

# The Bradford Bulletin

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
- MAY 2021 -

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to Summer! As the weather gets warmer, remember to stay cool and hydrated. If you have not already done so, schedule an appointment for your COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible. Over 50 percent of Californians are vaccinated. That is an incredible accomplishment in such a short time. We are well on our way to daily life without COVID-19. The faster we all do our part to get vaccinated, the faster we end this pandemic. One fantastic option is to sign up at [myturn.ca.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov) to be notified of appointment availability.

We are now entering the second half of this legislative year. The bills that have been passed are heading to the opposite of their house of origin. For example: 13 of my bills were approved by the Senate and are now in the Assembly. This means that the time for committee hearings will quickly start again. If there is a bill that you have an opinion about, get engaged by calling your representatives and sharing your thoughts and concerns with us. COVID-19 has limited our ability to meet face-to-face, but hearing your voice has never been more important to the process. Things are changing rapidly and the Legislature is making sure California is ready for everything that comes its way.

Stay safe, healthy, and active,

**Senator Steven Bradford**



# 2021 Legislative Update

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## **Public Safety & Criminal Justice Reform:**

- **SB 2: Police Decertification Act of 2021 - Passed the Senate, awaiting consideration in the Assembly**  
*Jointly Authored with President pro Tempore Toni G. Atkins*  
Creates a statewide process to revoke a peace officer's certification for a criminal conviction and certain acts of serious misconduct without regard to conviction. Additionally, the bill will correct misinterpretations and impediments to full civil rights enforcement using the Bane Act and bringing it into conformity with federal law.
- **SB 567: Determinate Sentencing Reform - Passed the Senate, awaiting consideration in the Assembly**  
Requires the court in criminal sentencing proceedings to only impose the upper/maximum term if sufficient aggravating facts are first considered by a jury. Further permits the defendant and other parties to dispute facts in the record or present additional facts for sentencing purposes.
- **SB 586: Criminal Administrative Fees - Passed the Senate, awaiting consideration in the Assembly**  
Eliminates or reduces the assessment and collection of administrative fees imposed against people in the criminal justice system. Fees to be eliminated include, but are not limited to, cost of collecting restitution, installment plan, returned check, failure to appear in court, medical and dental cost recovery, certificate of rehabilitation, and sealing of record.
- **SB 710: Recusal of District Attorneys - Passed the Senate, awaiting consideration in the Assembly**  
Requires prosecutors who have received a monetary benefit from an association solely representing law enforcement to recuse themselves from the investigation, charging, or prosecution of a peace officer alleged to have committed a crime on duty if that association provides the officer representation in the criminal investigation.

## **Economic Justice:**

- **SB 796: Returning Bruce's Beach to its Rightful Owners - Passed the Senate, awaiting consideration in the Assembly**  
Allows the County of Los Angeles to return Bruce's Beach to the remaining descendants of the Bruce family, from whom it was wrongfully taken in 1929. This restores the family's namesake and corrects a historical injustice inflicted because of racism and prejudice.
  - Watch the Senate Floor debate [HERE](#) or at [sd35.senate.ca.gov/video](https://sd35.senate.ca.gov/video)
- **SB 26: Fair Pay to Play Act 2.0 - Passed the Senate, awaiting consideration in the Assembly**  
*Jointly Authored with Senator Nancy Skinner*  
Moves up the implementation date of SB 206 (Skinner/Bradford, Statutes of 2019, Chapter 383), the Fair Pay to Play Act, which allows NCAA collegiate athletes to earn money for the use of their name, image, and likeness; further allows athletes to earn money from their athletic reputation.

## **COVID-19 Response:**

- **SB 777: The California Jumpstart Act - Passed the Senate, awaiting consideration in the Assembly**  
Establishes a fund administered within the State Treasurer's Office that will invest up to \$375 million of private capital on an expedited basis into small businesses located in underserved parts of the state with the highest poverty, highest unemployment, and low median income, through the use of a \$300 million tax credit.

## **Cannabis Equity:**

- **SB 603: Cannabis Equity - Passed the Senate, awaiting consideration in the Assembly**  
Building on the work of the California Cannabis Equity Act (SB 1294, Bradford, Statutes of 2018), establishes a fee waiver and deferral program for local cannabis equity licensees, as well as establishes a cannabis business tax credit for fees paid by local equity applicants and licensees.

