Bills We Lobbied on in 2018 and their Outcomes

Note: Bills FCLCA co-sponsored or advocated for extensively are listed first under each heading in bold.

Bills to Address Environmental Issues

SB 100 (de Leon) -- Increases the Renewable Portfolio Standard to 60 percent by 2030 and establishes a new state policy that all electricity must come from renewable and non-carbon sources by 2045. Support. SIGNED

AB 319 (Stone) – Plastic bottle caps, tether. Support. DIED on Assembly Floor.

AB 1775 (Muratsuchi and Limon) – Prohibits expanded offshore oil drilling on existing rigs. Support. SIGNED.

AB 1884 (Calderon) – Plastic straws/request only, dine-in restaurants. Support. SIGNED.

AB 2122 (Reyes) – Ensure that all Medi-Cal enrolled children are tested for lead exposure. Support. SIGNED.

AB 2370 (Holden) – Requires childcare centers located in buildings constructed before 2010 to demonstrate that drinking water is free of lead contamination. Support. SIGNED.

AB 2779 (Stone) – Plastic bottle caps, tether. Support. DIED on Assembly Floor.

AB 2919 (Frazier) – Deems all transportation projects “approved” if review process is not completed in two years. Oppose. DIED (hearing canceled at request of author).

AB 2921 (Low) – Allows polystyrene food service packagers to create a self-governing organization to establishing recycling goals without oversight from CalRecycle. Oppose. DIED (hearing canceled at request of author).

AJR 29 (Limon) – Affirms Assembly’s opposition to expanded offshore oil drilling. Support. PASSED.

SB 700 (Wiener) – Requires the California Public Utilities Commission to leverage energy storage as an important component of reducing Greenhouse Gas emissions and reduce the cost of storage. Support. SIGNED.

SB 834 (Jackson) – Prohibits new offshore oil drilling facilities. Support. SIGNED.

SB 1041 (Leyva) – Parental notification about lead testing requirements. Support. SIGNED.

SB 1097 (Hueso) – Requires the Department of Public Health to post county lead testing results and remedial plans on line. Support. SIGNED.

Budget Request – Funding for AB 1316 augmentation to expand lead testing. Support. SIGNED.
Bills to Alleviate Poverty and Income Inequality

SB 982 (Mitchell) – Reduce/eliminate childhood deep poverty. Co-sponsored. Replaced by budget trailer bill language that was approved.

Budget request – CalWORKS funding request to reduce childhood deep poverty. Support. SIGNED.

Budget request – Expand income eligibility for state Earned Income Tax Credit to young people and seniors. Support. SIGNED.

AB 2023 (Caballero) – Make state childcare credit refundable. Support. DIED in Senate Appropriations Committee.

SB 926 (Skinner) – Ensures that employees who terminate their employment on account of workplace violations are not subject to “voluntary quit” restrictions on CalWORKS or CalFresh benefits. Support. VETOED.

Bills to Ensure Equity and Nondiscrimination

AB 2282 (Eggman) – Clarifies existing law that use of an applicant’s salary history cannot be used to justify any salary disparity and that wage differentials can be justified by merit, seniority and other factors permitted in California Labor Code. Support. SIGNED.

AB 3080 (Gonzalez-Fletcher) – Prohibits employers from requiring employees to sign nondisclosure and arbitration agreements as a condition of employment. Support. VETOED.

SB 1300 (Jackson) – Clarifies the “severe and pervasive” standard for sexual harassment claims, prohibits employers from offering raises or bonuses in exchanging from dropping a claim and prohibits requiring non-disparagement agreements about unlawful acts in the workplace. Support. SIGNED.

Bills to Reform the Criminal Justice System

SB 1393 (Mitchell and Lara) – Gives judges discretion to strike the automatic five-year enhancement for prior serious felony convictions. Co-sponsored. SIGNED.

SB 1392 (Mitchell and Lara) – Eliminates the one-year sentencing enhancement for each prior felony conviction. Co-sponsored. DIED on Senate Floor.

AB 2533 (Stone) – Deems a prisoner with a trust account balance of $25 or less as indigent. Support. SIGNED.

AB 2714 (Allen) – Recriminalizes child “prostitution” and creates a deferred entry of judgment program. Oppose. DIED (hearing canceled at request of author).

AB 3208 (Cooper) – Exempt city of Elk Grove from civil asset forfeiture restrictions. Oppose. DIED (hearing canceled at request of author).

SB 215 (Beall) --- Mental health diversion programs. Support. SIGNED.

SB 439 (Mitchell) – Prohibits youth under age 12 from being prosecuted in juvenile court. Support. SIGNED.

SB 1025 (Skinner) – Judicial discretion, drug offenses, probation alternative. Support. DIED on Assembly Floor.
SB 1233 (McGuire) – Allow completion of specified education programs to fulfill community service requirements imposed by a court for an infraction or misdemeanor. Support. DIED in Sen. Appropriations Committee.

SB 1391 (Lara and Mitchell) – Prohibit transfer of 14 and 15-yr olds to adult court. Support. SIGNED.

SB 1437 (Skinner) – Reforms accomplice culpability with regards to California’s felony murder rule. Support. SIGNED.

Bills to Address Immigrants’ Issues

Budget Request – Expand eligibility for state EITC to income-eligible adults regardless of immigration status. Support. DIED.

AB 638 (Caballero) – Prohibits an individual from acting as an immigration consultant who is not an attorney or an accredited representative. Support. DIED on Senate Floor.

SB 183 (Lara) – Prohibits ICE from entering state buildings without warrant. Support. As amended, includes immigration status in categories of persons to be afforded equal rights and opportunities in higher education facilities. Did not take a position on amended form. SIGNED.

SB 974 (Lara) and AB 2965 (Arambula) – Expand Medi-Cal eligibility to all income-eligible adults regardless of immigration status. Support. DIED in Assembly Appropriations Committee and Senate Appropriations Committee, respectively.

Bills to Address Policing and Police/Community Relations

AB 3131 (Gloria and Chiu) – Requires state and local law enforcement to provide advance notification and develop a use policy before obtaining military equipment. Co-sponsored. VETOED.

AB 748 (Ting) – Creates statewide standards for withholding electronic recordings when doing so would interfere with police investigations. Support. SIGNED.

AB 831 (Weber) – Improves law enforcement accountability by tightening the standard for when a peace officer may apply lethal force to only when necessary in order to prevent imminent serious bodily injury or death. Support. HELD in Senate Rules Committee.

SB 1421 (Skinner) – Makes certain police records of misconduct open to the public. Support. SIGNED.

Bills Addressing Other Key Issues

AB 84 (Mullin) – Creates four new legislative caucus committees for the purpose of receiving campaign donations of up to $36,500 (up from $4,400). Oppose. DIED (ordered to inactive file).

AB 186 (Eggman) – Allows the City of San Francisco to create Supervised Consumption Sites in order to reduce overdoses and the spread of diseases resulting from unsafe drug use. Support. VETOED.

AB 2943 (Low) – Clarifies that commercial “conversion therapy” for a fee is an unlawful business practice. Support. DIED (ordered to Inactive File by author).

SB 822 (Wiener) – Reestabishes “net neutrality” rules for California Internet Service Providers. Support. SIGNED.