

Letter from the State CIO and Deputy State CIO

As California's Chief Information Officer and Deputy Chief Information Officer, it's our calling to use technology efficiently and effectively to achieve society's goals and make progress on big, complex problems.

Vision 2023 is California's Statewide Technology Strategic Plan. It's a result of working with thousands of public servants, leaders, our legislature, local governments, listening to our public, and learning from experts around America and the world.

We heard everyone loud and clear.

We are proud to share a vision for California's future that dreams big, focusing on the next three years, and setting out a bold direction for the years to come.

Our vision is of more efficient and effective government, improving exponentially. Because incremental improvement at our current pace is not good enough.

But becoming more efficient and more effective is not the full story.

Our vision is of technology powering compassionate, human-centered government. Because government should work without surprises or hidden traps, and without people needing to find their way through confusing mazes. Public services must be easy to use, accessible to all, and reliable when they are needed, whether during an emergency, or on the way home from school.

California is the world leader in radically improving people's lives by inventing opportunities and finding new ways to use technology. We must focus our Californian spirit and capacity for endless reinvention to address the public's needs and improve the lives of millions.

We understand that technology is a tool for government's most important job of all:

Nurturing a community where people's views are represented and their needs fulfilled. A community challenging and improving itself every day to be more just and more equitable for everyone.

As State CIO and Deputy State CIO, we know that success doesn't come from the top, but comes from unleashing the accumulated knowledge, experience and passion of everyone.

We present Vision 2023 as a call to empower over 200,000 public servants, local government, the technology community and our public.

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