**Bills passed by the Democrat Majority Legislature 2021-2022 Session**

**ABORTION AND LIFE ISSUES**

**Promotes Abortion**

**Constitutional Amendment Legalizing Full Term Abortion**

**SCA 10 Reproductive freedom.**

Eduardo Garcia –YES

This bill became Proposition 1 on the November 2022 ballot. It goes beyond any state’s law and legalizes abortion without restriction including up to the time of birth.

**Promotes Abortion**

**AB 2223 Reproductive health**

Eduardo Garcia –YES

Removes from existing law, under duties of the coroner, the duty to inquire into and determine the circumstances, manner, and cause of all deaths related to or following known or suspected self-induced or criminal abortion.

Shields a woman and anyone who assists her from civil or criminal liability for fetal and perinatal (post-birth) deaths due to substance abuse during pregnancy or failed at-home abortions. Simultaneously, this bill discourages law enforcement from investigating the deaths of newborn babies by creating a new cause of action the mother and her accomplice may take against law enforcement.

The older the fetus, the more valuable selling the body parts is to Planned Parenthood.

**Promotes Abortion**

**Attacks Religious Liberty**

**AB 2134 Reproductive health care**

Edwardo Garcia – YES

Establishes the California Reproductive Health Equity Program that increases funding for abortion providers who serve uninsured women and women whose insurance does not cover abortion. The California Catholic Conference opposed the bill as it forces employers who object to abortion in conscience to pay yet another tax for abortion, beyond those paid into Medi-Cal and PACT. A majority of Americans oppose using tax dollars to pay for abortions. Furthermore, this bill compels speech from religious and non-religious employers by forcing them to advertise the options for abortion and contraception to their employees annually.

**Pays for Abortion**

**SB 1245 Los Angeles County Abortion Access Safe Haven Pilot Program.**

Eduardo Garcia –YES

Appropriates $20,000,000 of taxpayer funds to establish Los Angeles County as an abortion safe haven and will include measures to suppress any “misinformation campaigns” regarding abortion procedures, alternatives, or risks.

**Promotes Abortion**

**SB 1375 Nursing: nurse practitioners and nurse-midwives: abortion and practice standards**

Eduardo Garcia –YES

The bill authorizes a nurse practitioner or certified mid-wife who has completed training required to perform an abortion by aspiration techniques without supervision by a physician and surgeon. By expanding the number of providers, the Democrats’ plan is for California to be able to do more abortions.

**Promotes Abortion**

**SB 245 Health Care Coverage: abortion services: cost share**

Eduardo Garcia –YES

Bill would prohibit a health care service plan, individual or group policy, certificate of health insurance or student blanket disability insurance from imposing a deductible, coinsurance, copayment or any cost-sharing requirement on coverage for all abortions and abortion-related services.

**Pays for Abortion**

**AB 2134 Reproductive Healthcare**

Eduardo Garcia –YES

This bill was cosponsored by Planned Parenthood. It provides taxpayer funded abortions for qualifying individuals. The cost includes grants totaling $90 million and $2 million in general funds.

**Promotes and Pays for Abortion**

**SB 1142 Abortion services**

Eduardo Garcia –YES

Mandates the creation of a website ([abortion.ca.gov](http://abortion.ca.gov)) that lists all available abortion resources in California. The website, already online, provides information on the location of abortion clinics, as well as sources of financial assistance for costs accrued (airfare, childcare, lodging, etc.) by women in California and for those traveling from out of state to obtain an abortion.

**Pays for Abortion**

**AB 2320 Reproductive Healthcare Pilot Program**

Eduardo Garcia – yes

Expands access to and funding of abortion services. Funds $20 million in grants for HCAIs to pay for infrastructure. Provides $20 million to Covered California for abortion services.

**Attacks U.S. Constitution, Article IV, Section 1 - Full Faith and Credit Clause**

**AB 2091 Disclosure of information: reproductive health and foreign penal civil actions**

Eduardo Garcia - yes

This Bill goes further than the HIPPA Federal law. It authorizes the Insurance Commissioner to assess a civil penalty, against an insurer that has disclosed an insured’s confidential medical information. The bill prohibits the issuance of a subpoena if another state’s subpoena relates to a penal civil action in that state.

