1

Date of Hearing: March 28, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES Blanca Pacheco, Chair ACR 42 (Pacheco) – As Introduced February 26, 2025

SUBJECT: Adult Education Week.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the week of April 6 through April 12, 2025, as Adult Education Week, and salutes the teachers, administrators, classified staff, and students of adult education programs statewide for their efforts, persistence, and accomplishments. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- The first recorded adult education class in California was held in the basement of St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco in 1856. The class was authorized by the San Francisco Board of Education to teach English to Irish, Italian, and Chinese immigrants. John Swett, who was the first volunteer teacher for the class, later became a State Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- 2) Adult schools have been used on numerous occasions to assist the state as it dealt with significant social, political, and economic issues through job training programs during World War II, immigration reform of the 1980s, and most recently, the Great Recession.
- 3) Adult education in California overcame its biggest challenge as a result of the severe economic crisis that faced both the state and the nation in 2008-09. Funding that was previously reserved for adult education was redistributed to other levels of education in the state, resulting in many adult schools decreasing in size and some closing.
- 4) Most students served through adult education deal with illiteracy, poverty, and high unemployment, and are the most negatively impacted group when the state faces economic, social, and health challenges, most recently seen through the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 5) Sixty-five percent of adult learners enrolled in adult schools across California during the 2023–24 school year were between 25 and 54 years of age, making them very likely to have children in our public school system. The impact of adult education is felt across generations, particularly for early childhood learners who have been characterized as a priority of the Governor and the Legislature.
- 6) Adult schools provide programs in family literacy at elementary schools in conjunction with community-based organizations, recognizing that to break the cycle of illiteracy and to support educational equity for all our children, we must also focus on educating parents.
- 7) Adult schools in California are diverse places of learning for students, safe from discrimination and bullying that seek to support all students regardless of their ethnicity, race, faith, and orientation.
- 8) The week of April 6 through April 12, 2025, is observed as Adult Education Week, recognizing the unique accomplishments of California adult schools. The California Adult

Education Program celebrates over 10 years providing quality programs for adult learners, having been established in law in 2014.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

California Adult Education Administrators Association California Council for Adult Education

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800





March 6, 2025

The Honorable Blanca Pacheco California State Assembly 1021 O Street, Room 6240 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: ACR 42 (Pacheco) – SUPPORT/SPONSOR

Dear Assemblymember Pacheco:

On behalf of the California Council for Adult Education (CCAE) and California Adult Education Administrators Association (CAEAA), thank you for your introduction of ACR 42 proclaiming April 6th through April 12th "Adult Education Week" in California. CCAE and CAEAA strongly support ACR 42.

Adult education is a public education program offering free to low-cost classes for adults 18 and older. Students can gain high school equivalency, learn to read, write and speak English, develop the skills to become a U.S. citizen, and obtain short term career training.

Adult schools in California are located across the state, offering classes in over 1000 different locations including elementary, middle, and high schools, churches, shopping centers, and other easily accessible locations. They are diverse places of learning that seek to support all students regardless of ethnicity, race, faith, orientation and status, where students are safe from discrimination and bullying and can seek out services and programming in this variety of areas.

For over six years, K12 Adult Schools and community colleges have been part of local consortia under the California Adult Education Program (CAEP) as a condition for receiving state funding to provide education and training to adult learners in their communities. At the state level, the consortia model was designed to increase collaboration between the two systems and provide greater access to higher education and career pathways. There have been great strides in this work and despite inherent challenges of coordinating two separate and distinct statewide systems, each with their own policies and processes, adult learners have benefited.

Further, during the COVID-19 pandemic Adult Schools continued to provide critical and accessible programming and services to our adult education students and their families via literacy and basic skills to help ensure our K12 students are successful as they navigated the challenges of distance learning. Additionally, amid the pandemic, Adult Schools provided important short term career training programs, including for critical healthcare positions, to address both the short- and long-term impacts and to respond to Governor Newsom's charge to meet the moment and address the needs of our communities.

Today, Adult Schools continue to provide important access to programs supporting immigrant integration, citizenship programming, and job retraining that will be critical as we navigate the current economic uncertainty, changes at the federal level relative to our immigrant and refugee students and funding, and to insulate against the economic uncertainties for the students we serve.

For these reasons, we are pleased to strongly support ACR 42 and its recognition of the importance of Adult Schools in our communities and to the students we serve. We appreciate your support and applaud you, Assemblymember Pacheco, for proclaiming "Adult Education Week" April 6th through April 12th, 2025. If you have any questions regarding CCAE and CAEAA's sponsorship and support for ACR 42, please contact Dawn Koepke with McHugh Koepke Padron at (916) 606-5309 or <u>dkoepke@mchughgr.com</u>. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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Thomas Reid President CCAE

Steve Curiel President CAEAA

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2025–26 REGULAR SESSION

No. 44

Introduced by Assembly Member Pacheco

February 27, 2025

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 44—Relative to Cities Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 44, as introduced, Pacheco. California Cities Week.

