**ACTION NEEDED**

**CAOMS FAPE Committee**

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**Support Assembly Bill 947**

TO ENSURE ACCESS TO

**Community-based Orientation & Mobility Lessons!**

TO PUT THE DEFINITION OF THE

**ECC IN THE EDUCATION CODE**!

California Assembly Member Sharon Quirk-Silva, Democrat representing District 65 in Orange County, has introduced AB947. READ THE BILL AND TRACK ITS PROGRESS AT <https://legiscan.com/CA/bill/AB947/2019>

**Contact your State Assembly Member!**

**Contact your State Senator!**

**Ask them both to support AB947**

Find your California Legislators: http://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/

California Assembly: https://www.assembly.ca.gov/assemblymembers

California Senate: https://www.senate.ca.gov/senators

PLEASE CC ASSEMBLY MEMBER QUIRK-SILVA: <https://lcmspubcontact.lc.ca.gov/PublicLCMS/ContactPopup.php?district=AD65>

*Sample letter:*

Dear Assembly Member/Senator,

I am writing to urge you to support AB947. I am a parent/mobility teacher/Braille teacher/your role of visually impaired students in the school system. I am very concerned about the restrictions that some educational jurisdictions place on instruction for blind and visually impaired students. I feel that it is critical for these students to have access to the specialized instruction that meets their individual needs, as outlined in the Expanded Core Curriculum. This should include off-campus, community-based Orientation & Mobility instruction as appropriate. Children with visual impairments, just like their non-disabled peers, have the right to graduate high school with the education and skills they need to be successful in adult life.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,