The Right to Life League of Southern California is opposed to this bill and writes that AB 2091 will effectively grant immunity from another state’s subpoenas to sexual abusers and human traffickers who coerce women and minors into pregnancy termination in other states and then flee to California to avoid the legal consequences.

**Promotes Abortion**

**AB 657 Healing Arts**

Eduardo Garcia – yes

Requires applicable medical boards to prioritize and expedite the licensure of practitioners who demonstrate that they intend to provide abortion services within their scope of practice. This is a form of unequal access.

**Promotes Abortion**

**SB 245 Health care coverage: abortion services: cost sharing**

Eduardo Garcia –YES

Prohibits health plans from charging cost sharing for abortion. Mandates medical care and benefit design driven by legislature, rather than consumer choice.  California taxpayers pay the bill for the State's share of those mandates.

**Promotes Abortion**

**AB 1918 California Reproductive Health Service Corps**

Eduardo Garcia – YES

Increases the number of health care workers who can perform an abortion. This law establishes the California Reproductive Health Scholarship Corps to recruit, train, and retain abortion providers and other “reproductive health services.” The Corps will administer scholarships and stipends to new recruits, as well as offer students and existing abortion providers an option for a portion of their loans to be forgiven for each year they work in the field of “reproductive health care.”

The California Catholic Conference (CCC) is opposed to this bill and states that nationally, most low-income people identify as prolife, and 68% of Latinos and African Americans support restricting abortion to the first trimester or ending it entirely. Clinicians from these communities do not want to perform abortions and should not be coerced into abortion training against their consciences, with their scholarships hanging in the balance. CCC states that there is no lack of access to abortion in California. The state already funds abortions through tax dollars, with over 400 facilities performing abortions, and abortions offered by nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, physician assistants, via telehealth, on college campuses, and through a dozen sources by mail. On the other hand, doctors in overwhelmed metros like Riverside, LA, and Sacramento are assisting at hundreds of births per year, while several rural California counties have no obstetrician or gynecologist at all. CCC concludes that women in maternity care deserts and HRSAs don’t need more abortion providers, but more doctors who can safely deliver their infant.

**Promotes Abortion**

**AB 1666 Abortion: civil actions**

Edwardo Garcia - YES

The National Center for Law & Policy (NCLP) opposes this bill and states that this bill is an attempt to shield all persons who are in any way involved in abortion including, but not limited, to medical providers, persons seeking abortions and persons encouraging or otherwise facilitating abortion, from being subject in California to the laws or judgments of other states. NCLP contends that, if enacted, this bill would completely shield healthcare providers who reside in California or have property in California from any civil liability resulting from their negligent or reckless practice of medicine in other states-but only for one type of medical practice, abortion. Negligent medical providers must be held accountable in California for violating the standard of medical care in other jurisdictions, regardless of any connection to abortion. NCLP concludes that medical providers practicing telehealth in other jurisdictions should be held to the same standards as providers in that jurisdiction, including civil liability for medical malpractice.

**Promotes Abortion**

**AB 1242 Reproductive rights**

Edwardo Garcia - YES

Prohibits any California state or local public agency, as well as private corporations, from cooperating with out-of-state entities regarding investigations into abortions that take place in California. The premise of this law is to allow CA to avoid enforcing another state’s abortion laws.

**Promotes Assisted Suicide**

**SB 380 End of life**

Eduardo Garcia –YES

This bill reduces time and requirement for an end of life decision.  Removes important protection and investigation of abuse.  Remove a phone number contact that concerned friends or family can use to reach out in concern. The California League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) strongly believes that assisted suicide does not constitute health care and is a dangerous risk to Latino communities. The Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund writes that the disability community is full of individuals who have been misdiagnosed as terminally ill but gone on to live full lives after that initial scare. A bad day should not be a death sentence a few hours later.

**CRITICAL RACE THEORY**

**Promotes Critical Race Theory**

**Attack on Christian Worldview**

**Promotes Socialism**

**AB 101 Pupil instruction: high school graduation requirements: ethnic studies.**

Eduardo Garcia –YES

Requires high school students to complete one semester of ethnic studies for graduation. Promotes socialism through critical race theory training, is racially divisive.

