

Nonprofit Bill of Rights

Nonprofit organizations play an essential role in sustaining and strengthening communities. But the sector is not only a service provider. As California's third largest workforce by wages among key industries, nonprofits are a powerful economic driver, generating 15% of California's Gross State Product.

For too long, the nonprofit sector has been taken for granted, underpaid for its service to the community, and overlooked as an economic force. Together, we have developed this statement of rights, which outlines several guarantees to be recognized by nonprofits, communities, and the entities that support them. These rights will ensure the nonprofit sector can continue its work to bring about a future where all communities thrive.

We make the following assertions, comprising a Nonprofit Bill of Rights:

- 1. Nonprofit organizations shall be recognized as trusted, community-based partners, filling the gaps in service delivery and meeting the needs of residents.**
- 2. Nonprofit organizations shall have equitable access to public funding and invest those dollars, serving local communities.**
- 3. Nonprofit organizations shall receive fair and prompt compensation that recognizes the essential role they play in a civil society.**
- 4. Nonprofit organizations shall receive the same considerations as other businesses when covering the costs for providing services.**
- 5. Nonprofits organizations are content experts and shall serve as a vital resource to educate elected officials, civic leaders, and policymakers to improve systems for greater impact.**