

## Update on California Secure Choice

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**Presenter Bio**     **John Chiang, Treasurer, California State Treasurer's Office**

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John Chiang was elected in 2014 as California State Treasurer. The treasurer is the state's banker and is responsible for trillions of dollars in transactions every year. The treasurer sells California's bonds, invests its money, and manages its cash. In addition, the treasurer manages financing authorities that help improve schools and transportation and that provide jobs, quality health care, more affordable housing, and a cleaner environment for those who call California home.

John's public service career has spanned almost two decades. Prior to his election as state treasurer, he served eight years as the California state controller. He served on the California Board of Equalization from 1997 to 2006.

John has led efforts to reform the state's public pension systems; helped local governments navigate difficult economic times; protected California's natural resources; and launched financial and tax assistance seminars for California's working families, seniors, small businesses, and nonprofit organizations.

John has received numerous awards: the 2007 California Association of School Board Officer's Honor Roll Award; the 2009 Jewish Labor Committee Max Mont Mensch Award; the Pat Brown Institute's 2010 Public Servant of the Year; the 2010 Crystal Eagle Award from Coro Southern California; the 2011 Marvin Greene Award from the Los Angeles County Bar Association Business and Corporations Law Section; the 2011 Association of Government Accountants William R. Snodgrass Distinguished Leadership Award for improving financial management practices and consistently exhibiting the highest personal and professional standards; and in March 2014, he received a California Lawyer Attorneys of the Year Award from California Lawyer magazine for leading multi-state settlement agreements with life insurance companies to restore the value of old life insurance policies and pay beneficiaries.

John graduated with honors from the University of South Florida with a degree in finance and received his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center.

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