

# CALPIRG

— Standing Up  
To Powerful Interests



# 2017 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

## From the Executive Director

When consumers are cheated, when our public health is threatened, or powerful interests have more say than ordinary people, our job is to stand up for the public interest. We're funded by tens of thousands of supporters, from across the political spectrum, which allows us to be independent and focus on doing what's best for the public. This scorecard grades legislators on their votes on a dozen significant legislative bills CALPIRG supported this year.



Most legislative proposals we work on are big enough ideas that they take at least a couple of years to build enough public support to pass. Almost every bill we work on has to overcome staunch opposition from an industry that is used to a status quo way of doing business.

Six of the scored bills were enacted into law in 2017. For example, thanks to SB 258, the chemical industry will for the first time have to prominently disclose the toxic chemicals they put in cleaning products. Thanks to SB 17, the prescription drug industry will no longer be able to enact big price hikes on medicine without giving purchasers two months' notice to search for cheaper drugs. And thanks to AB 249, the California Disclose Act, political ads for ballot measures will much more clearly identify their biggest donors so that voters can consider the messenger along with the message.

But 2017 was only the first year in a two-year legislative session, and some of the most ambitious bills we supported did not pass this year. So we'll be back in the capitol in 2018, arguing for 100% clean energy, a ban on polystyrene, increased consumer protections especially in the wake of the Equifax data breach, and other measures to lower the high cost of health care.

Thank you for your support,

Emily Rusch  
Executive Director  
CALPIRG



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CALPIRG is a consumer group that stands up to powerful interests whenever they threaten our health and safety, our financial security, or our right to fully participate in our democratic society. We have compiled this legislative scorecard as a tool to educate California citizens about the voting records of their elected officials.

## Votes in this scorecard

### Consumer Protection:

*Where we see perverse incentives in the marketplace for unsafe products or unscrupulous behavior, CALPIRG supports stronger consumer protections.*

SB 33 (Dodd) – Wells Fargo – Prohibits the use of arbitration clauses in contracts fraudulently created by financial institutions – **Signed into law**

AB 375 (Chau) – Internet Privacy – Would prohibit broadband internet service providers from using or sharing information about customers' internet search history – **Held in the Senate**

AB 1619 (Berman) – College student protections – Establishes state gainful employment standards for college and vocational programs to help eliminate those that show no benefit for their students – **Held in the Senate**

SB 313 (Hertzberg) – Enacts new consumer protections to help prevent consumers from being charged ongoing “autorenewal” fees without clear consent – **Signed into law**

### Prescription Drug Costs:

*While there's a robust debate happening now about how best to provide access to health care to everyone, there's little disagreement about the fact that prescription drug companies are routinely price gouging consumers. So CALPIRG focused on a package of bills to help control prescription drug costs.*

SB 17 (Hernandez) – Prescription Drugs – Requires the prescription drug companies to give 60-day advance notice before they can increase prices, giving purchasers the opportunity to either negotiate lower costs or switch to cheaper alternatives – **Signed into law**

SB 790 (McGuire) – Prescription drugs – Would ban lavish meals and other gifts that prescription drug companies give to doctors and prescribers in hopes of steering more consumers to their (often more expensive) medicine – **Held in the Assembly**

### Public Health:

*Toxic pollution and unsafe chemicals are in our air, our water, and the products that we use in our daily lives, from cleaning sprays to takeout containers. We work to stop public exposure to chemicals and pollution that could harm our health. And at a minimum consumers should be given the information they need to protect themselves.*

SB 258 (Lara) – Cleaning Products – Gives consumers on-label and online information about chemicals linked to cancer in household cleaning products – **Signed into law**

AB 1328 (Limón) – Oil Operations – Requires oil and gas companies to publicly disclose chemicals that could contaminate land via wastewater – **Signed into law**

SB 705 (Allen) – Polysterene – Would ban use of expanded polystyrene (e.g. Styrofoam) as a food takeout container, which is linked to cancer and cannot be recycled. We have safer, and compostable, solutions – **Held in the Assembly**

SB 57 (Stern) – Aliso Canyon – Would prevent the reopening of the Aliso Canyon natural gas storage facility, where a major methane gas leak occurred in 2015, until the cause of the leak is understood and resolved – **Held in the Senate**

### Clean Energy:

*Global warming is the planet's most pressing challenge. California must lead the nation and the world in getting off our dependence on fossil fuels.*

SB 100 (de León) – Clean Energy – Requires California to generate 100% of electricity from clean energy sources by 2045 – **Held in the Assembly**

### Money in Politics:

*CALPIRG staunchly disagrees with the Supreme Court's decision on Citizens United and other cases that have equated money with speech. Until we can stop corporate and really wealthy donors from unduly influencing our elections, we can at least give voters clear information about who is funding political ads, so that voters can consider the messenger along with the message.*