**Promotes CRT**

**Attacks Free Speech**

**AB 2586 Reproductive and Sexual Health**

Eduardo Garcia – yes

Directs the Department of health to provide grants to politically connected non-profits and community-based organizations to establish cultural congruent education and outreach for sexual health. The bill is similar to previous litigation which the state of California lost at the Supreme Court as it targets pregnancy centers because of their viewpoint and mission.

**Promotes Critical Race Theory**

**Attacks Christian Worldview**

**AB 1407 Nurses: implicit bias courses.**

Eduardo Garcia –YES

Requires nursing programs to include 1 hour of bias training (CRT). CRT is a divisive and racist indoctrination program.

**Promotes Critical Race Theory**

**Attacks Christian Worldview**

**SB 2229 Peace officers: minimum standards: bias evaluations**

Eduardo Garcia –YES

This proposed legislation will require peace officers to pass an evaluation that would include bias against ‘race or ethnicity, gender, nationality, religion, disability, or sexual orientation.’ The term ‘bias’ is not defined in the text, therefore placing those who adhere to a Biblical view of gender, religion, and sexual orientation at high risk of discrimination and can be used as litmus test for advancement in the workplace.

**Promotes Critical Race Theory**

**Attacks Christian Worldview**

**SB 263 Real estate applicants and licensees: education requirements fair housing and implicit bias training**

Eduardo Garcia –YES

Implicit bias training is another description for training in critical race theory.

**FREE SPEECH**

**Attacks Free Speech**

**AB 2098 Physicians and surgeons: unprofessional conduct.**

Garcia Vote: YES

This law will silence doctors and surgeons by designating the dissemination or promotion of "misinformation" or "disinformation" related to COVID-19 as unprofessional conduct subject to disciplinary action by California medical boards. That means your doctor could lose his license for giving you advice contrary to the Fauci doctrine.

**Attacks Free Speech**

**SB 834 Tax exempt status: insurrection**

Garcia Vote: YES (Governor Vetoed)

SB 834 is an extraordinary free speech infringement as it requires the Attorney General, in his opinion only, to determine whether an exempt entity had participated in the “prohibited activities” to the extent that their exempt status should be revoked. The measure does not require a conviction after a criminal trial for the AG to notify Franchise Tax Board, only an administrative determination.

**Attacks Free Speech**

**SB 1018 Platform Accountability and Transparency Act**

Eduardo Garcia –YES

SB 1018 requires social media platforms to report statistics regarding items of content that were determined to have violated their policies both before and after they were identified as violative and what action was taken against the user. $100,000 fine for each time the requirements of this statute are violated.

**HOMOSEXUALITY, GENDER IDENTITY, TRANSGENDER**

**Promotes Homosexuality in Children**

**AB 421 Change of gender and sex identifier.**

Eduardo Garcia –YES

If a minor petitions the court to change his or her gender, current law requires the parent(s) to sign off. This bill would lessen that requirement by requiring the parent(s) who has not signed to show cause why the petition should not be granted. The bill also automatically grants the petition after six weeks if the parent did not file a written objection.

**Promotes and Legalizes Child Abuse**

**SB 923 Gender Affirming Care**

Eduardo Garcia –YES

Mandates that health care insurers must require all support staff in direct contact with enrollees to complete trans-inclusive training. The health plans must include information on which of its in-network providers will provide gender-affirming services, including, but not limited to, feminizing mammoplasty, male chest reconstruction, mastectomy, gender confirming facial surgery, hysterectomy, oophorectomy, penectomy, orchiectomy, feminizing genitoplasty, metoidioplasty, phalloplasty, scrotoplasty, voice masculinization or feminization, hormone therapy related to gender dysphoria or intersex conditions, gender-affirming gynecological care, or voice therapy related to gender dysphoria or intersex conditions.

We now know that the vast majority of minors with gender dysphoria desist by adulthood if they are not transitioned and given puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones. The practice by children’s hospitals across the country to perform these surgeries is unconscionable as well as the physicians who advise and perform these life-altering surgeries and prescribe puberty-blocking hormone therapy. Another governor called on state agencies to investigate as child abuse.

