

2025 LEGISLATIVE PLANNING

Agenda Item #7

LPPC Meeting – October 2024
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2024 There Should Be a Law Contest

- “There Should Be a Law” contest is an annual contest by SCDD.
- The contest encourages everyone to participate by proposing changes to the law to improve daily life for people with disabilities.
- We will share your bill ideas with legislators and will fight for the bill if a legislator wants to champion it.

There Should Be a Law Contest Highlights #1

Past bill ideas from the previous years' contests were made into legislation:

- AB 1663: Conservatorships Reform (passed)
- AB 1092: Fair Hearing Reform (passed in the budget)
- More Mental Health Supports

2024 There Should Be a Law Contest Highlights #2

- Close to 100 bill ideas submitted from across the state
- Ideas were submitted by self-advocates, family members, professionals, and other members of the community
- This year bill ideas submitted include:
 - ✓ Health (14 ideas)
 - ✓ Education (16 ideas)
 - ✓ Human Services (24 ideas)
 - ✓ Public Safety (12 ideas)
 - ✓ Transportation (5 ideas)

2024 There Should Be a Law Contest Highlights #3

Bill Ideas submitted, continued:

- ✓ Housing (5 ideas)
- ✓ Employment (6 ideas)
- ✓ Civil Rights (3 ideas)
- ✓ Federal Matters (4 ideas)

2024 Policy Priorities- Recommendations and Discussion- Agenda Item 7b

- Because of current events, staff is recommending “Equity in Inclusion” or “Justice in Inclusion” as the Council’s 2025 theme. This theme is based on prioritizing inclusion in all aspects of life.
- “Equity in Inclusion” or “Justice in Inclusion” are well-timed approaches that will support many of the priorities you as committee members have raised. It also incorporates the community’s voices from the contest. It includes topics like education, employment, transportation and recreation.

Discussion

- Select theme for the year: “Equity in Inclusion” or “Justice in Inclusion”?
- Some ideas go against our values include having subminimum wage again, non-integrated education, and segregated living. Should we:
 - include them?
 - remove them?
 - or just add a disclaimer?

Staff Recommendation 2025 Legislative Priorities

Recommended Motion

- LPPC recommends that the Council focus on the theme of “Equity in Inclusion” or “Justice in Inclusion” for 2025.

Any Questions?

THANK YOU!

