



## FCLCA WINTER UPDATE 2026

### **TAKE ACTION: ASK THE GOVERNOR TO ENACT UNIVERSAL CLEMENCY**

FCLCA is part of the California Anti-Death Penalty Coalition -- we are calling on Governor Gavin Newsom to enact universal clemency and commute every death row sentence in California. Instead of handling cases one by one, universal clemency utilizes the governor's executive authority to correct the injustice of the death penalty across the board.

Here is the link to send a message to the governor.

<https://actionnetwork.org/letters/gov-newsom-please-commute-all-death-sentences/?source=mlk>

### **State Budget Advocacy**

The big news in January was the release of the governor's proposed state budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27. You can find lots of information on our FCL Education Fund webpage here: <https://fclca.org/news-and-analysis> - we've published responses from the coalitions FCLCA participates in, covering housing, health care and child poverty. Our budget advocacy will continue through the spring and throughout the process that ends with the final budget vote by June 15.

Our budget advocacy includes

Asking for \$2.8 billion in investments in housing and homelessness. [Read more here.](#)

Urging a rollback of the January budget proposal's cuts impacting immigrant communities, Those cuts included stripping 200,000 immigrant Californians, including asylees and refugees, of full scope Medi-Cal and subjecting them to onerous work requirements beyond what federal law requires.

Advocating for a rollback of the proposed cuts to the elderly and disabled in the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Program.

Requesting \$40 million in one-time investment in the FY2026-27 budget to launch a pilot program called "Jails to Jobs" (J2J) that integrates workforce development for Californians in pretrial proceedings.

Requesting an increase of \$50 million in ongoing state funding for California's Immigration Legal Services Programs for a total of \$125 million ongoing in FY 2026-27, to defend due process, protect community safety, and keep immigrant children, families, and communities together amid the federal government's escalating campaign of mass immigration raids, detentions, and deportations.

## **Bills**

The deadline for the introduction of bills this year is February 20. Here are a few of the bills we are already working on:

SB 982, the Affordable Insurance and Recovery Act (AIR Act) is described as "ground-breaking legislation to tackle California's growing home insurance affordability crisis." The AIR Act would authorize the Attorney General to take large oil and gas corporations to court for damages related to climate change fueled extreme weather disasters, like wildfires and flooding.

AB 762 would ban single-use vaping devices and has passed the Assembly Floor. These devices contain lithium batteries and pose harm to marine life and terrestrial environments.

We are supporting bills introduced in response to the Trump administration's aggressive and unconstitutional immigration policies, including SB 747, the "No Kings Act." The bill amends California law to create a legal pathway to sue any federal, state, or local official who violates a Californian's rights under the U.S. Constitution.

AB 1690, to incrementally expand the state Young Child Tax Credit to families with children up to age 18.

AB 1165, the California Housing Justice Act, which requires the Legislature to make ongoing investments *at the scale needed* to solve our housing crisis and build a strategic roadmap to end the housing and homelessness crisis. [You can read more and message your support here.](#)