AB 249 (Mullin) – Campaign Finance – Improves disclosures on political ads to clearly state the top three funders of those ads – **Signed into law**

## 2017 California State Senate scorecard

Member		Dist.	SB 17	AB 249	SB 258	AB 1328	AB 375	SB 33	SB 790	SB 705	SB 57	SB 313	AB 1619	Score
D	Kevin de León	SD 24	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	NV	Y	Y	Y		89%
D	Ben Allen	SD 26	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
R	Joel Anderson	SD 38	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y		10%
D	Toni Atkins	SD 39	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100%
R	Patricia Bates	SD 36	N	N	N	Y		N	N	N	N	Y		22%
D	Jim Beall	SD 15	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100%
R	Tom Berryhill	SD 08	N	N	N	N		N	N	N	N	NV		0%
D	Steven Bradford	SD 35	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y		90%
R	Anthony Cannella	SD 12	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	NV	Y		50%
D	Bill Dodd	SD 03	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	N	Y	Y		89%
R	Jean Fuller	SD 16	Y	N	N	N		N	N	N	N	Y		22%
R	Ted Gaines	SD 01	N	N	N	N		N	N	N	N	NV		0%
D	Cathleen Galgiani	SD 05	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	EA	NV	NV	Y	NV	67%
D	Steve Glazer	SD 07	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	N	Y	Y		89%
D	Ed Hernandez	SD 22	Y	Y	Y	Y		NV	Y	NV	NV	Y		67%
D	Bob Hertzberg	SD 18	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100%
D	Jerry Hill	SD 13	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100%
D	Ben Hueso	SD 40	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	NV	Y	Y		80%
D	Hannah-Beth Jackson	SD 19	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100%
D	Ricardo Lara	SD 33	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100%
D	Connie Leyva	SD 20	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	90%
D	Mike McGuire	SD 02	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100%
D	Tony Mendoza	SD 32	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	90%
D	Holly Mitchell	SD 30	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100%
D	Bill Monning	SD 17	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100%
R	John Moorlach	SD 37	Y	NV	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y		20%
R	Mike Morrell	SD 23	N	N	N	NV	NV	N	N	N	NV	Y		10%
D	Josh Newman	SD 29	Y	Y	Y	Y		NV	NV	N	NV	Y		56%
R	Janet Nguyen	SD 34	N	NV	N	Y		N	N	N	NV	Y		22%
R	Jim Nielsen	SD 04	N	N	N	N		N	N	N	N	Y		11%
D	Richard Pan	SD 06	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	NV	80%
D	Anthony Portantino	SD 25	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	NV	Y	Y		89%
D	Richard Roth	SD 31	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	N	NV	Y		78%
D	Nancy Skinner	SD 09	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100%
D	Henry Stern	SD 27	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100%
R	Jeff Stone	SD 28	N	N	N	N		N	N	N	N	Y		11%
R	Andy Vidak	SD 14	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	18%
D	Bob Wieckowski	SD 10	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100%
D	Scott Wiener	SD 11	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		100%
R	Scott Wilk	SD 21	Y	Y	N	Y		N	N	N	Y	Y	N	50%

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# 2017 California State Assembly scorecard

