



NAVIGATING HEALTH AND EQUITY IN ALL POLICIES THROUGH CHANGING TIMES: THE CALIFORNIA HIAP TASK FORCE

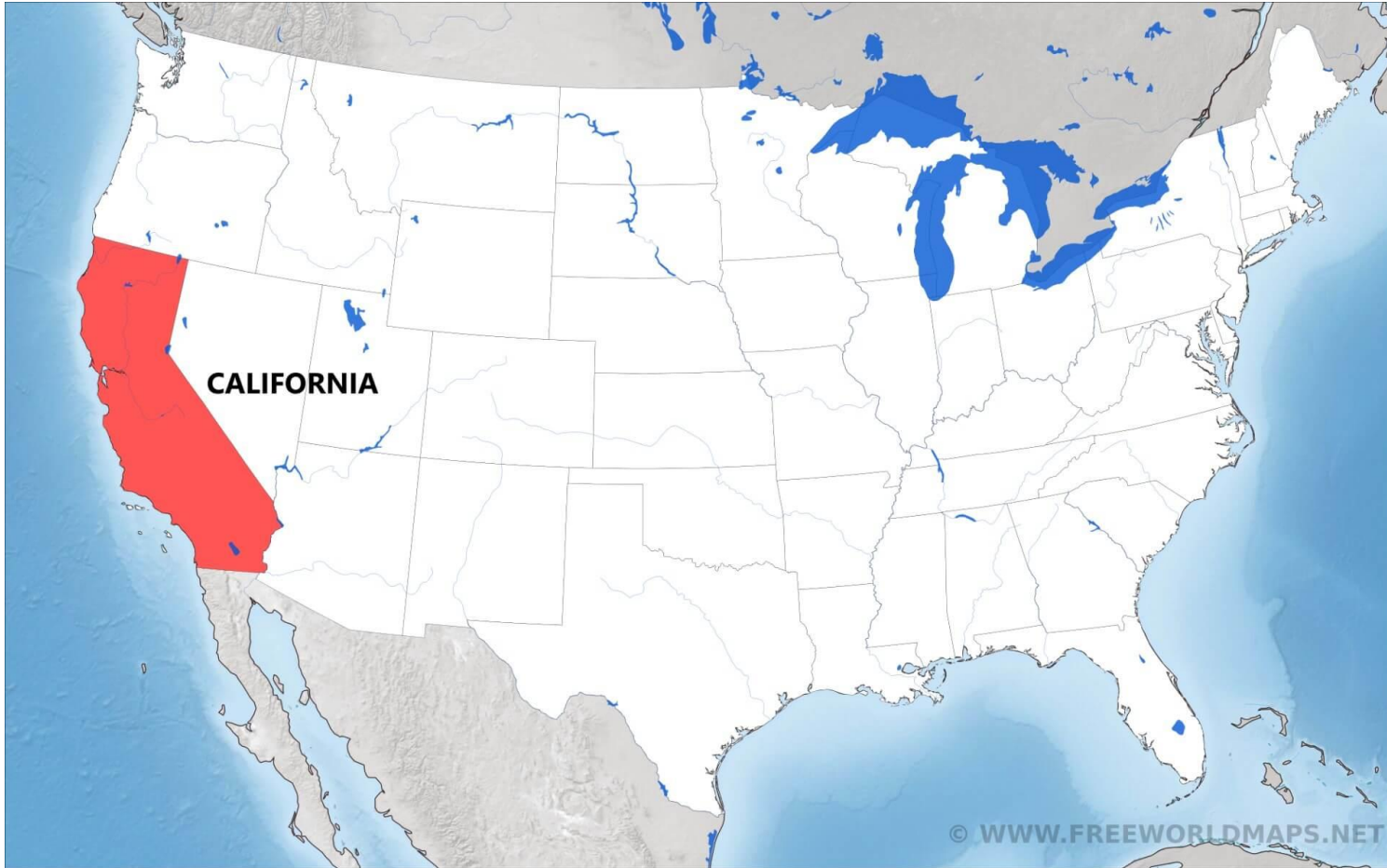
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A bit about California, USA



Population: 39 million

- No racial majority
- 39% of Californians are Latino
- 27% are foreign-born
- 95,600 people are incarcerated (imprisonment rate for African American men is 10x that of white men)
- 109 federally recognized tribes

2023 state budget: \$310.8 billion

Climate change risks: Sea level rise, extreme heat, drought, wildfires, flooding

California HiAP Task Force:

Established in 2010 by Governor's Executive Order

Purpose: health, equity, environmental sustainability



Key Structural Details of California HiAP Task Force

Executive order was idea of advocates

Unfunded mandate

No dedicated government staff 2010-2019

NGO partnerships:

