ADVOCATING WITH YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Making A Telephone Call
You have a member of the State Assembly and State Senate that represent you.

1. Find their names on the following website.
   

2. Locate their names and phone number on the Advocating With Your Elected Officials website “CA Legislators” section.
1. Prepared with phone number and correct way to say the elected officials name.

2. If you are calling about proposed legislation, know bill number and author.
   (example: AB100, Jones – Assemblymember Maria Jones).

3. Complete your Worksheet at the back of the booklet.
GETTING READY

☑ Know your issue.

☑ Practice what you will say with a friend.

Remember:

You will probably speak to a legislator’s staff member who will want information.
1. Identify yourself.

2. Tell the person your position (what you think).

3. Share your experience — how you and others will be affected.

4. Allow the person time to ask questions or comment.

5. Keep your conversation brief and focused.

6. Leave your contact information.
1. Follow up on anything you promised to do.

2. Keep track of your issue and how your legislator votes.

3. Send a thank-you note.

4. Build a relationship — Keep in regular contact.
TIPS

✓ Be prepared and clear.

✓ Be brief and focused.

✓ Be professional and polite.

✓ Get support to make the call, if you need it.

✓ Take notes or ask someone to take notes for you.