

Pacific Yearly Meeting
Reps to Friends Committee on Legislation of California
(FCLCA)

Report to Representative Committee (RepCom) 2023

FCLCA is the longest-running faith-based lobby in California. We lobby the state legislature directly and during lobby days with our members and supporters. We organize letter-writing campaigns and educate F/friends on how to communicate directly with your elected officials to pass good legislation.

We are still looking for board members that are interested in working to lobby the California State Legislature to create a more equitable, just state. We meet quarterly by Zoom and our annual general meeting is blended, some in-person and some by Zoom. If you are interested, contact any member listed below or check out our website for more information fclca.org

Accomplishments we lobbied for in 2022-2023:

Criminal Budget Reform

AB 2167 FCLCA co-sponsored bill requiring courts to consider alternatives to incarceration

AB 256 Racial Justice Act for All FCLCA organized an interfaith leader letter writing campaign of 112 faith organizations AB256 was signed into law

Environment

SB 54 FCLCA advocated to regulate plastic pollution, and now by 2032 all packaging must be recyclable or compostable

SB 1137 mandates that no new drilling take place within 3,200 feet of homes, schools, playgrounds, or hospitals and bans textiles and cosmetics containing “forever chemicals” or PFAS

Also lobbied for AB 2146 to prohibit nonagricultural uses of neonicotinoid pesticides, but that was not signed into law by the governor

Economic

*California became the first state to extend our state version of Medicaid (Medi-Cal) to all eligible regardless of immigration status, benefitting 750,000

*HOPE Accounts, a new program of trust accounts benefitting children who lost parents to COVID or were in the foster care system

*Increased CalWORKS grants

*Expanded California Earned Income Tax Credit to caregivers with no outside income

Report submitted by [Vicki Carroll](#), clerk and FCLCA representative to PacYM.

Committee members include James Alexander, George Millikan, George Gastil, Peggy Craik, Ellen Eggers, Shannon Frediani, and Steve Birdlebough.