



Greater Los Angeles Agency on Deafness, Inc.

Human Services, Health Education, Employment and Interpreting Services
...of, by, for, and with the deaf and hard of hearing community

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We need your help to send a strong message to our Senators and Assemblymembers to get them to support our request to increase funding for the Deaf Access Program (GLAD, OCDEAF, CODIE, TCGLAD). We have 8 sister agencies. The list below is for our representatives in 10 counties where our offices serve. The representatives need to understand how important it is for them to give us more funding so we can continue providing great services to people who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf/blind, and deaf disabled.

There will be two different lists of Senate and House contact information. Please send a letter, an email, or call your representatives.

Here is how:

1. Find your assemblymember in your district: <http://assembly.ca.gov/assemblymembers>
If you are not sure which district, you can find by entering your address: <http://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/>
2. Download the draft letter <http://gladinc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Individual-Letter-to-Senator-and-Assemblymembers.docx>
3. Make changes on the letter, see next page
4. Send your letter to your Assemblymember by mail, fax or by email

Send letters to the following:

- Senator Richard Pan (Chair) – senator.pan@senate.ca.gov | [Address](#)
- Bernadette Sullivan, Legislator Director – Bernadette.sullivan@senate.ca.gov
- Theresa Pena, Consultant to the Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – Theresa.pena@senate.ca.gov
- Senator Bill Monning – senator.monning@senate.ca.gov | [Address](#)
- Toby Uptain-Villa - tobias.uptain-villa@senate.ca.gov
- Senator Jeff Stone - senator.stone@senate.ca.gov | [Address](#)

- [Senator Holly J. Mitchell, Chair](#)
- [Senator Jim Nielsen, Vice Chair](#)
- [Senator Joel Anderson](#)
- [Senator Jim Beall](#)
- [Senator Steven M. Glazer](#)
- [Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson](#)
- [Senator Mike McGuire](#)

- [Senator John Moorlach](#)
- [Senator Anthony Portantino](#)
- [Senator Richard Roth](#)
- [Senator Nancy Skinner](#)
- [Senator Henry Stern](#)
- [Senator Bob Wieckowski](#)
- [Senator Scott Wilk](#)

GLAD, CODIE, OCDEAF, and TCGLAD are proud to serve our deaf, hard of hearing and deafblind community through our high-quality services and we will not be able to do this without your support. Thank you.



May 17, 2018



Change to today's date

Assemblymember Arambula
Chair, Assembly Subcommittee #1
Capitol Office, Room 2160
Sacramento, CA 94248-0031



Update with your district's
assemblymember or
senator's name and address

Dear Assemblymember Arambula,



Change to your senator or
assemblymember's name

On behalf of Greater Los Angeles Agency on Deafness, Inc. (GLAD), Center on Deafness, Inland Empire (CODIE), Orange County Deaf Equal Access Foundation (OCDEAF), Tri-County GLAD (TC-GLAD), and our outreach office, Bakersfield GLAD (under GLAD), I am requesting your support for Assemblymember Mullin's \$4.1 million budget augmentation to the Deaf Access Program (DAP) of Department of Social Services.

DAP constitutes of eight regional service agencies including GLAD, CODIE, OCDEAF, TC-GLAD, and B-GLAD that serve deaf, hard of hearing, late deafened, and deafblind individuals throughout the state of California. DSS has a funding cut of \$500,000 from DAP, which leaves us in a financial crisis this coming fiscal year starting July 1st.

These funding cuts affect deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind individuals who need services from GLAD and other sister agencies. The cuts will reduce and prolong the services we need including:

- Direct communication access through sign language without an interpreter
- Increasing job opportunities through educating employers about hiring deaf employees
- Advocacy for our rights as deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind individuals

Research shows that out of all Californians who have different hearing levels, more than half are under age 65. Between 2008 and 2016, the number of Californians over the age of 65 increased by 28%. They also have difficulty hearing speeches and surrounding sounds. Our resources are uniquely specialized to serve those with different hearing levels from infancy to adulthood.

All centers' staff is uniquely qualified to provide service through American Sign Language and English. Without appropriate funding GLAD, CODIE, OCDEAF, and TC-GLAD resources will shrink each year. And the deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind community will have nowhere to go for their support.

Your support for this budget item is critically important to the deaf and hard of hearing community who receive services from our centers, which are one-stop centers where direct communication is available for those who use American Sign Language.

Sincerely,

[Name]



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