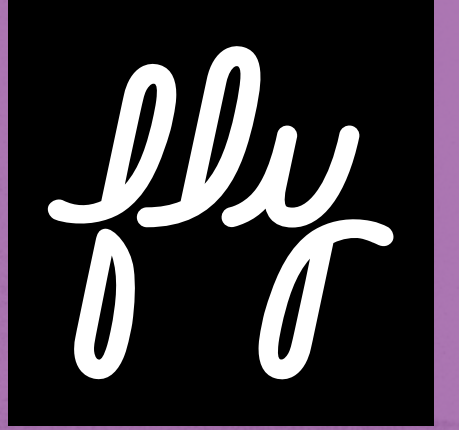


August - October 2023



# SYSTEMS CHANGE POSTCARD

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# 8 BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW!



Eight of FLY's Legislative Priorities were signed into law this year, including one of our co-sponsored bills. Five more bills have become 2-year bills and will move forward in 2024. Finally, five bills failed to pass the legislature, and Governor Newsom vetoed two.

**Equitable treatment for youth in detention hearings**

**Strengthen OYCR to protect youth rights**

**Ending "willful defiance" suspensions**

**Firearm tax to fund violence intervention (\$75 million annually)**

**Expanding eligibility for diversion opportunity**

**Increasing awareness of restorative justice**

**Advance payments for nonprofits**

**Violence intervention & prevention grant (CalVIP) reauthorized**



**Click the circles to read more about each of the FLY co-sponsored and supported bills signed into law!**

# 2024 PRIORITIES

## 2-YEAR BILLS MOVING FORWARD

The following FLY co-sponsored bills will move forward in 2024:

- **Assembly Bill 1186: The REPAIR Act**
  - California's current restitution system is broken and fails survivors, youth, and their families. The REPAIR Act will create a state-funded, sustainable compensation fund for crime survivors, lifting the economic burden of restitution from youth and their families.
- **Assembly Bill 702: The PROMYSE Act**
  - AB 702 would help California fully realize the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act's vision of providing collaborative, restorative, community-based services for young people and ensuring equitable representation and decision-making within county oversight bodies.

### What does it mean to be a CO-SPONSOR?

Co-sponsoring is when an organization brings a bill idea to a legislator to introduce and/or provides a high level of support in lobbying for the bill and leading the advocacy strategy.