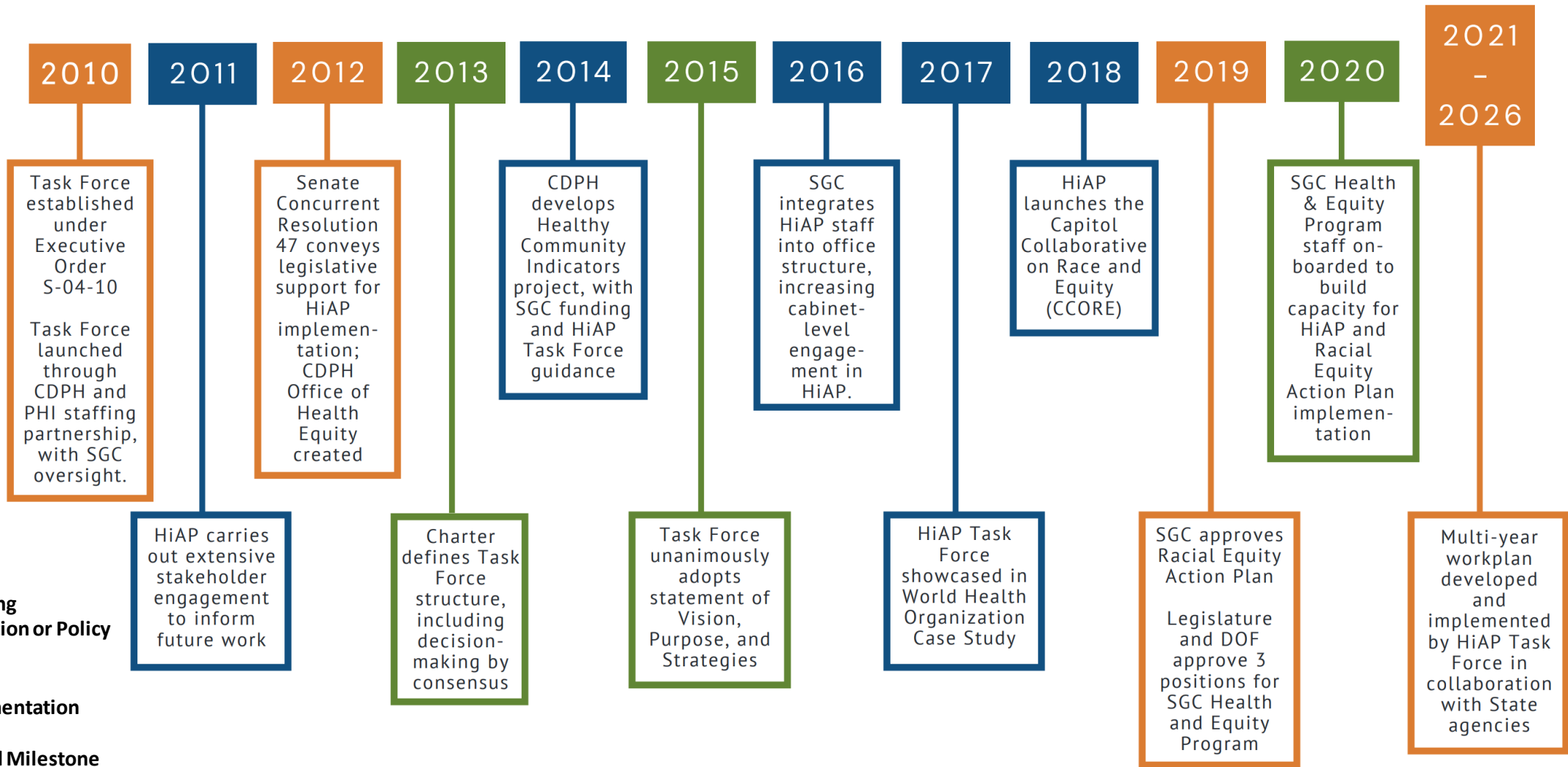
- Staffed by Public Health Institute (2010-2020)
- Funded by philanthropy
- Supported by community leaders, advocacy organizations

Accountable to cabinet-level Strategic Growth Council

Supported by Department of Public Health

3 gubernatorial administrations since 2010!

HiAP Task Force Timeline: 2010 – Present



California HiAP Task Force: Changes over the years



Early years:

No government funding/staff

Equity was a “touchy” topic

People didn’t want to meet with us

Workgroups on social determinants and co-benefits (food, housing, transportation)

Lots of talk, **little commitment to action**



Currently:

Government funding/staff

Explicitly addressing systemic racism in government

Workgroups on government processes and practices across policy areas (decision-making, community involvement, payment reform, grant allocation, workforce processes, data governance)

Participants are **eager for action**



NGO partnerships



Non-governmental funding



Community advocacy



Adapted to reflect political priorities



Built community of “bureactivists” inside government

California HiAP Task Force: Enabling Factors



Unfunded mandate



Political will



Risk aversion



Anti-government culture of US



Budgeting confusion - "Wrong pockets problem"

California HiAP Task Force: Challenges

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