

JEWISH FEDERATIONS' 2022 PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES

The Jewish Federations of North America's public policy priorities advance the ability of Jewish Federations and other Jewish communal organizations to build flourishing Jewish communities, with a special focus on supporting healthy, safe, and caring communities; diversity and inclusivity; building bridges with other civic groups; and connecting with Israel and world Jewry.

With this goal in mind, the Federation system advances policy priority areas based on both challenges Jewish communal life faces and opportunities to further strengthen it. In supporting specific legislative and policy vehicles within each area below and in adding compelling new legislative priorities, we prioritize issues with a nexus to the agencies and communities we represent and strive to be balanced and bipartisan.

Please email dc@jewishfederations.org with any questions.

PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITY AREAS FOR 2022 INCLUDE

JEWISH COMMUNAL SECURITY AND SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL

1. **Security:** Protecting and expanding the Nonprofit Security Grant Program; promoting and accessing other security enhancements that safeguard high-risk nonprofits and communities.
2. **Combat Antisemitism:** Combatting antisemitism, including by promoting the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition; and expanding Holocaust and genocide education.
3. **Support for Israel:** In partnership with JFNA's Israel Office, supporting Israel's security and addressing delegitimization of Israel, including by combatting the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement; advancing policies that help normalize relations between Israel and other countries; and supporting a two-state solution where Israel lives in peace with a demilitarized Palestinian state

COMMUNAL INFRASTRUCTURE

4. **Charitable Protections:** Encourage the efficient and responsible administration of national tax policy to support and encourage philanthropic activity.
5. **Stability of Communal Institutions:** Maintaining or expanding nonprofit infrastructure and relief funding; responding to natural disasters; and ensuring access to resources for Jewish institutions including community centers, childcare providers, and schools to serve the community while supporting public education.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

6. **Health Care and Services for Vulnerable or Disadvantaged Populations, Including Older Adults and People with Disabilities:** Safeguarding long-term care and safety net support programs, including Medicaid and Medicare; advancing programs and services to enable people with disabilities to achieve maximum independence and community inclusion; supporting healthcare innovations that increase accessibility and fiscal responsibility; and supporting programs for older adults.
7. **Holocaust Survivors:** Ensuring that Holocaust survivors receive support to live with dignity and an enhanced quality of life by promoting person-centered, trauma-informed care.
8. **Economic Vulnerability:** Supporting programs that alleviate poverty and promote economic mobility for low-income Jews and other communities, such as expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit; and addressing food insecurity, including through the Emergency Food and Shelter Program.

HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS, JUSTICE AND EQUITY

9. Integrating a focus on equity, diversity, and inclusion throughout public policy priorities listed above.
10. Combatting all forms of hate, discrimination, racism, and extremism, including by supporting legislation and resources to address hate crimes, policies that ensure justice and equity, and resources to combat abuse and harassment.
11. **Refugees and Immigration:** supporting Jews and other marginalized populations fleeing persecution.
12. Supporting civic engagement to foster a stable democratic environment in which our communities can flourish.