# FLY'S BSCC ADVOCACY

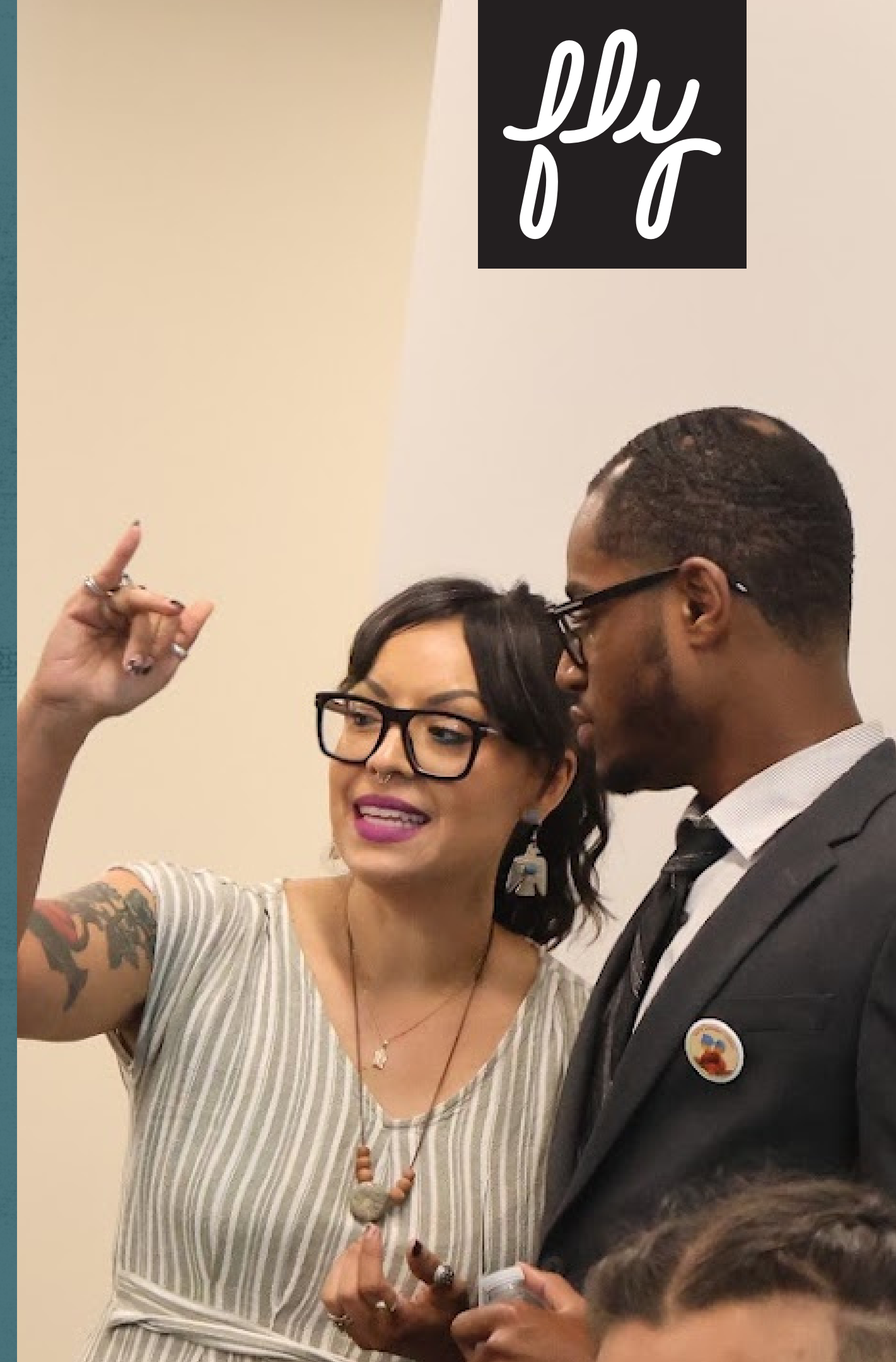


## >>>>> What is the BSCC?

The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) is a state agency with many responsibilities, including creating and enforcing the minimum standards that probation must follow when running a locked youth facility. These standards are meant to protect youth rights but are often far too weak. In 2022, FLY was selected by the BSCC to host youth listening sessions and submit a report containing youth recommendations to improve conditions in juvenile halls, camps, and ranches by revising the minimum standards.

## >>>>> FLY Advocacy Trip in August 2023

15 FLY staff and youth traveled to Sacramento in August to advocate for improved conditions in youth facilities. This is our third BSCC advocacy trip, and FLY youths' continued presence at the BSCC Executive Steering Committee is holding committee members accountable to implement real change! FLY's Youth Policy Fellows also wrote a set of talking points and trained youth from across FLY and other nonprofit organizations on how to make public comments!



# More photos from our August BSCC Advocacy Trip!



[Click Here to watch  
Youth Advocate at the BSCC!](#)



# YOUTH POLICY FELLOWSHIP

FLY is now recruiting Youth Policy Fellows for 2024! This fellowship is an opportunity for young folks (ages 16-25) to create the change they want to see in the systems that have impacted them! [Interest form here!](#)

The Youth Policy Fellows from the first cohort this year did incredible work over the last ten months, including:

➤➤➤➤➤ Leading FLY's BSCC advocacy efforts and training youth across the state!

➤➤➤➤➤ Guiding FLY in selecting legislation to support, then lobbying for multiple bills including AB 912, SB 274, AB 702, AB 1186, & AB 958!

➤➤➤➤➤ Representing FLY in Sacramento at multiple state-wide justice reform events and much, much more!!!



# LOCAL SPOTLIGHT!

The Oakland Public Safety Youth Leadership Council (YLC) is a youth-led body facilitated by FLY that engages the community and educates decision-makers on youth perspectives on safety. They use their voices to influence and impact public safety systems, practices, and policies.

- In October, the YLC met with Oakland Mayor Sheng Thao to discuss community safety. The mayor committed to working with the YLC on three key projects:
  - The YLC will participate in the process of hiring the next Oakland Chief of Police and chief of the Department of Violence Prevention
  - The YLC will work with OPD so youth ages 18-24 will be part of the interview process for police candidates
  - The YLC will host a youth-led Public Safety Forum



**[Click here to watch YLC members introduce Mayor Thao at the Oakland State of the City and share about their work!](#)**