## **Diversity:**

- **SB 655: Insurance Diversity - Passed the Senate, awaiting consideration in the Assembly**  
Expands the Supplier Diversity Survey and Governing Board Survey to more companies and requires stronger diversity goals.
- **SB 694: Utility Workforce Diversity - Passed the Senate, awaiting consideration in the Assembly**  
Requires electrical utilities to include in their wildfire mitigation plans how each will develop a diverse and equitable workforce to complete grid modernization work, including state and local conservation corps crew members, as well as formerly-incarcerated CDCR fire camp crew members

## **Energy, Utilities and Communications:**

- **SB 743: Broadband in Public Housing - Passed the Senate, awaiting consideration in the Assembly**  
Creates a grant program to support broadband adoption in public housing, including for computer labs, digital literacy, and other adoption programs.

## **Health:**

- **SB 521: Value Based Contracts**  
Clarifies and ensures that the Department of Health Care Services has the authority to contract with pharmaceutical companies using value-based pricing methods to handle the number of breakthrough medical advances for rare diseases. **Passed the Senate, awaiting consideration in the Assembly**

## **Labor:**

- **SB 788: Workers' Compensation - Passed the Senate, awaiting consideration in the Assembly**  
Prohibits the reduction of workers' compensation benefits on the basis of race, gender, sexual identity, genetics, and other factors.

You can follow and read more about my full legislative package on my website at:

<http://sd35.senate.ca.gov/legislation>

And track the status of any bill at: <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>.

# Resources and Updates

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND IMPORTANT UPDATES

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### DMV SIMPLIFIES REAL ID APPLICATION PROCESS

Californians applying for a REAL ID from the Department of Motor Vehicles now have one less document to provide during the application process. Following updated federal rules, the DMV no longer requires applicants to provide a Social Security card or W-2 to prove they have a Social Security number. Starting today, Californians can now simply provide their Social Security number.

By filling out the online application and uploading their documents, Californians can bring their confirmation code and documents to a DMV office at their convenience, even the same day, for express service – no appointment necessary. Once at a service window, it now takes less than 10 minutes to complete the REAL ID transaction.

To apply for a REAL ID, an applicant must provide a valid Social Security number, proof of identity and two proofs of California residency. Additional information and to find a list of qualifying documents and other helpful information can be found at [REALID.dmv.ca.gov](https://REALID.dmv.ca.gov).

### SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS OF COLOR PURSUING AN EDUCATION IN STEM

In collaboration with the NAACP, SmileDirectClub has launched the SmileDirectClub Scholarship that will provide financial support (\$15,000) to 10 people of color pursuing a career in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM.) Student members of the California NAACP or local chapters are encouraged to apply by [visiting this link](#).

#### A few additional details are below:

- Applications are now open through June 18, 2021.
- 10 students will be selected by the NAACP to receive \$15,000 for their tuition fees.
- Applicants must be a student of color and a member of the NAACP

### RENT RELIEF AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH LA COUNTY'S HOME SAFE PROGRAM

Older adults may qualify to receive rent relief and financial assistance through our Home Safe program!

Home Safe helps older adults at risk of becoming homeless with:

- Security & utility deposits
- Rental assistance & move-in expenses
- Backed rent & past due bills
- Legal fees, reunification services & more

If you got an eviction notice or are behind on your rent, call 213-610-1589 or email [apshomesafe@wdacs.lacounty.gov](mailto:apshomesafe@wdacs.lacounty.gov). Learn more about [Home Safe here](#)

### CA COVID-19 RENT RELIEF AVAILABLE TO INCOME ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS

Income eligible households who need financial assistance for unpaid rent and utilities will be able to apply for help through the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program. If you have experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19, have past due rent or utilities, and have a household income that is not more than 80 percent of the area median income, you may be eligible to receive help to pay past due or future rent and utilities from the state of California.

Both, **Landlords and renters**, can verify eligibility immediately by visiting [HousingIsKey.com](https://HousingIsKey.com), or by calling **833-430-2122**, and apply if eligible.

