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FLY's 2023 Legislative Priorities



FLY's Systems Change Committee, a group of FLY Board members and youth, approved 14 bills for advocacy this year. You can read about each of these bills on the [Advocacy_page](#) of our website.

In support of our priorities, FLY youth and staff have taken the following actions thus far in 2023:

- 36 meetings with legislators and their staff
- 15 letters of support submitted to the legislature
- 22 public comments in Sacramento

Click the circles below to read more about some of the bills FLY is co-sponsoring or supporting this year!



Reforming Youth Restitution

Preventing Racially Biased Traffic Stops

Reinvesting savings from prison closures

Expanding eligibility for diversion opportunity

Ending "willful defiance" suspensions

Firearm tax to fund violence intervention (CaVIP)

FLY in Sacramento



BSCC ESC Advocacy

Following FLY's [youth-led report](#) and previous BSCC advocacy in March, 20 FLY youth and staff travelled to Sacramento to advocate for improved conditions in juvenile halls, camps, and ranches. Read more about the BSCC and our advocacy in this [op-ed](#).



Youth Diversion Summit

In April, FLY's Youth Policy Fellows joined advocates from across the state in Sacramento to support [AB 912](#). Our collective advocacy helped dozens of legislators see the importance of providing youth with health-based services in their communities in lieu of incarceration and formal juvenile system involvement.



ABMOC Lobby Day

FLY joined the Alliance for Boys and Men of Color for a day of lobbying in April. After meeting with other advocates in the morning, we spent the afternoon meeting with legislators to lobby for SB 274, AB 60, and AB 958. You can read about ABMOC's 2023 priorities [here](#).



Quest 4 Democracy

In May, FLY's Youth Policy Fellows and Alameda County's YAC attended "Quest 4 Democracy." The event was an opportunity for FLY's youth leaders to advocate as experts about the devastating realities of the criminal justice system.

Youth Advisory Council Updates

The Alameda and Santa Clara County YACs celebrated their successes this year with an expo in SCC and a closure event in AC. The councils are spending the summer recruiting new members and planning for the new fiscal year!

SCC YAC members also travelled to Washington DC to attend a national conference hosted by the Coalition of Juvenile Justice. People from all over the country came together to share their stories, learn from each other, and work towards creating positive change in the juvenile justice system.



Local Updates

Santa Clara County

FLY signed on to a [letter](#) written by Silicon Valley Debug, Young Women's Freedom Center, and CARAS that raises concerns about SB 823 and SB 92 implementation. The letter demands that SCC Probation end the use of the juvenile hall as its Secure Youth Treatment Facility.

FLY staff and youth also joined community advocates at a rally and march from Juvenile Hall to the Santa Clara County Government Center. One chant during the march was "Painting the walls doesn't change the halls!".

Contra Costa County

FLY launched a Transition Age Youth (TAY) Network in CCC designed to ensure that every young adult on probation in the county has access to a comprehensive set of services and programs that will increase self-sufficiency while decreasing their chances of further interaction with the justice system. This collaborative effort to fully support TAY brings together agencies like Bay Area Legal Aid, HealthRight 360, Hope Solutions, and the Probation Department. We have additionally selected young adults who are from the community to serve as paid advisors for the network.

