



## ***California Collaboration***

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### **Former California Assembly Member Jim Frazier Joins The Arc & UCP California Collaboration as Public Policy Director**

*Ensuring the developmental disability community is represented in statewide policy discussions*

**Sacramento, CA** — The Arc of California (The Arc) and United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) California Collaboration today announced the selection of former California Assembly Member Jim Frazier as the next Public Policy Director and will assume the role immediately.

“It goes without saying that The Arc, UCP and our Board of Directors are absolutely thrilled that Jim Frazier will lend his extraordinary expertise, stature and commitment to advancing our mission and vision for improving the lives of Californians with developmental disabilities and their families,” said Jordan Lindsey, Executive Director, The Arc of California. “The Arc’s role as a nonpartisan advocacy organization influencing policies that impact the disability community is more important than ever and having a thoughtful, seasoned and experienced professional like Frazier is critical.”

In 2022, Frazier retired from representing California’s 11th Assembly District in Fairfield after nine years in the legislature. During his tenure, Frazier formed and was appointed Chair of the Select Committee on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. The Committee was dedicated to shining a light on the needs of the disability population, and advocating for policy changes to address systemic challenges and offer solutions on improving services and supports for one of California’s most underserved groups.

“It is such an honor and privilege to be part of this incredible organization that has been a major leader in the disability rights movement for nearly 75 years,” said Frazier. “I look forward to continuing its legacy of collaboration and creating innovative policy solutions that will address some of the most pressing issues facing the disability population.”

Throughout his nine-year legislative career, Frazier introduced many bills and fought tirelessly to pass legislation enhancing the lives of those with disabilities.

“I warmly welcome Jim Frazier and I look forward to working with him. He has the full support and confidence of the Board to carry out this critical leadership role for the organization,” said Pat Hornbecker, President, The Arc of California Board of Directors.

Frazier has received numerous awards for being a champion of the disability community, including from The Lanterman Coalition and the California Disability Services Association.

“My skillset and experience have prepared me well for this task,” Frazier added. “I’m looking forward to starting this next chapter in my career, and making a difference.”

Prior to serving in the legislature, Frazier served on the City of Oakley Planning Commission, the Oakley City Council, and served one term as Oakley City Mayor. Additionally, Frazier is a former small business owner, and co-founded two non-profits.

The Public Policy Director position was previously held by Teresa Anderson who spent 18 years in various capacities with The Arc. Anderson left the position earlier this year to accept a role as the Executive Director of the newly established California Policy Center for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

To get involved and advocate on behalf of an individual with a developmental disability in California, please visit [TheArcCa.org](https://TheArcCa.org)

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### **About The Arc of California**

Since 1950, [The Arc of California](https://TheArcCa.org) has been promoting and protecting the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes.

### **About United Cerebral Palsy**

For more than 70 years, [United Cerebral Palsy](https://UnitedCerebralPalsy.org) educates, advocates and provides support services to ensure a life without limits for people with developmental disabilities and inclusion in every facet of society.