



In this issue: Connections, Advocacy & Opportunities

ACSS works hard on behalf of its members - making positive connections with political leaders, sponsoring legislation to maintain flexible telework, providing learning opportunities, and offering money-saving benefits.

Nonpartisan Outreach at Political Events

During the weekend of April 10th in San Diego, the 2026 California Republican Party (CAGOP) Convention brought together a dynamic mix of grassroots activists, elected officials, and candidates from across the state. Attending on behalf of the Association of California State Supervisors (ACSS), Executive Board Member and Secretary/Treasurer (CFO) Tim Skillman, along with Board Member and ACSS Political Action Committee Chair Bobby Dutta, used this gathering as a vital opportunity to engage with statewide leaders, build relationships with candidates, and observe key policy discussions.

Advocacy and Member Representation

Operating in a nonpartisan capacity to monitor political developments affecting state supervisors, Tim and Bobby focused on identifying emerging legislative voices and building situational awareness of the party's strategic priorities.

Throughout the convention, Tim and Bobby actively championed ACSS's core priorities with legislators, staff, party leaders, delegates, and convention sponsors. They advocated fiercely for:

- Employee rights
- Protected pensions
- Fair and equitable salary ranges, and against salary compaction
- Robust healthcare benefits



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- Cost savings from flexible remote work

They successfully made personal connections with several state legislators, securing invitations to meet at their Sacramento offices for follow-up discussions regarding ACSS member concerns. Furthermore, Tim and Bobby directly asked policymakers to stand with ACSS against any measures that threaten the interests of state supervisors.



Left to right: Tim Skillman (ACSS CFO and Board Member Chapter 503), Frank Ruffino (Former ACSS Member, Chapter 513), Charles Hughes (Candidate for AD 34), Bobby Dutta (Chair of the ACSS Political Action Committee and Board Member of Chapter 502).

Convention Highlights

CAGOP Chairwoman Corrin Rankin opened the weekend with a welcome address that emphasized unity and expressed gratitude for sponsors like ACSS.

The candidate forum served as a major highlight, giving statewide and regional candidates a platform to lay out their visions. For ACSS, this provided crucial insight into the evolving political dynamics that may directly affect state supervisors and managers.

Key Connections

Tim and Bobby met with a wide array of influential GOP leaders, candidates, and industry officials, including:

- Corrin Rankin – CA Republican Party Chairwoman
- Ted Cruz – US Senator
- Tom McClintock – US Congressman (CA 5th District)
- Jay Obernolte – US Congressman (CA 23rd District)
- Chad Bianco – Candidate for Governor
- Steve Hilton – Candidate for Governor
- Ed Musgrove – Candidate for SD 40
- Charles Hughes – Candidate for AD 34
- David Tangipa – Candidate for AD 8
- and many others

Looking Ahead

The 2026 CAGOP Convention offered ACSS a meaningful opportunity to connect with policymakers, observe internal party developments, and gather insights into the political forces shaping the coming year. Altogether, ACSS successfully met its objective of building relationships with leaders from across the political spectrum to advance the interests of ACSS Members. As California heads deeper into the 2026 election season, ACSS will continue its political advocacy with legislative leaders, regardless of political affiliation, to represent and protect the interests of supervisors and managers statewide.

Members with questions about the convention or ACSS' political engagement activities are encouraged to contact acss@acss.org.

CA GOP section was written by Tim Skillman, ACSS Board Member, Chapter 503

Board Meeting Recap - June 13, 2026

On June 13, 2026, the ACSS Board of Directors held a successful meeting in Costa Mesa. The newly-formed Committees explained progress with each program, Chapter Presidents discussed and clarified Chapter issues at the President's Forum, and Statewide Officers presented important updates that help improve the Association.

The Board also approved to appoint new Board Members and Chapter Officers to fill vacancies:

Chapter 503 (Sacramento)

- Board Member - Nina Thomas (CDCR)
- Secretary/Treasurer - David Bruggeman (CalTrans)

Chapter 509 (Southern San Joaquin Valley)

- Board Member - Marlena Scherer (CDCR)
- Chapter President - Carla Pimentel (CDCR)
- Chapter Vice President - Claudia Saldana (CDCR)
- Secretary/Treasurer - Chris Carrillo (CDCR)





ACSS VP of Governmental Affairs Lynn White meets with Assemblymember Alex Lee (AD 24) on June 10, 2026, to discuss AB 1729, the Return to Office Executive Order, and other important issues affecting Excluded Employees.

New Excluded Employee Orientation (NEEO) Virtual Meetings

Have you recently promoted as a supervisor, manager, or confidential position with the State of California?

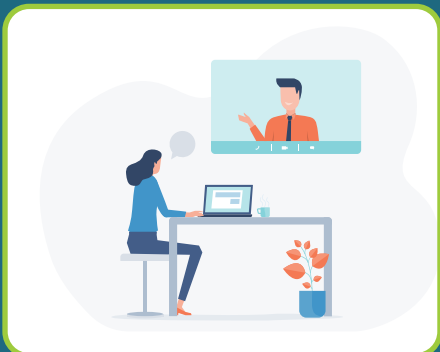
While you are getting adjusted to your new role, it is important for you to learn about your rights and protections as an excluded employee.

ACSS is offering **New Excluded Employee Orientation Sessions (NEEOs)** to new supervisors, managers and confidential state employees -- or any excluded employee -- who would like to learn more about ACSS! All sessions are conducted remotely through Zoom.

ACSS offers several NEEO meetings each month during the lunch hour. NEEO meetings cover a wide range of topics including an introduction to ACSS, probation, grievances, your representational rights, member benefits, and much more!

Visit the ACSS NEEO webpage (www.ACSS.org/NEEO) to register and we'll send you the link to participate from your computer, tablet or mobile phone.

Contact Regina Jenkins for more info: neeo@acss.org.



AB 1729 - Maintain Flexible Telework for State Employees

Save tax dollars, cut emissions & congestion, recruit and retain staff

ACSS and many other state employee groups are sponsoring AB 1729 (Lee) to maintain flexible telework schedules for state employees. Currently, most teleworking state employees work two days a week in the office and three at home.

Telework has been used successfully by state departments and agencies for six years. The vast majority of state departments responding to a State Auditor survey reported that they "experienced improved or unchanged productivity after implementing telework." Surveyed departments also indicated that telework benefited them by "lowering costs, reducing the amount of office space needed, and improving recruitment and retention, without negatively affecting productivity or customer service."



Telework has saved hundreds of millions of dollars, cut emissions and congestion, and helped to recruit and retain the skilled workforce needed to deliver essential state programs and services. If maintained, the current hybrid telework schedule could generate \$225 million in cost savings every year, according to the State Auditor's August 2025 report. Given our ongoing budget deficits, this is real money that can help close the deficit and free up funding for schools, housing, health care, and other state priorities.

For employees, teleworking has improved work-life balance, saving them time and money, enhancing their productivity, and improving morale during a time of ongoing wage freezes.

Despite the many benefits, on July 1, 2026, the Newsom Administration implemented Executive Order N-22-25 which states that employees must return to their offices a minimum of four days per week.

ACSS has been tirelessly urging legislative support for AB 1729. The bill has overwhelmingly passed in the Assembly and is now moving through the Senate.

Visit our Legislative Report online to track the progress of AB 1729 as it moves through the Legislature.

www.ACSS.org/Legislative-Report

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