**Promotes and Legalizes Child Abuse – Out of State Children**

**SB 107 Gender-affirming health care.**

 Eduardo Garcia –YES

Prohibits California law enforcement from participating in enforcing an out-of-state arrest warrant for an individual based on violating another state’s law against providing, receiving, or allowing their child to receive gender-affirming health care. Provides that denial of gender-affirming care is sufficient for a court in this state to grant child custody to the state.

**Promotes Transgenderism**

**AB 218 Change of gender and sex identifier**

Eduardo Garcia - YES

Creates, as of January 1, 2023, a process for a petitioner seeking a change of gender to also request that their marriage license and their children's birth certificates be reissued with updated information about the petitioner. (A person’s DNA is not changed because a change is made on a document.)

**Promotes Transgenderism**

**AB 245 Education Equity: student records: name & gender changes**

Eduardo Garcia - YES

Requires a campus of the University of California (UC), California State University (CSU), or California Community Colleges (CCC) to update a former student's records to include the student's updated legal name or gender if the institution receives government-issued documentation from the student demonstrating that the former student's legal name or gender has been changed.

**Promotes Transgenderism**

**AB 1741 Transgender Day of Remembrance**

Eduardo Garcia - YES

This bill requires the Governor to annually proclaim November 20 as “Transgender Day of Remembrance.” While symbolic, this proclamation implies California’s approval to what many disapprove.

**Promotes Transgenderism**

**AB 2436 Death certificates: content**

Eduardo Garcia – YES

Revises the information required on death certificates to include the current first and middle names, birth last names, and the birthplaces of the parents, without reference to the parents' gendered relationship to the decedent.

**BUSINESS AND PROPERTY RIGHTS**

**Attacks Small Business**

**Advances Socialism**

**AB-257 Food facilities and employment.**

Garcia Vote: YES

AB 257 allows the state of California to put 13 non-elected political appointees in charge of “negotiating” on behalf of workers at all California fast-food franchises with more than 30 stores nationwide. The union-backed bill will drive franchises out of the Golden State, destroying jobs and raising food prices in the low-income communities where fast-food employment opportunities have, until now, offered employees a career path from service counter to management and some of the highest wages in the nation.

 **Attacks Private Property Rights**

**AB 1029 Housing elements: pro-housing local policies**

Eduardo Garcia –YES

Seeks to control affordable housing by extending the low income cost covenants. Imposes further price restrictions on the resale of property designated as affordable housing.

**Attacks Local Control of Zoning**

**AB 215 Planning and Zoning Law: housing element: violations.**

Eduardo Garcia –YES

Opponents of the bill are mostly comprised of local governments and their state associations. They argue that the provisions of the bill give too much enforcement authority to the state, and that these provisions should have been considered by the legislature's policy committees. According to the City of Agoura Hills, "We feel that these new provisions allowing for additional prosecution avenues and additional time for an action to be taken against a City will be costly and actually delay the production of housing, not expedite it."

**Attacks Local Control of Zoning**

**Attacks Property Rights**

**SB 10 Planning and zoning: housing development: density.**

Eduardo Garcia –YES

This bill would limit what local planning and zoning could do and give more control over these local or city issues to the State. Notwithstanding city zoning or HOA covenants, this bill could lead to up to four homes on lots where currently only one exists. It would do so by allowing existing single-family homes to be converted into duplexes; it would also allow single-family parcels to be subdivided into two lots, while allowing for a new two-unit building to be constructed on the newly formed lot.

**Attacks Property Rights**

**SB 9 Housing development: approvals.**

Eduardo Garcia –YES

Requires a city or county to ministerially (i.e., by staff) approve either or both – (a) A housing development of no more than two units (duplex) in a single- family zone (b) The subdivision of a parcel zoned for residential use, into two approximately equal parcels (lot split), as specified. Single-family neighborhoods would become multi-family neighborhoods with no public hearing.

**PARENTAL RIGHTS, EDUCATION**

**Attacks Parents’ Rights**

**AB 1184 Medical information: confidentiality**

Eduardo Garcia –YES

Requires health plans not disclose to policyholders’ medical information of certain protected individuals, such as gender changing surgery of minor children. Removes from parents the protective role they have over their minor children.

