

# ABMoC

Alliance for Boys and Men of Color

## COMMUNITY SAFETY AND JUSTICE

### ADVOCACY TO KEEP FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

As the state with the largest immigrant community in the country, California has an ethical and moral obligation to step up our leadership and take action to protect the rights of immigrants. ABMoC will educate elected officials on the importance of stopping local and state law enforcement from assisting federal immigration agencies in the detention and deportation of our community members.

### **[DID NOT PASS ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS] AB 800 (ORTEGA) - REDUCING VENDING MACHINE FOOD PRICES IN PRISON**

Reduces food prices in California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) visiting rooms, providing immediate financial relief for incarcerated individuals and their families. The bill also ensures that healthy food options are available in prison vending machines. **Co-Sponsors: ABMoC, The Coalition for Family Unity**

## YOUTH LEADERSHIP AND JUSTICE

### **[TWO-YEAR BILL - ON ASSEMBLY FLOOR] AB 1279 (SHARP-COLLINS) - PATHWAYS TO JUSTICE: END JUVENILE THREE-STRIKES**

Would eliminate strikes committed as a juvenile from being used to enhance future adult felonies. This bill would also allow people to petition for resentencing if their prior juvenile adjudication was used to enhance an adult felony conviction.

**Co-Sponsors: ABMoC, Prison FTIO, Reversion 36, C.H.A.N.G.E.S, CURYJ, FLY, The Place For Grace, LSPC**

## **[SIGNED INTO LAW] AB 1376 (BONTA) - END ENDLESS PROBATION**

Limits the time young people spend under probation supervision to six months unless the court determines (after a hearing) that it is in the young person's best interest to extend probation—limits probation conditions, requiring that they are individually tailored, developmentally appropriate, and reasonable. **Co-Sponsors:** ABMoC, Young Women's Freedom Center, Burns Institute, National Center for Youth Law (NCYL)

## **[DID NOT PASS SENATE APPROPRIATIONS] SB 824 (MENJIVAR) - THE SUPPORTING HEALTHY, INDIVIDUALLY FOCUSED TRANSITION (SHIFT) ACT**

Ensures that the youth justice system prioritizes rehabilitation and the services, programs, and placements young people need to return to the community successfully. Addressing gaps in existing law, this bill delineates how courts and other stakeholders can effectively plan for a young person's progress toward rehabilitation and reintegration, with the ultimate goals of reducing recidivism and helping youth flourish when they return home. **Co-Sponsors:** ABMoC, Pacific Juvenile Defender Center, The California Alliance for Youth and Community Justice (CAYCJ), National Center for Youth Law (NCYL), Fresh Lifelines for Youth (FLY), Burns Institute

## **HEALING TOGETHER AND GENDER JUSTICE**

### **\$20M FOR HEALING-CENTERED VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMS**

Make significant investments in healing-centered, culturally rooted programs to end domestic and sexual violence by expanding nonviolence initiatives tailored for men, people with disabilities, LGBTQIA individuals, and diverse communities. Funding would support community-based organizations in piloting and scaling restorative and transformative justice programs, including helplines and interventions for those at risk of causing harm.

## **CALIFORNIA EXPANSION OF THE CALL FOR CHANGE HELPLINE**

Expansion of an innovative, free, and confidential intimate partner abuse prevention helpline, serving adults and teens who are at risk of harming their intimate partner or who have questions about how to be a safe partner. The Helpline is part of an effort to provide interventions outside the criminal legal system and a move away from punitive measures.

## **EDUCATION EQUITY**

### **[VETOED BY GOVERNOR] AB 7 (BRYAN) - LEGACY OF HARM & EXCLUSION CONSIDERATION ACT**

This bill allows California State University, the University of California, independent institutions of higher education, and private postsecondary educational institutions to consider providing a preference in admissions to applicants who are descendants of American Slavery. **Co-Sponsors: ABMoC, BARHII, Western Center on Law and Poverty, UC Student Association, California Faculty Association, BLM Grassroots**

### **POWER BUILDING FOR EDUCATION JUSTICE**

Over the next year, ABMoC will be focused on strengthening the capacity of our partners and community members to engage in the legislative process at the Capitol and in district offices, ensuring that community wisdom shapes policies that combat systemic racism and transform school climates. ABMoC will educate elected officials on the importance of standing firm against punitive disciplinary practices while advancing community-centered solutions through strategic advocacy.

In addition, ABMoC is convening an Education Power Summit in the spring, where partners will participate in workshops and strategy sessions to coordinate education justice efforts statewide and regionally to help identify priorities, gaps, and opportunities for collaboration, ensuring a more powerful, united movement for education justice.

# ECONOMIC FREEDOM

## **[DID NOT PASS ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS] SB 423**

### **(SMALLWOOD-CUEVAS) – ENHANCING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FOR INCARCERATED FIREFIGHTERS ACT**

Each year, thousands of incarcerated people—disproportionately Black and Brown—risk their lives fighting fires to protect our communities. But when they come home, they face barriers to turning that experience into a career. SB 423 removes those barriers by creating real, supported pathways into public safety jobs, including civil service preference points, access to credentials while still incarcerated, and post-release job training. The bill also reinvests state savings into reentry, mental health, and workforce programs. **Co-Sponsor: ABMoC**

## **[DID NOT PASS SENATE APPROPRIATIONS] SB 592 (SMALLWOOD-CUEVAS)**

### **- STRENGTHENING LIMITED EQUITY HOUSING COOPERATIVES ACT**

This bill helps tenants—especially in communities of color—buy their buildings and take housing off the speculative market. By exempting certain transfers from property tax reassessment, it removes financial barriers to collective ownership and supports long-term, community-controlled affordability. **Co-Sponsor: ABMoC**