

# GUIDING PRINCIPLES

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- (1) All recommendations shall be based on the best available evidence.
- (2) Addressing the challenges will require recognition of policies emphasizing the important roles that education, housing, transportation, the workplace, and other sectors play in promoting healthy individuals living in healthy communities.
- (3) Particular focus should be given to reducing the inequalities in health status and health care focusing on vulnerable populations and communities in the state.



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- (4) The recommendations should aim to control health care costs and be fiscally prudent.
- (5) The recommendations should include opportunities to promote personal responsibility for individual health.
- (6) The recommendations should consider the strategies for implementation, sustainability over time, and diffusion and spread throughout the state.



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- (7) All recommendations should have associated with them performance measures to assess degree of achievement over time.
- (8) The recommendations should serve as a long-run agenda for the state that transcends changes in public and private sector leadership while taking into account that as some of the objectives are achieved and sustained, they may be replaced by other objectives, and that changes in leadership also bring fresh new perspectives for making California the healthiest state in the nation.

