

FIFTY YEARS INTO THE

WAR ON

POVERTY

A Summit on Advancing Southern California's Battle Plan for Victory –
Poverty to Jobs, Workforce Development Tactics & Economic Growth Campaigns



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Governor Gray Davis

37th Governor of the
State of California

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The War on Poverty

“Unfortunately, many Americans live on the outskirts of hope... Our task is to help replace their despair with opportunity. This administration today, here and now, declares unconditional war on poverty in America. I urge this Congress and all Americans to join with me in that effort.”

– President Lyndon Baines Johnson, 1964



Signing of the
Economic
Opportunity Act
August 20, 1964

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Economic Opportunity Act of 1964

PURPOSE

ELIMINATE POVERTY THROUGH INCREASED ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

EXPAND ACCESS TO EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

INCREASE FUNDING FOR STATE, LOCAL, AND PRIVATE NON-PROFIT PROGRAMS

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KEY PROGRAMS INCLUDED

THE JOB CORPS

URBAN & RURAL COMMUNITY ACTION - HEAD START

NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS

ADULT BASIC EDUCATION

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Conversation Starters – Possible Solutions to Poverty

- DOUBLE DOWN ON EDUCATION
- UNDERTAKE SERIOUS REGULATORY REFORM
- DON'T THROW THE BABY OUT WITH THE BATH WATER
- KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER
- EXPAND APPRENTICESHIPS
- CONSIDER A 2015 WPA
- RAISE THE FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE

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