



**COMMUNITY  
LEGAL SERVICES  
IN EAST PALO ALTO**

September 9, 2022

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
Sacramento, California 95814

**Re: AB 1766 (Stone), California ID's for All—Request for Signature**

Dear Governor Gavin Newsom,

Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto (“CLSEPA”) is pleased to support and respectfully requests your signature on AB 1766 (Stone), which expands California Identification card (CA ID) eligibility to all Californians, regardless of their immigration status.

CLSEPA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that offers transformative legal services that enable diverse communities to achieve a secure and thriving future in East Palo Alto and throughout both San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties.

CLSEPA’s team works side-by-side with low-income communities and partners with community-based organizations, churches, and schools to bring about lasting change. We train and support community members to navigate the legal system and exercise their rights. We achieve our mission using multiple, innovative strategies, including community education, individual legal advice and representation, legal assistance to community groups, policy advocacy, and impact litigation. We specialize in immigration, housing, workers’ rights, records clearance, and consumer protection. CLSEPA’s immigration program provides services that focus on helping immigrant survivors of domestic violence and other crimes, refugees and asylum seekers, immigrant youth and young adults, and immigrants facing deportation in court. We represent hundreds of noncitizens in their immigration matters, including many who are not eligible for any kind of government-issued identification. Our clients often experience inabilities to access services due to not being able to obtain identification documents.

Identification cards enable inclusion and meaningful participation in our neighborhoods, cities, and our state. IDs allow one to open a bank account, obtain benefits, access healthcare, secure housing, and much more. AB 60 (Alejo, 2013) opened the door for undocumented people, who can provide proof of identity and California residency, to obtain a valid legal driver’s license. However, undocumented people who do not have meaningful access to a car, or do not have the ability to take a driving test are ineligible to obtain a government-issued ID.

In particular, women, elders, and people with disabilities, both documented and undocumented, are disproportionately impacted by the inability to obtain an AB 60 driver’s license. Women within a household are less likely to have access to a car than their male counterparts. People with mobility issues, disabilities such as epilepsy, and elders who develop degenerative eyes, muscular,



**COMMUNITY  
LEGAL SERVICES  
IN EAST PALO ALTO**

or cognitive diseases are unable to obtain driver's licenses and thus, do not have *any* access to state government-issued IDs. Undocumented people leaving incarceration are also unable to obtain an original AB 60 driver's license because they cannot take a driving test while in prison. In these cases, a person is expected to rely on IDs such as gym memberships or college/university IDs *if* they have access to those institutions.

Lack of identification is one of the largest barriers to successful reentry into the community, as IDs are essential to securing housing, social services, and other benefits. There are approximately 2.7 million undocumented people in California. Since more than one million people have obtained a driver's license under AB 60, there are approximately 1.7 million undocumented people who are eligible and could benefit from having a state government-issued identification card. This bill has a delayed implementation date of 2027 to accommodate the Department of Motor Vehicles.

For these reasons, CLSEPA supports AB 1766 and respectfully requests your support. If you have any questions, please contact Jillian Wagman at [jwagman@clsepa.org](mailto:jwagman@clsepa.org).

Respectfully,

Katrina Logan  
Executive Director, CLSEPA

cc: *Ronda Paschal, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of Governor Gavin Newsom*