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## NEW STUDY ON CALIFORNIA'S COST OF LIVING: Families Need at Least \$50,383 to Make Ends Meet

**AUDIO CALL TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16 at 11:00 a.m. FOR MEDIA ONLY**

SACRAMENTO – A new report by the California Budget Project (CBP), *Making Ends Meet: How Much Does It Cost to Raise a Family in California?*, estimates what it costs to live in California for families with two children and for single adults, allowing only for basic necessities.

The study shows that statewide, families need at least \$50,383 per year to pay the bills, and that even basic budgets require incomes much higher than the federal poverty line or the earnings of workers with minimum wage jobs. The study reports these basic budgets for the state as a whole and for 10 regions throughout the state.

The report is embargoed for publication until 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, October 17, but is available now to reporters who agree to honor the embargo. To obtain a copy of the report, email [cbp@cbp.org](mailto:cbp@cbp.org) or call Nancy Ly at (916) 444-0500.

- WHAT:** Audio teleconference on *Making Ends Meet: How Much Does It Cost to Raise a Family in California?*
- WHO:** Jean Ross, executive director, California Budget Project
- WHEN:** Tuesday, October 16, 11:00 a.m.
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