	Member	Dist.	SB 17	AB 249	SB 258	AB 1328	SB 100	SB 33	SB 790	SB 313	AB 1619	Score
R	Dante Acosta	AD 38	Y	Y	NV	Y		N		Y	N	57%
D	Cecilia Aguiar-Curry	AD 04	Y	Y	NV	Y		Y		Y	Y	86%
R	Travis Allen	AD 72	N	N	Y	N	NV	N		Y	NV	25%
D	Joaquin Arambula	AD 31	Y	Y	Y	Y		NV		Y	Y	86%
R	Catharine Baker	AD 16	Y	Y	Y	Y		NV		Y	Y	86%
D	Marc Berman	AD 24	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	100%
R	Frank Bigelow	AD 05	N	N	N	N	N	N		Y	N	13%
D	Richard Bloom	AD 50	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	100%
D	Raul Bocanegra	AD 39	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	100%
D	Rob Bonta	AD 18	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
R	William Brough	AD 73	NV	N	N	N	N	NV		Y	N	13%
D	Autumn Burke	AD 62	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	100%
D	Anna Caballero	AD 30	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	100%
D	Ian Calderon	AD 57	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	NV	88%
D	Sabrina Cervantes	AD 60	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	100%
D	Ed Chau	AD 49	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
R	Rocky Chávez	AD 76	N	NV	Y	N	NV	N		Y	N	25%
R	Phillip Chen	AD 55	Y	N	Y	N	N	N		Y	N	38%
D	David Chiu	AD 17	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	100%
R	Steven Choi	AD 68	NV	N	NV	N		N		Y	EA	17%
D	Kansen Chu	AD 25	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	100%
D	Ken Cooley	AD 08	Y	Y	N	Y		Y		Y	Y	86%
D	Jim Cooper	AD 09	Y	Y	NV	Y		NV		Y	Y	71%
R	Jordan Cunningham	AD 35	Y	N	Y	Y		N		Y	N	57%
D	Matt Dababneh	AD 45	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	100%
R	Brian Dahle	AD 01	Y	N	N	Y	N	N		Y	N	38%
D	Tom Daly	AD 69	Y	Y	Y	Y		NV		Y	Y	86%
D	Susan Eggman	AD 13	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	NV	88%
R	Heath Flora	AD 12	N	NV	N	N	NV	N		Y	Y	25%
R	Vince Fong	AD 34	N	N	N	N	N	N		Y	NV	13%
D	Jim Frazier	AD 11	Y	Y	NV	Y		Y		NV	Y	71%
D	Laura Friedman	AD 43	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	100%
R	James Gallagher	AD 03	Y	NV	N	Y	N	N	NV	Y	N	33%
D	Cristina Garcia	AD 58	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	100%
D	Eduardo Garcia	AD 56	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	EA		Y	Y	100%
D	Mike Gipson	AD 64	Y	Y	NV	NV		Y		Y	Y	71%
D	Todd Gloria	AD 78	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	100%
D	Jimmy Gomez	AD 51	O	O	O	Y	O	O	O	O	Y	100%
D	Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher	AD 80	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	100%
D	Adam Gray	AD 21	Y	Y	NV	Y	NV	N		Y	Y	63%
D	Tim Grayson	AD 14	Y	Y	NV	Y		NV		Y	Y	71%
R	Matthew Harper	AD 74	N	N	N	N		N		Y	N	14%

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D Chris Holden	AD 41	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	100%
D Jacqui Irwin	AD 44	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	100%
D Reggie Jones-Sawyer	AD 59	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	100%
D Ash Kalra	AD 27	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
R Kevin Kiley	AD 06	N	NV	N	N		N		Y	NV	14%
R Tom Lackey	AD 36	Y	Y	Y	Y		N		Y	N	71%
D Marc Levine	AD 10	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	100%
D Monique Limón	AD 37	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
D Evan Low	AD 28	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	100%
R Brian Maienschein	AD 77	Y	Y	Y	Y		N	N	Y	Y	75%
R Devon Mathis	AD 26	Y	N	Y	N		N		Y	N	43%
R Chad Mayes	AD 42	NV	NV	Y	N		N		Y	N	29%
D Kevin McCarty	AD 07	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
D Jose Medina	AD 61	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	100%
R Melissa Melendez	AD 67	Y	N	N	N		N		Y	Y	43%
D Kevin Mullin	AD 22	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	100%
D Al Muratsuchi	AD 66	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	100%
D Adrin Nazarian	AD 46	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	NV	Y	Y	88%
R Jay Obernolte	AD 33	N	N	N	Y	N	N		Y	N	25%
D Patrick O'Donnell	AD 70	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	100%
R Jim Patterson	AD 23	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	22%
D Bill Quirk	AD 20	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	100%
D Sharon Quirk-Silva	AD 65	Y	Y	N	Y		Y		Y	Y	86%
D Eloise Reyes	AD 47	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	100%
D Sebastian Ridley-Thomas	AD 54	Y	Y	N	Y		EA	N	Y	Y	71%
D Freddie Rodriguez	AD 52	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	89%
D Blanca Rubio	AD 48	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	100%
D Rudy Salas	AD 32	Y	Y	N	Y		N		Y	Y	71%
D Miguel Santiago	AD 53	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	89%
R Marc Steinorth	AD 40	N	Y	Y	NV		NV		Y	NV	43%
D Mark Stone	AD 29	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	100%
D Tony Thurmond	AD 15	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
D Phil Ting	AD 19	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	100%
R Randy Voepel	AD 71	NV	N	NV	N		N		Y	N	14%
R Marie Waldron	AD 75	Y	N	Y	N		NV	Y	Y	NV	50%
D Shirley Weber	AD 79	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	100%
D Jim Wood	AD 02	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
D Anthony Rendon	AD 63	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	100%

## Scorecard Key

(+) Vote for consumers  
 (-) Vote against consumers

(NV) Present, not voting (counts against their score)  
 (EA) Excused Absence

(Blank) Not given the opportunity to vote  
 (O) Open seat. Asm. Gomez was elected to Congress mid-year