

NFBC and CCB Day of Action Information Packet

May 19 Training Webinar and May 26 CDLA Day of Action

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This packet is for blind, DeafBlind, and low-vision Californians and supporters who want to participate in the May 26 Day of Action in Sacramento. The goal is to help you know what is happening, how to join the May 19 training webinar, how to register, how to handle lunch and transportation, and what issues advocates are raising at the Capitol.

Before May 26, do these three things

- 1. Register for the Day of Action.** Event registration is separate from lunch and transportation. You may use the Eventbrite registration page or the Microsoft registration form.
- 2. Attend the May 19 webinar if you can.** The webinar will review logistics, advocacy priorities, transportation, and questions from participants.
- 3. Decide on lunch and transportation.** Lunch, the NFBC bus, and the LightHouse San Francisco bus each have their own sign-up process.

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May 19 training webinar

President Tim Elder of the National Federation of the Blind of California and President Guillermo Robles of the California Council of the Blind will be present, along with other representatives from both organizations, to provide logistics, advocacy information, transportation updates, and answers to questions about May 26.

Date and time: Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 7:00 PM Pacific

Topic: Day Of Action Training

Passcode: 222638

Webinar ID: 817 2677 1447

Phone one-tap: +14086380968,,81726771447#

Join by phone: +1 408 638 0968

[Join the May 19 Zoom webinar](#)

The session will be recorded and made available upon request for people who cannot attend live.

May 26 Day of Action at the Capitol

NFBC and CCB are joining the California Disability Leadership Alliance, or CDLA, for a statewide disability advocacy day at the California State Capitol. Participants will gather with the broader disability community, hear from speakers, connect with advocates, and meet with legislators and staff.

Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2026

Start time: 10:00 AM Pacific

Location: California State Capitol, West Steps, 1315 10th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Agenda for May 26

10:00 AM: Resource fair begins at the West Steps of the Capitol.

11:00 AM: Program, speakers, and rally begin.

12:00 PM: Lunch break.

1:00 PM: Participants head to the swing space as a group.

1:30 PM to 4:00 PM: Legislative visits with offices.

Registration, lunch, and transportation

Event registration

Everyone planning to participate should register for the Day of Action. This does not reserve lunch or transportation.

[Register through Eventbrite](#)

[Use the Microsoft registration form](#)

Lunch from California Council of the Blind

California Council of the Blind is coordinating lunch through Lunchbox Express. Lunch costs \$10 and includes a sandwich, gourmet cookie, and chips. Orders and payment must be received by 4:00 PM on Wednesday, May 20, 2026.

[Reserve and pay for lunch](#)

Transportation options

NFBC bus route. The NFBC bus route serves Bakersfield, Fresno, Modesto, and Stockton before arriving in Sacramento. Riders should sign up through the bus form. Day-of bus contact: Veronica Martinez, 661-742-4181, veronica38martinez@gmail.com. Backup/questions contact: Cheryl Thurston, 909-821-9589, cthurston74@gmail.com.

[Sign up for the NFBC bus](#)

LightHouse San Francisco bus. LightHouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired is offering free transportation from San Francisco for the first 40 people who sign up.

[Sign up for the LightHouse San Francisco bus](#)

Independent transportation. You may also travel independently by car, train, paratransit, or another transportation option. Please still register for the Day of Action and review the accessibility information below.

Advocacy priorities

The May 26 advocacy conversations are centered on disability access, services, independence, community-based support, and the lived impact of barriers. The issues below are the ones most directly reflected in the materials shared for this packet.

AB 2190: Internet website accessibility. This bill addresses internet website accessibility and related accountability for inaccessible online systems. [Read AB 2190 on California Legislative Information.](#)

AB 2135: Long-term health care facilities. This bill addresses long-term health care facilities, including accessible-format notices for residents who are blind or vision impaired. [Read AB 2135 on California Legislative Information.](#)

OIB funding and community-based services. Advocates are also raising concerns about Older Individuals Who Are Blind funding, community-based services, waitlists, timely access, and transparency about service availability.

Accessibility and accommodations

The event materials list ASL, CART or live captions, and Spanish-language interpreting as provided by the event organizers.

The original accommodation request deadline was Monday, May 18, 2026. If you still need an accommodation, contact cadlalliance@gmail.com as soon as possible. Late requests may not be possible to fill.

Appendix A: Links and contacts

May 19 Zoom webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81726771447?pwd=do0skM9PyaukKv5SjS1cErFoomccIp.1>

Day of Action Eventbrite registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cdla-day-of-action-at-the-capitol-tickets-1984091746825>

Day of Action Microsoft registration form: <https://forms.office.com/r/c9vtVCP0t0>

CCB lunch sign-up and payment form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf8BV3ECrZv-8d32GUEgA24gj8YcuvhfeIVI8Xz_HnKDdG1vQ/viewform?usp=header1

NFBC bus sign-up form:

https://ulwxastpyh.formstack.com/forms/sacramento_transportation_registration

LightHouse San Francisco bus sign-up form: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/Gn1ZaeB0ca>

AB 2190 official bill page: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB2190

AB 2135 official bill page: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB2135

NFBC-Info listserv: http://nfbnet.org/mailman/listinfo/nfbc-info_nfbnet.org

National Federation of the Blind of California: <http://www.nfbcal.org/>

California Council of the Blind: <https://ccbnet.org/>

Key contacts

Day-of NFBC bus contact: Veronica Martinez, 661-742-4181, veronica38martinez@gmail.com.

