



ASSEMBLYMEMBER — DISTRICT 26

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****STATEMENT****

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Assemblymember Patrick Ahrens Issues Statement on Passage of 2025-26 California State Budget

SACRAMENTO — Assemblymember Patrick Ahrens (D-Silicon Valley) issued the following statement upon passage of the Budget Act of 2025:

Assemblymember Patrick Ahrens said, “We are facing increasingly challenging times for California’s economy and budget as a result of President Trump’s damaging and nonsensical tariff war with the world, and his MAGA extremist enablers in Congress that continue their war against poor people advancing a self-mutilating federal budget that unfairly targets ‘blue states’ for disproportionate cuts to our public safety net.

With that backdrop, I voted today in favor of the legislature’s compromise budget act which overall protects our safety net for all Californians – putting people first – by protecting In Home Support Services (IHSS), Medi-Cal services for all, women’s health services, and our higher education system. This budget compromise also makes critical investments to expand per pupil funding for our public schools, child care slots for California parents so they can work and contribute to our economy, and funding for affordable housing and behavioral health services. Finally, this budget respects collective bargaining and our state workers by rejecting unilateral pay cuts.

I hope for a future where California’s federal partners – President Donald Trump and the United States Congress – stop their divisive political tactics and instead seek to support and uplift opportunity for all Americans in all 50 states and our territories equally.”

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[Assemblymember Patrick Ahrens](#) represents the Silicon Valley in the California State Assembly for District 26. He serves on the Assembly Committees on Budget, Business and Professions, Communications and Conveyance, Rules, Transportation, and Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Human Services. Assemblymember Ahrens is the Co-Chair of the California Legislative Technology & Innovation Caucus, and a member of the California Legislative Jewish and Bay Area Caucuses.