



Friends Committee on
Legislation of California

YOU AND FCLCA

What we accomplished together in 2020

California For All Kids



All Californians who earned it
should be able to claim CalEITC
for their kids.
#MakeItForAll

It was a difficult year but your support made good things happen.

Thanks to you, FCLCA was able to continue a strong advocacy program even in this most unusual of legislative sessions.

And in the face of adversity, your activism and contributions kept California moving forward towards a more just society for all.

In the context of an erratic and compressed schedule due to the pandemic, the Legislature focused on efforts to mitigate the economic and health crisis, as well as efforts to address racial justice.

In the 2020 session, FCLCA played a key role in coalitions focused on specific pieces of legislation and lobbied on over 75 bills and state budget measures in the areas of economic justice, racial justice, criminal justice reform, immigrant rights and environmental protection.

FCLCA worked with the CalEITC Coalition to win the inclusion of tax filers who use Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers, mostly undocumented immigrant workers, in the California Earned Income Tax Credit and Young Child Tax Credit. These credits are recognized as among the most effective anti-poverty

measures we have and now over 600,000 low-income people will benefit, including an estimated 245,000 children.

Thank you Governor Newsom for signing AB 1876

The California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC) will now be extended to all immigrant tax filers, including ITIN filers!

**CALIFORNIA RACIAL JUSTICE ACT
SIGNED BY GOVERNOR!**

"THE RACIAL JUSTICE ACT PUTS INTO LAW A MANIFESTATION OF A CONTINUING STRUGGLE MOST RECENTLY REPRESENTED BY MILLIONS IN THE STREETS DEMANDING RACIAL JUSTICE."

#AB2542 #CONFRONTRACISM

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FCLCA was part of the workgroup behind the California Racial Justice Act, landmark legislation signed by Gov. Newsom that makes it possible for a person charged or convicted of a crime to challenge a conviction or sentence on the basis of bias based on race, ethnicity or national origin.

FCLCA also played a role in the passage of AB 3070 to address racial bias in jury selection and in the passage of SB 823 to close the Department of Juvenile Justice and move its mandate to the Dept. of Health and Human Services: writing letters, lobbying legislators, and testifying in hearings.



40%
of workers can be fired when taking Paid Family Leave—a program they are required by state law to pay into.



CALIFORNIA
Work & Family
COALITION



Gov. Newsom signed SB 1383, a landmark bill to ensure job protection for people, typically low-income wage earners, who need to take family leave (that they have paid for through disability insurance deducted from their paycheck) to care for themselves, ill family members or a

newborn. FCLCA staff helped organize support via the statewide Work and Family Coalition, and FCLCA supporters virtually lobbied their legislators to pass this important bill.

This new law is especially critical in the current pandemic - six million workers stand to benefit!

3 Things our California Legislators need to know about SB 1383



- 1 FFCRA is going to expire on Dec 31, 2020. Without FFCRA protections, millions of Californians will only have 3 paid sick days to recover from COVID-19 without losing their jobs.
- 2 You can use job-protected leave to recover from your own serious health condition and receive pay through State Disability Insurance—a huge need during this pandemic.
- 3 SB 1383 is the only bill that would expand COVID-19 related protections in California.



FCLCA co-sponsored SB 555, which was passed by the Legislature but vetoed by Gov. Newsom. We're committed to see that the important issue of the exorbitant cost of phone calls and commissary items in jails is addressed next year by policy makers. Pictured: SB 555 author Sen. Holly Mitchell, center; FCLCA's Jim Lindburg, far right, along with other co-sponsors.

Your contributions supported our program of grassroots organizing and education: Lockdown conditions couldn't stop FCLCA supporters and staff from lobbying and learning. FCLCA supporters enthusiastically participated in the "new normal" form of grassroots legislative advocacy: virtual lobby visits via video. FCLCA Action Network members sent in a record 3,660 email messages on specific bills to their legislators. And as 2020 was an election year, we published our popular analysis/recommendations on the California ballot propositions.

Your support of the FCL Education Fund allowed staff and supporters to participate in virtual sessions to learn about the state budget process and outlook, achieving social justice reform through legislative action, and navigating the new ways of online advocacy.

You made a difference -thank you!