



YOU AND FCLCA

2021 Mid-Year Impact Report



Your support meant we could lobby for strong measures in the state budget and important bills to address equity in California.

In this first year of the 2021-2022 two-year session of the Legislature, FCLCA joined in coalition with other advocacy and faith-based groups to lobby in the areas of economic justice, racial justice, criminal justice reform, immigrant rights, health, police reform, workers’ rights, gun control and environmental protection.

BUDGET ADVOCACY

The state budget is a statement of our values and priorities as Californians. Because of you, we are actively engaged in budget advocacy on these issues, among others:

- Enhanced financial relief for undocumented families ineligible for federal relief and unemployment benefits
- Health for All –Medi-Cal inclusion for undocumented seniors
- Additional supplemental paid sick leave for those affected by COVID-19
- Protected wage replacement for paid family leave and state disability insurance
- Free School Meals for All, so that no child goes hungry at school or when schools are closed in an emergency
- Tenant rental assistance for those affected by the pandemic
- Stimulus payments for low-income people, including undocumented immigrants



BUILDING AN EQUITABLE CALIFORNIA	
BUDGET CENTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS	LEGISLATURE'S VERSION
Provide ongoing funding for local public health departments	😊
Target more aid to undocumented Californians with cash payments	😞
Provide substantial ongoing flexible funding for homelessness	😊
Extend eligibility for comprehensive Medi-Cal to all undocumented Californians	😞
Expand access to food assistance regardless of immigration status	😊

- Support for closing prisons and increasing investments in re-entry services and restorative justice
- Removing the Medi-Cal asset test
- Increased investments in climate change mitigation
- Prioritizing the needs of children, childcare, and services in the budget as part of the Children’s Movement and End Child Poverty in California Campaign

BILLS

By June of 2021, FCLCA had lobbied on 89 bills, 65 of which are moving forward this year through the legislative process or the budget. Some became two-year bills – bills that may be taken up again early in 2022, the second year of the two-year legislative session.



The efforts of FCLCA lobbyists were reinforced by constituent activists (people like you!) with 500 Action Network members sending over 1,300 messages to legislators as of mid-June this year. Read more at www.fclca.org.

Below are a sample of the priority bills that are moving forward this year. Because you support FCLCA, we can advocate for:

AB 256 - Racial Justice Act for All – makes retroactive the extension of civil rights protections in California courts to all people charged or convicted of a crime using racial bias

AB 478 - Establishes minimum recycled content of plastic containers to curb plastic pollution

SB 222 – Establishes Water Rate Assistance Fund to help with affordability of drinking water and wastewater services for people experiencing economic hardship

AB 4 – Expands eligibility for Medi-Cal to income eligible residents, regardless of immigration status

What if you could take job-protected time off work to care for chosen family?

Assemblymember Buffy Wicks has authored a bill (AB 1041) to adapt our leave laws to allow Californians to take time off work for to care for chosen and extended family members.

Go to bit.ly/ChosenFamilyCA to tell your lawmakers to support this bill!

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SB 17 - Defines racism as public health issue and establishes Office of Racial Equity

Meager savings shouldn't cost Californians their health care.

END THE MEDI-CAL ASSET TEST

When a Californian living with disabilities or someone 65+ receives Medi-Cal, they can have up to \$2,000 in the bank. In California, that's about one month's rent. No saving, no preparing for a rainy day.

More than \$2,000 in the bank, no Medi-Cal for Californians with disabilities or those over 65. All because they saved.

SB 2 – Establishes statewide police decertification process

AB 1177 – Establishes the BankCal public banking system

SB 62 – Protects garment workers from wage theft

AB 1041 - Allows job protected leave for extended and chosen family members

SB 221 – Ensures timely access to mental health care

You made a difference -thank you!