This measure would proclaim the week of April 20, 2025 to April 26, 2025, to be California Cities Week, and would encourage all Californians to be involved in their communities and be civically engaged with their local government.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Cities first arose when eight California 2 municipalities incorporated in 1850 to provide essential safety and 3 health services to the rapidly growing population of the territory 4 of California, due to the periods of economic prosperity and 5 immigration that followed the Gold Rush and both world wars; 6 and 7 WHEREAS. To day, California's 482 sities and towns your in

WHEREAS, Today, California's 483 cities and towns vary in
size and scope and serve diverse communities throughout the state,
from small rural neighborhoods to large urban regions; and

10 WHEREAS, More than 80 percent of California's population 11 resides within municipalities and receives city services; and

12 WHEREAS, the California Constitution grants several powers

13 to cities, including the authority to promote and regulate public

14 safety, the authority to raise revenue for public purposes, and the

1 power to operate public works to furnish residents with light, water,

2 power, heat, transportation, and communication; and

3 WHEREAS, Cities provide millions of Californians with 4 essential services, including public libraries, fire departments, 5 police departments, emergency medical and disaster response, 6 parks and recreation, childcare, community and human services 7 programs, solid waste and recycling management, water, sewer, 8 utilities, land use planning, housing, economic development, 9 transportation planning, maintenance of streets and roads,

10 telecommunications, and more; and

WHEREAS, While cities differ in matters of population,
geography, and economy, they share essential beliefs and values;
and

14 WHEREAS, Cities remain transparent and accountable to the

15 communities they serve, and have earned the trust placed in them16 by local residents; now, therefore, be it

17 Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate

18 thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the

19 week of April 20, 2025, to April 26, 2025, inclusive, to be

20 California Cities Week and encourages all Californians to be 21 involved in their communities and to be civically engaged with

their local government, and be it further;

23 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies 24 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution

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ACR 44 Page 1

Date of Hearing: March 28, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES Blanca Pacheco, Chair ACR 44 (Pacheco) – As Introduced February 27, 2025

SUBJECT: California Cities Week.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the week of April 20, 2025, to April 26, 2025, to be California Cities Week, and encourages all Californians to be involved in their communities and be civically engaged with their local government. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- Cities first arose when eight California municipalities incorporated in 1850 to provide essential safety and health services to the rapidly growing population of the territory of California, due to the periods of economic prosperity and immigration that followed the Gold Rush and both world wars.
- 2) Today, California's 483 cities and towns vary in size and scope and serve diverse communities throughout the state, from small rural neighborhoods to large urban regions.
- 3) The California Constitution grants several powers to cities, including the authority to promote and regulate public safety, the authority to raise revenue for public purposes, and the power to operate public works to furnish residents with light, water, power, heat, transportation, and communication.
- 4) Cities provide millions of Californians with essential services, including public libraries, fire departments, police departments, emergency medical and disaster response, parks and recreation, childcare, community and human services programs, solid waste and recycling management, water, sewer, utilities, land use planning, housing, economic development, transportation planning, maintenance of streets and roads, telecommunications, and more.
- 5) While cities differ in matters of population, geography, and economy, they share essential beliefs and values. Cities remain transparent and accountable to the communities they serve, and have earned the trust placed in them by local residents.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

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March 14, 2025

Assemblymember Blanca Pacheco Chair of the Rules Committee 1021 O Street, Suite 6250 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblymember Pacheco:

Please include an urgency clause in Assembly Bill (AB) 626. This bill offers relief to tank operators who are working in good faith to upgrade to double-walled underground storage tanks and meet specific requirements.

An urgency clause is crucial to avert economic harm to operators of a single wall underground storage tank who have made a good faith effort to comply with the existing law, particularly in light of the December 31, 2025 deadline.

Sincerely,

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Assemblymember Diane Papan

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March 14, 2025

Assemblymember Blanca Pacheco Chair of the Rules Committee 1021 O Street, Suite 6250 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblymember Pacheco:

Please include an urgency clause in Assembly Bill (AB) 882. This bill Assembly Bill (AB) 882 will allow courts to use electronic recording in specified court proceedings and would require courts to hire court reporter applicants unless there is a good cause not to.

An urgency clause is needed for this bill because some Superior Courts have stated that there is an immediate crisis caused by a shortage of court reporters, and this legislation is necessary to provide temporary authority for the use of electronic recording while those Superior Courts hire more court reporters.

Sincerely,

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Assemblymember Diane Papan