### COVID 19 VACCINES

Call the CA COVID-19 Hotline at 1-833-422-4255

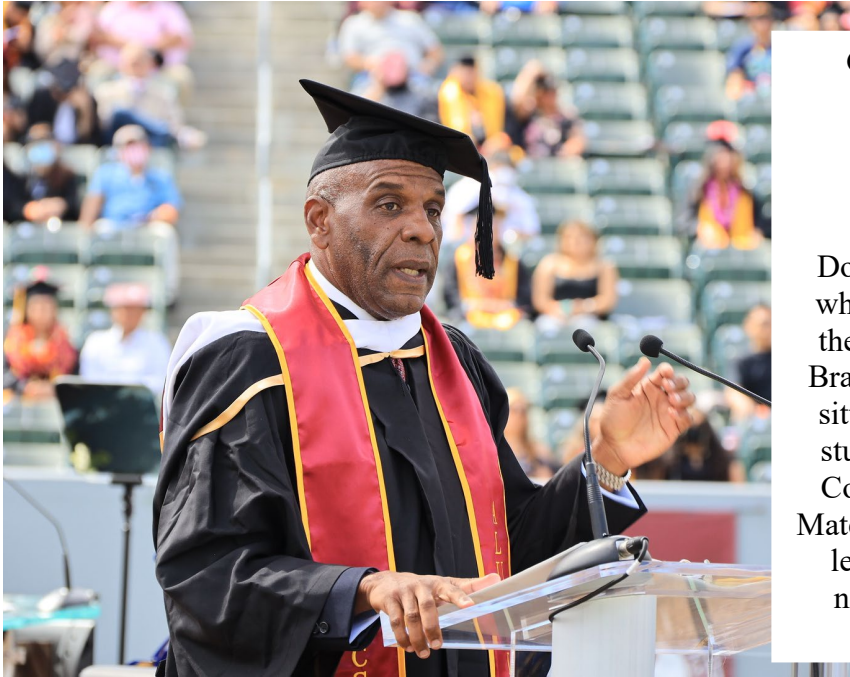
Visit: <https://myturn.ca.gov/>





# Community Round-Up

MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND UPCOMING EVENTS



## CSUDH COMMENCEMENT 2021

Senator Bradford provided the Commencement Address to the Graduating class of 2021 at the California State University of Dominguez Hills. He is a fellow Toro who also graduated from CSUDH. As the Commencement Speaker, Senator Bradford talked about his journey from sitting in those Chairs as a graduating student in 1985 to now serving as the Commencement Speaker at his Alma Mater. He spoke about the importance of learning from failures and setbacks, never giving up in life and to never settle for mediocrity.



## NOW HIRING

IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA  
HELP KEEP CALIFORNIA BEAUTIFUL!

### SERVICE ASSISTANT (MAINTENANCE)

Positions available  
Starting at \$35,184 / year

**BENEFITS:**  
Medical, Dental, Vision,  
Paid Sick Leave, Retirement

### Need Help Applying?

Caltrans is hosting four in-person events in the greater Los Angeles area to help with the state hiring process.

Potential next day hiring interviews!

If you are successful in your interview you will be required to pass a drug and medical test before you are hired for the position.

## IN-PERSON HIRING EVENTS

<b>JUNE 8</b>	Compton College 1111 E Artesia Blvd. Compton, CA 90221 10:00am - 2:00pm
<b>JUNE 15</b>	East Los Angeles College 1301 Avenida Cesar Chavez Monterey Park, CA 91754 10:00am - 2:00pm
<b>JUNE 22</b>	LA Trade Technical College 400 West Washington Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90015 10:00am - 2:00pm
<b>JUNE 29</b>	Hope Bridge Home 2817 S Hope Street Los Angeles, CA 90007 10:00am - 2:00pm



**Can't Attend? Apply Online!**

- 1 CalCareers.ca.gov
- 2 Search: Job Code-253170
- 3 Start Applying!

**SCAN TO APPLY**

For more information: NancyGomez@dot.ca.gov | 562 - 692 - 0823

**CITY OF GARDENA**

# JAZZ FESTIVAL

18th Annual



**Ticket Sales Begin**  
Wednesday,  
June 23, 2021

**MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW!**

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021**  
Rowley Park  
13220 S. Van Ness Ave. Gardena, CA 90249  
<https://gardenajazzfestival18.eventbrite.com>

**Follow us for event details & COVID-19 updates!**

 Gardena Jazz Festival  @GardenaJazzFestival  [www.gardenajazzfestival.com](http://www.gardenajazzfestival.com)

Senator Bradford serves as the Founder and Chair of the Gardena Jazz Festival, this year will mark its 18<sup>th</sup> Annual event. To learn about being a part of the event or to purchase tickets, [click here](#).

# In the News

## CATCH SENATOR BRADFORD IN ACTION

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### [THE NEW YORKER](#) - CALIFORNIA'S NOVEL ATTEMPT AT LAND REPARATIONS

... The crude and illegal methods that Manhattan Beach officials used against the Bruces a century ago make it easier for government officials to act today. Using the ruse of creating a public park to evict the Bruces and other Black families resulted in a piece of largely vacant land—which, in turn, has allowed for a simple, almost elegant solution. As a model for other communities, though, it has limits. “Here’s the thing,” Bradford said. “Land was taken here under a false guise of building a park. It was just to displace African-Americans.” He added that a municipality using eminent domain for “a government need,” such as a highway, was a different story, whether or not the displacement of those living there was fair. In the case of Bruce’s Beach, the lack of need was proven by the city’s own behavior. “There was no need for a park here,” he said. [Click here](#) to read the full article.

