



## WE NEED GOVERNMENT REFORM NOW

**Yes, I support the California Forward 2010 Fiscal Reforms, by endorsing ACA 4, AB 2591, SB 1020, and SB 1426:**

The state budget should set clear goals, design plans to achieve them, and take action when things go wrong. The California Forward Fiscal Reform Plan would apply best practices from successful businesses and other states to California’s dysfunctional budget process, including:

- **Planning ahead on spending.** Require the Governor and lawmakers to think long-term about spending priorities and revenues by reviewing a two-year spending plan along with a five-year fiscal forecast before approving the annual budget. Strengthen requirements for quick action when the budget is out of balance.
- **Results and accountability.** Require clear goals for every program to be spelled out in the Governor’s budget and improve the legislative process for developing the budget by focusing on results and greater public transparency.
- **Performance review.** Require the Legislature to oversee major expenditures and examine every program at least once every 10 years, looking for ways to improve efficiency and reduce waste.
- **Reduce debt when revenues spike.** Create a process for identifying and using occasional, nonrecurring spikes in revenue for one-time uses, such as paying down debt.
- **Pay-as-you-go.** Require that major new or expanded programs and tax reductions proposed in the budget or legislation identify a specific funding source such as savings, cuts to other programs or tax increases.
- **Majority vote budget.** As part of these comprehensive fiscal reforms, lower the vote requirement for adopting the state budget to a majority vote of the Legislature. Also require a two-thirds vote for any new fees that replace tax revenue, but do not change the majority vote requirement for other fees or the two-thirds vote requirement to raise taxes.

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