**Attacks Parents’ Rights and Promotes Abortion**

**AB 2586 Reproductive and sexual health inequities**

Eduardo Garcia –YES

Establishes the *California Reproductive Justice and Freedom Fund*, a taxpayer funded grant program to reinforce the radical agenda to sexualize our children and push the pro-abortion agenda. Your tax dollars will provide grants to existing and newly formed programs that provide comprehensive sexual education, information about how to obtain an abortion, and abortion referrals without the knowledge or consent of parents.

**Attacks Parents’ Rights**

**SB 1479 COVID-19 testing in schools: COVID-19 testing plans.**

Eduardo Garcia –YES

The bill would continue indefinitely COVID-19 testing in California schools

**Attacks Parents Rights**

**SB 1419: Health Information**

Garcia Vote: YES

This bill expands the requirement that health care professionals provide the results of clinical laboratory tests to also include imaging scans; requires health plans and health insurers to establish and maintain certain application programming interfaces to facilitate patient and provider access to health information; and, expands the prohibition on the ability of a representative of a minor to inspect or obtain copies of the minor’s patient records to include clinical notes, and to prohibit access when records relate to medical services for which the minor as young as 12 is authorized to consent under existing law.

**Politicizes Middle and High School Students**

**SB 955 Pupil attendance: excused absences: civic or political events**

Eduardo Garcia –YES

The Capitol Resource Institute noted in opposition: This bill opens the door for school administrators to discriminate against students based on which political events they attend. If this bill is passed, a school principal may use their discretion to permit students to engage in a pro-abortion protest, then use that same discretion to prohibit students from attending a pro-life rally. Students who hold conservative political views on economics, gender, marriage, and government are already ridiculed and discriminated against by teachers and students. This bill will further proliferate anti-free speech actions of school administrators and teachers who disagree with students on political issues.

**Promotes Promiscuity and Abortion through Schools**

**AB 1940 School-Based Health Center Support Program**

Eduardo Garcia – YES

Renames school-based health clinics as the School-Based Health Center Support Program and makes various changes to the program to assist in providing and expanding health services to students through school-based health centers. The Right to Life League states that the bill will provide direct state funding for SBHCs providing abortion and birth control services to children on school campuses throughout the state, and the next step will be to provide abortion pills to grade school and high school girls on school campuses through these SBHCs, just as has already been mandated at all California public colleges. The phrase “reproductive health services” is used throughout the bill.

**Promotes Student Promiscuity and Abortion**

**AB 2482 Pilot Program for Wellness Vending Machines**

Eduardo Garcia – yes

Requires California UC and California Community Colleges to each establish a pilot program on 5 campuses to install “wellness” vending machines. They would sell such items as emergency contraception (a drug resulting in abortion), pregnancy tests, condoms, allergy meds, Tylenol, etc. These are all items which are readily available in pharmacies under much more secure conditions. High school students are also often on college campuses making these products available to them.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Attacks Public Safety**

**Promotes Illegal Immigration**

**AB 1259 Criminal procedure: motion to vacate.** (2021-2022)

Eduardo Garcia –YES

Requires courts to advise criminal alien defendants that a conviction may have the consequence of deportation. Extends additional avenues for illegals to avoid deportation by allowing them to challenge prior convictions. Will add to overburdened court dockets and increase costs.

**Attacks Public Safety**

**AB 1540 Criminal procedure: resentencing.**

Eduardo Garcia –YES

Would shift the burden of proof from a standard which allows the court to grant a petition when the evidence shows that the inmate's continued incarceration is no longer in the interest of justice, to an impossible-to-rebut standard that would require the court to grant every petition "unless there is evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant is likely to commit a future violent crime." This would not only impose the highest standard of proof in the inverse but would require the impossible – the ability to not only accurately predict the future, but to do so beyond a reasonable doubt.

**Attacks Public Safety**

**SB 81 Sentencing: dismissal of enhancements**

Eduardo Garcia –YES

This bill was opposed by law enforcement as it makes it easier for criminals to get lesser sentences.

