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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE WINS

POLICY PRIORITIES

EDUCATION

- **AB 901 (GIPSON) EDUCATION, NOT PROBATION [Signed into law]**
Co-sponsors: ACLU California, Alliance for Boys and Men of Color, East Bay Community Law Center, National Center for Youth Law, PolicyLink, Sigma Beta Xi Youth & Family Services, W. Haywood Burns Institute, Youth Justice Coalition.
 - Limits the discretion of probation to place young people on “voluntary probation.” Ensures students receive appropriate interventions and are not criminalized with “voluntary probation” for academic performance, attendance, or general school behavior issues.

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND JUSTICE

- **AB 1196 (GIPSON) BANS POLICE CHOKEHOLDS [Signed into law]**
Co-sponsors: Alliance for Boys and Men of Color, CA Faculty Association, CA State National Action Network, PolicyLink, Racial Justice Coalition, S.T.O.P. Coalition, and Youth Justice Coalition.
 - Saves lives by creating a uniform statewide policy banning the use of chokeholds and carotid artery restraints to ensure these procedures can no longer be applied in California by police officers.
- **SB 823 (Weber, Skinner) Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Realignment [Signed into law]**
Co-sponsors: Author-sponsored
 - Creates a plan to close the state’s youth prison system, Division of Juvenile Justice, and reinvest in youth development, health, wellness and creates clear oversight for system involved youth, and incorporates community-based organizations as part of treatment, care, and service delivery.
- **County Jail Audit (Kamlager) [Approved]**
Co-sponsors: Alliance for Boys and Men of Color
 - Urges the State Auditor to examine the spending of prison realignment funds by the Alameda County, Fresno County and Los Angeles County sheriffs’ departments, to evaluate the efficient and responsible spending of prison realignment funds.
- **ACA 6 (McCarty) Free the Vote [Approved]**
Co-sponsors: ACLU of California, All of Us or None, Anti-Recidivism Coalition, Californians United for a Responsible Budget, #Cut50, Initiate Justice, Legal Services for Prisoners With Children.
 - Combats voter suppression by restoring the right to vote for people who are on parole; appeared on Nov. 2020 ballot as Prop. 17 and was approved by California voters.

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BUDGET REQUEST

- **SEED INITIATIVE [Approved]**

Co-sponsors: Alliance for Boys and Men of Color, California Federation of Labor, California Immigrant Policy Center, CLEAN Carwash Worker Center, Immigrants Rising, Pilipino Worker Center, PolicyLink, SEIU-USWW, and UCLA Labor Center.

- Requests \$10 million to fund the Social Entrepreneurs for Economic Development (SEED) Initiative to provide economic development and technical assistance opportunities to support immigrants and Californians with limited English proficiency in starting small businesses, including worker cooperatives.