### [LA SENTINEL](#) - MEMBERS OF CLBC REFLECT ON THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE MURDER OF GEORGE FLOYD

“To say that 2020 was a tumultuous year is a gross understatement. The COVID-19 pandemic changed every aspect of our lives — the way we work, how we educate our students, going to the doctor, how we communicate with one another, among other things. What did not change was the historic brutality and violence against Black and Brown communities by the hands of rouge cops in law enforcement,” said Senator Bradford, Chair of the California Legislative Black Caucus. The murder of George Floyd and other incidences of police brutality triggered a racial reckoning in this country that we have not witnessed in white America since the Civil Rights Movement. California has always been at the forefront on diversity issues in this country. From ethnic studies, diversity on corporate boards, to the first-in-the-nation task force to study and develop reparations, we have continued to demonstrate our leadership. Yet, we remain one of four states without a decertification process to hold rogue cops accountable. (Continue to right of page)...

The world witnessed a modern day lynching by Chauvin and yet this country remained on pins and needles in anticipation of whether he would be found guilty. What does that say about the institution of policing in this country? As a state, we have to remain dedicated to setting the standard in our nation on progressive issues that foster real change. It is time we take that approach with police reform and public safety.” [Click here](#) to read the full article.



### [AP NEWS](#) - CALIFORNIA SENATE APPROVES TAKING BADGES FROM BAD OFFICERS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California lawmakers on Wednesday advanced three criminal justice reform bills, including one that could end the careers of bad apple police officers, an idea that failed last year despite broad public outrage over the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

But even some supporters made it clear the Senate-approved bill needs more work in the Assembly to clear up what they called vague language and rebalance a disciplinary board they said could be biased against law enforcement.

Senators separately advanced bills reducing money bail to \$0 for misdemeanors and lower-level felonies, and limiting the use of criminal enhancements that can add many years to offenders’ sentences. The police officer disciplinary measure would add the nation’s most populous state to the 46 that already have ways to decertify officers. Hawaii, New Jersey and Rhode Island do not have such a law. [Click here](#) to read the full article.



# Here to Help

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When you have a problem with a state agency or need information on state legislation, my District Office can be of service. Getting your questions answered and problems solved are only two of the ways my office can help. The District Office can assist you with government forms, provide information on legislation, or support you in dealing with state agencies.

The following are some of the services available from my District Office:

## Constituent Services

- DMV / auto insurance problems
- Consumer complaints
- Medi-Cal payments and eligibility
- Unemployment insurance questions

## Community Services

- Community organizations
- Technical assistance / advice on local issues
- Funding for local projects
- Neighborhood outreach

Contact my District Office for assistance:

Inglewood District Office	San Pedro Satellite Office
1 Manchester Blvd	302W 5 <sup>th</sup> Street
Suite 600	Suite 203
Inglewood, CA 90301	San Pedro, CA 90731
Phone: (310) 412-6120	Phone: (310) 514-8573

## FUN FACT ABOUT CALIFORNIA

**State Motto:** Eureka; appears on the State's Great Seal. It is a Greek word meaning "I have found it," referring to the discovery of gold.

## LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

- Analyses of legislation
- Copies of legislation and laws
- Committee member rosters
- Speakers on the legislative process

You can follow and read more about my full legislative package on my website at:

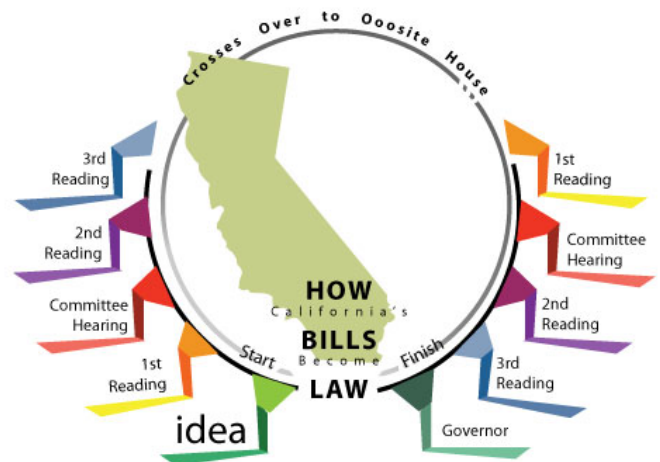
<http://sd35.senate.ca.gov/legislation>

And track the status of any bill at:

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For Assistance with legislation, please contact my Capitol Office:

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State Capitol, Room 2059  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Phone: (916) 651-4035



## STAYING CONNECTED

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