NFBC bus backup/questions contact: Cheryl Thurston, 909-821-9589, cthurston74@gmail.com.

Accommodation contact: cadlalliance@gmail.com.

Appendix B: CDLA and bill links

CDLA means California Disability Leadership Alliance. For this Day of Action, CDLA is bringing together disability advocates, organizations, and community members at the Capitol to make disability access, services, and community needs visible to legislators.

NFBC and CCB are participating with CDLA so blind, DeafBlind, and low-vision Californians are represented in the broader cross-disability advocacy effort.

Bill links

AB 2190, Internet website accessibility:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB2190

The official bill page lists AB 2190 as Internet website accessibility and shows the current bill text and status.

AB 2135, Long-term health care facilities:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB2135

The official bill page lists AB 2135 as Long-term health care facilities and includes provisions related to accessible-format notices for residents who are blind or vision impaired.

Other advocacy issues named in the materials

Restoration and protection of Older Individuals Who Are Blind funding.

A better balance between community-based services and system-based funding.

Timely access for people with the highest need.

Greater transparency around waitlists and service availability.

Appendix C: NFBC bus route details

The NFBC bus is scheduled to arrive in Sacramento at 10:30 AM. Confirm final details through the bus sign-up form or with the bus contacts listed above.

Bakersfield pick-up: 5:00 AM. Maya Cinemas, 1000 California Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93304. Cross street: O Street or N Street. Location phone: 661-636-0484.

Fresno stop: Drop-off: 6:45 AM; pick-up: 7:00 AM. Valley Center for the Blind, 3417 West Shaw Ave., Fresno, CA 93711. Cross street: Shaw and Valentines. Location phone: 559-222-4447.

Modesto stop: Drop-off and pick-up: 8:30 AM. VIPS, Visually Impaired Persons Support, 1409 H Street, Modesto, CA 95354. Cross street: H Street and 14th Street. Location phone: 209-846-9027.

Stockton stop: Drop-off: 9:15 AM; pick-up: 9:30 AM. Community Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 2453 Grand Canal Blvd., Suite 5, Stockton, CA 95207. Cross street: Da Vinci Drive. Location phone: 209-466-3836.

Sacramento arrival: 10:30 AM. California State Capitol Museum, 1315 10th St., Sacramento, CA 95814.

Return route

Sacramento pick-up: 4:30 PM.

Stockton drop-off: 5:30 PM.

Modesto drop-off: 7:30 PM.

Fresno drop-off: 9:30 PM.

Bakersfield drop-off: 11:30 PM.

Appendix D: Telling Your Story, It Really Matters

Telling Your Story, It Really Matters

By Regina Marie Brink

As our federal landscape changes, affecting our states, counties and cities, you may feel the pull to be more active than you have ever been. Perhaps you are writing or calling your legislator for the first time or joining in a listening session or lobby day with your legislator. If you have never done this before, it can seem challenging.

It may help to keep several things in mind: First, legislators and their staff do not often see people with disabilities in person. This is even truer for people who are blind or have low vision. We are underrepresented, even in advocating for legislation backed by the California Council of the Blind or the National Federation of the Blind. Secondly, real stories from real people touch legislators and their staff in ways paid lobbyists cannot. Your story is more important than ever during these times of uncertainty.

However, many people do not realize there are limits when testifying before legislative bodies. Typically, it is 2 minutes. It can be less. Sometimes, all you need to say is your name and your position (oppose or support) the legislation under consideration. So how do you tell your story in 2 minutes or a couple of sentences in an email or template?

It is important to remember that long stories are not usually effective in these hearings. Often the committees are discussing multiple items. Lawmakers are people just like us and long speeches often lose their impact as their attention wanders. A little thought and preparation on your part is helpful here, even if you are only doing unplanned legislative visits.

First, sit down and write or record verbally the points you'd like to communicate. Keep it to 2 and no more than 3 points. How does this bill impact you and share a story that highlights that. Write or verbalize the story, again, recording it somehow. Read it back to yourself several times. Now time it if it will be verbal. If it is written, figure out the word count or how many sentences you have composed. Now edit.

It may feel as though you are losing something when you edit. This is not necessarily true. Come up with shorter ways to say the same thing. Cut out superfluous information. Do people need to know what time the story occurred or why you were at a particular meeting or event? Probably not. Make sure to edit out other people's names or identifying information. This is your story and

you don't want to have to get permission from other people to share it. Incidentally, be sure if you do share a story on someone's behalf that you have run it by them for accuracy. You may want to send your message or statement to a friend or colleague to help you edit. The most important thing is that you make sure your voice is heard. Those who have advocated on behalf of people who are blind or have low vision will tell you, the more voices heard and people seen the better! We need all hands on deck! Please help in any way you can!