Delivering the Golden Promise
End of Year Update

California must continue to resist the unjust and draconian policies proposed by the Trump Administration, and simultaneously advance policies for the benefit of all Californians. CHIRLA’s state policy platform this legislative cycle “Delivering the Golden Promise,” advocated for investments and policies to create an inclusive, safe, and welcoming society for all immigrants.

We recognize the work by both the State Legislature and Governor as we celebrate major wins for immigrants in California this legislative session. The bills signed by Governor Newsom will take effect on January 1, 2020. CHIRLA looks forward to working with both the Legislature and Governor to continue to make California a model and welcoming state for all immigrants.

Access to Education

**AB 540 (Limon) – Sponsors** – Creates an additional Cal Grant known as the California Dreamer Service Incentive Grant for AB 540 students who volunteer with a non-profit or government agency and show financial need.

**Status:** Signed into law.

**AB 1645 (B. Rubio) – Sponsors** – Requires the California Community Colleges and California State University, and requests the University of California, to designate a Dreamer Resource Liaison on each campus to assist AB 540 and undocumented students.

**Status:** Signed into law.

**SB 354 (Durazo) – Sponsors** – Expands the California Dream Loan Program to include eligible undocumented and AB 540 students who are pursuing a graduate degree.

**Status:** Signed into law.
SB 695 (Portantino) – Cosponsors – Requires local educational agencies (LEAs) to provide most students’ parents with a translation, upon parental request, of the student’s individualized education program (IEP) and other related documents in the native language of the parent within 30 days of the request.

Status: Vetoed.

Immigrant Integration & Consumer Protections

AB 476 (B. Rubio) – Sponsors – Requires the Department of Consumer Affairs to create a taskforce directed to study and provide recommendations for licensing of foreign-trained professionals to help integrate them into the state's workforce. Authorizes the taskforce to hold hearings, invite testimony from experts, and the public to gather information and data.

Status: Vetoed.

AB 539 (Limon) – Support – Places a 36% rate cap on loans between $2,500 - $10,000.

Status: Signed into law.

AB 1666 (Reyes) – Sponsors – Census Partnerships with Education Agencies – Requires the California Complete Count to create partnerships with local educational institutions to make information about the 2020 Census available to students and parents in K-12 public schools.

Status: Signed into law.

SB 225 (Durazo) – Sponsors – The California Inclusion Act – Provides all Californians, including noncitizens, the opportunity to be appointed by state and local lawmakers to serve on boards and commissions that advise, implement policy, allocate funding, and advocate on behalf of the general public.

Status: Signed into law.
Access to Justice

AB 403 (Karla) – Cosponsors – Extends the time that a victim of workplace retaliation has to file a claim with the California Labor Commissioner from six months to two years and authorizes an attorneys’ fee award to a worker who prevails on a whistleblower claim.

Status: Vetoed.

AB 668 (Gonzalez) – Cosponsors – Prohibits Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), from entering state courts to make civil arrests to ensure courts are a safe place for all immigrant families.

Status: Signed into law.

AB 917 (Reyes) – Sponsors – Requires local law enforcement agencies to swiftly respond to U and T Visa certification and police report requests from undocumented immigrants who are survivors of crimes or human trafficking.

Status: Signed into law.

SB 136 (Wiener) – Cosponsors – Continues to advance smart public safety models by repealing one-year sentence enhancements for those with prior offenses.

Status: Signed into law.

SB 622 (Durazo) – Support – Creates oversight over civil immigration detention centers facilities when a death has occurred by notifying the Bureau of Investigation within the California Department of Justice immediately, but in any case, no longer more than 2 hours after the individual is pronounced dead. The bill would require the Department of Justice to assume jurisdiction over the investigation of the death.

Status: Vetoed.