**Would Have Promoted Public Safety**

**AB 2198 Vehicles: driving under the influence.**

Eduardo Garcia-NO (Recommended YES vote)

Deletes the provision authorizing a court to require a defendant or ward to visit a chemical dependency recovery hospital. This bill would replace the term “accident” with “crash” in various provisions related to driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Calls necessary attention to the threat distracted and impaired driving poses to drivers, passengers, and pedestrians. By changing 'accident' to 'crash,' we can place more responsibility on drivers to drive safely. Driving impaired or distracted is not an accident, it is a choice, and lives are put at risk.

**Threatens National Security**

**AB 39** **California-China Climate Institute**
Eduardo Garcia - YES

It is well-documented that China has purposefully infiltrated institutions of higher learning for the purpose of stealing research and product development. It is further documented that while the Paris Agreement on the climate is destructive to the American economy, China promotes the goals yet does nothing to implement them. The bill authorizes the Regents of the UC to establish the California-China Climate Institute (CCCI) in partnership with the Institute of Climate Change and Sustainable Development at Tsinghua University and other entities and institutions in China and California.

**Attacks Public Safety**

**AB 48 Law enforcement: Use of force**

Eduardo Garcia - YES

Restricting the use of less-lethal options limits the tools that are at an officer's disposal to protect public safety. Different circumstances may call for different responses and more or less force may be required. However, by restricting when an officer may use those tools, their response to a particular situation may end up being guided by choices about practices that may be acceptable or unacceptable to some instead of what measure is most appropriate in the context of the event.

**DRUGS, WELFARE**

**Growth of Welfare State**

**AB 1326 Public social services: county liaison for higher education.**

Eduardo Garcia –YES

Requires counties to provide human services staff on college campuses to help students apply for welfare, food stamps and educational grants. Incentivizes young adults to apply for social welfare programs. Increases the size, scope and cost of the welfare state.

**Promotes Drug Use**

**Misuse of Taxpayer Dollars**

**AB 1344 State Department of Public Health: needle and syringe exchange services.**

Eduardo Garcia –YES

Exempts non-governmental needle exchange programs from oversight of CEQA. Eliminates review and compliance required to prevent dirty needles from polluting our waterways and oceans.

**ELECTIONS**

**Significantly Weakens Recall**

**AB 2584 Recall elections**

Eduardo Garcia –YES

Makes it harder to qualify recalls for the ballot by increasing the number of signatures required to initiate a recall. The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association and the California Policy Center wrote that this bill "would eliminate the ability to have a stand-alone local special recall election and would allow special interest groups to litigate the statement of reasons given for the recall and to sue proponents for libel.

**Attacks Voter Integrity**

**SB 503 Voting: ballots and signature verification**

Eduardo Garcia - YES

The Election Integrity Project California, Inc. objected to the bill noting that it would eviscerate any legitimate effort to determine a ballot’s legitimacy before counting and would put indiscriminate and unrestricted power into the hands of a single elected official, the Secretary of State. That kind of power should never be abdicated by the legislature, the people’s representatives, and handed over to any single individual. The mandates of SB 503 are antithetical to and destructive of election integrity.

**Attacks Voter Integrity**

**AB 37 Elections: Vote by mail ballots**

Eduardo Garcia - YES

Increases the time a mail-in ballot can be accepted from 3 days to 7 days. Introducing an additional four days for 'timely arrival' is a gift to would-be bad actors and a threat to election integrity.

**SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS**

**Attacks Second Amendment**

**AB 2571 Firearms: advertising to minors**

Edwardo Garcia – YES

Seeks to restrict gun sales through creating a cause of action against gun manufacturers. Prohibits firearm industry members from marketing or advertising firearm-related products to minors and authorizes public attorneys and injured plaintiffs to bring a civil action to enforce the prohibition, obtain injunctive relief, and seek either civil penalties, or, in some cases, damages for harms caused by a violation. The bill fails to appreciate that minors can and do possess and use firearms for a variety of lawful purposes.

**Attacks Second Amendment**

**AB 1594 Firearms: civil suits**

Edwardo Garcia – YES

National Rifle Association: AB 1594 essentially drives millions out of the industry due to frivolous litigation. The firearm industry would be required to implement “reasonable controls” but it does not define what reasonable is. Rather these “controls” are indeterminate and would be above and beyond what California and federal law explicitly require. Moreover, industry members would be required to ensure that any other member of the industry that they deal with has implemented such “reasonable controls.”