



125 Years of Trust & Advancing the Public Interest

Issue: This year marks the 125th anniversary of California establishing public accounting as a licensed profession overseen by the California Board of Accountancy (CBA). This milestone recognizes how CPAs—under CBA oversight—have helped build trust, accountability and integrity across California’s economy and public institutions for more than a century.

Ask: To mark this milestone, **Sen. Roger Niello** introduced **Senate Concurrent Resolution 111**. We ask the Legislature to join in honoring the profession and the CBA for more than a century of advancing the public interest—and for their continued work to support a strong, modern and trusted profession that is ready to meet California’s needs and serve the public interest for generations to come.

125 Years of Impact: How CPAs Support Californians Every Day

Keeping Numbers Honest Since 1901

Under the oversight of the California Board of Accountancy, California’s CPA profession had the public interest at its core by upholding high standards of ethics, competence and accountability. CPAs help ensure the information behind businesses, nonprofits and government programs is accurate and reliable—so people can trust the systems they rely on every day.

Supporting Life’s Biggest Moments

From buying a home and starting a small business to saving for college or retirement, CPAs help individuals, families and organizations make informed financial decisions when it matters most. During times of challenge or economic uncertainty, CPAs provide steady guidance to help people navigate change, manage risk and move forward with confidence.

Powering California’s Economy

With more than 115,000 CPA licensees, California has one of the largest and most diverse CPA communities in the nation. CPAs work alongside businesses, nonprofits and public agencies to manage cash flow, follow the rules, plan ahead and navigate complex tax systems—supporting jobs, investment and economic stability in communities across the state.

More Than the Numbers

Today’s CPAs are trusted advisers and problem solvers who help organizations make smart decisions—from business strategy and finances to taxes and long-term planning. They’re also helping bring accountability to areas like technology, sustainability, AI and cybersecurity—where public trust matters more than ever.

Built for What's Next

For 125 years, CPAs have helped Californians trust the systems that make everyday life work. Today, they’re also training the next generation, modernizing the profession and ensuring California has the trusted expertise it needs for the future. With strong consumer protections, modern regulation and a commitment to ethics and innovation, the CPA profession is well-positioned to continue serving the public interest for generations to come.