



# Greater Los Angeles Agency on Deafness, Inc.

Human Services, Health Education, Employment and Interpreting Services  
*...of, by, for, and with the deaf and hard of hearing community*

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We need your help contacting our state assemblymembers to push for budget augmentation! Here's how you can help:

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If you're not sure which district, you can find by inputting your address:

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4. Send your letter to your assemblymember by mail or by email

GLAD, CODIE, OCDEAF, and TCGLAD are proud to serve our deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind community through our high-quality services and we will not be able to do this without your support. Thank you.

GLADly,  
Greater Los Angeles Agency on Deafness, Inc.  
Center on Deafness, Inland Empire  
Orange County Equal Access Foundation  
Tri-County GLAD



April 3, 2018

Change the date to today's date

Assemblymember Arambula, Chair, Assembly Subcommittee #1  
Capitol Office, Room 2160  
Sacramento, CA 94248-0031

Update with your district's assemblymember's name and office address

Dear Assemblymember Arambula,

Change to your assemblymember's name

On behalf of Greater Los Angeles Agency on Deafness, Inc. (GLAD), Center on Deafness, Inland Empire (CODIE), Orange County Deaf Equal Access Foundation (OCDEAF), Tri-County GLAD (TC-GLAD), and our outreach office, Bakersfield GLAD (under GLAD), I am requesting your support for Assemblymember Mullin's \$4.1 million budget augmentation to the Deaf Access Program (DAP) of Department of Social Services.

DAP constitutes of eight regional service agencies including GLAD, CODIE, OCDEAF, TC-GLAD, and B-GLAD that serve who are deaf, hard of hearing, late deafened, and deafblind individuals throughout the state of California. DSS has a funding cut of \$500,000 from DAP, which leaves us in a financial crisis this coming fiscal year starting July 1<sup>st</sup>.

These funding cuts affect deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind community that need services from GLAD and other sister agencies. The cuts will reduce and prolong the services we need including:

- Direct communication access through sign language without interpreter
- Increasing job opportunities through educating employers about hiring deaf employees
- Advocacy for our rights as deaf, hard of hearing, or deafblind individuals

Researches show that out of all Californians who have different hearing levels, more than half are under age 65. Between 2008 and 2016, the number of Californians over the age of 65 increased by 28%. They also have difficultly hearing speeches and surrounding sounds. Our resources are uniquely specialized to serve those with different hearing levels from birth to old.

All centers' staff is uniquely qualified to provide service through American Sign Language and English. Without appropriate funding GLAD, CODIE, OCDEAF, and TC-GLAD resources will shrink each year. And the deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind community will have nowhere to go for their support.

Your support for this budget item is critically important to the deaf and hard of hearing community who receive services from our centers, which are one-stop centers where direct communication is available for those who use American Sign Language.

Sincerely,

[Name]

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