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## **Report to Friends Meetings, Southern California Quarterly Meeting and College Park Quarterly Meeting**

Thanks to the support of California's Friends Meetings, and our community of donors and activists, FCLCA is now deeply engaged in a 66<sup>th</sup> year of bringing a "voice of conscience" to California's legislative process.

For a review of many of the bills that FCLCA is currently involved in, please see our latest Spring 2018 *Newsletter*, available online at [www.fclca.org](http://www.fclca.org). Here are a few highlights:

FCLCA is co-sponsoring four bills for the 2018 legislative session. Co-sponsoring means that FCLCA is directly involved in originating the bill and in working with the author – the legislator who brings the bill to the Legislature – and in coalition with other advocacy organizations to shepherd the bill through the process to eventually be signed into law by the governor.

SB 1392 would remove a sentencing enhancement that adds an additional year of incarceration for each prior prison term or felony county jail term.

SB 1393 restores the court's discretion, in the interest of justice and at the time of sentencing, to strike sentence enhancements for prior serious felony convictions, when a person is currently charged with a serious felony.

SB 982 endeavors to end childhood deep poverty in the CalWORKs program by bringing families above 50% of the federal poverty line.

AB 3131 will enhance transparency and accountability in the acquisition of military equipment by local law enforcement.

We are also members of two coalitions that are strongly advocating for measures in the 2018-19 state budget to help low-income Californians. The first measure would expand eligibility for the CA Earned Income Tax Credit – one of the most effective ways to reduce poverty- to more seniors, young adults and immigrants.

The second would address childhood poverty by increasing CalWORKs grants so that no family on CalWORKs lives in deep poverty, defined as below 50% of the federal poverty level. Children are 80% of CalWORKs recipients. We're working both through the budget process and through SB 982 to help kids from the lowest-income families.

In addition to co-sponsoring the bills above, FCLCA staff and supporters are advocating for bills to reform California's bail system; to thwart the Trump administration's plans to open the entire California coast to offshore oil drilling; to establish a policy that by 2045, 100 percent of electricity generated in California be generated by renewable and zero-carbon resources, among others.

In the latest issue of the *FCLCA Newsletter*, FCLCA also publishes our recommendations for ballot measures in the June 5 election. A direct link is here: <http://www.fclca.org/images/stories/pdfs/spring2018final.pdf>

Friends are invited to visit our website, [www.fclca.org](http://www.fclca.org), and to click on our **Action Center** for more information.

Thank you again for your support that makes this work possible.

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