

Indivisible East Bay Priority Bills July 2019 (Many Are also Statewide Priority Bills):

ELECTIONS / VOTING RIGHTS

- **ACA 6/AB 646** (McCarty) - Expands voting rights to people on parole to re-enfranchise over 50,000 Californians. IEB is working with the community co-sponsors of ACA 6, including Initiate Justice and All of Us or None, and our community partner Open Gate, which supports people exiting prison, including many on parole, to enroll in college.
Status: Passed out of *House Appropriations* on 7/10/19 by a 12-3-0 vote. Note: This is now a two-year bill. **Next step - vote on Assembly floor**, needs 2/3rds.
Actions: Ask Asm. Wicks to become a co-author.
- **AB 49** (Cervantes) - Requires county elections officials to ensure that at least one vote center is open in each Assembly district within the county at all times when any vote center is open in the county.
Status: Passed *Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments* on 7/2/19 by a 4-1-0 vote. Referred to *Senate Appropriations*.
Actions: No action required.
- **AB 177** (Low) - Makes election day a state holiday for state employees.
Status: Passed *Assembly Governmental Organization* on 4/3/19 by a 13-6-2 vote. Referred to *Assembly Appropriations*. (Dead).
Question: Any insights as to why it died? Was it the cost (\$92M state, undetermined local)?
- **AB 363** (Gonzalez) - Requires early voting availability in 3 days preceding election at all vote centers.
Status: Passed *Assembly Elections and Redistricting* on 3/27/19 by a 6-1-0 vote. Referred to *Assembly Appropriations* and postponed. (Dead).
Question: Any insight as to why it died - cost? What it would take to get it through in the future?
- **AB 1217** (Mullin) - Requires issue advertisements to disclose top 3 funders.
Status: Referred to *Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments* on 7/8/19.
Action: Thanks for voting for AB 1217 on the Assembly floor on 5/29/19.
- **SB 47** (Allen) - Requires ballot initiative signature gatherers to disclose top 3 funders.
Status: Passed *Assembly Elections and Redistricting* on 7/3/19 by a 5-0-2 vote. Referred to *Assembly Appropriations*.
Action: Ask Wicks to become a co-author. Very important bill for transparency.
- **SB 72** (Gonzalez) - Requires, rather than permits, county elections officials to offer conditional voter registration and provisional voting at all satellite offices of the county

elections official and all polling places in the county.

Status: Passed out of *Assembly Elections and Redistricting* on 06/19/19 by a 5-2-0 vote. Referred to *Assembly Appropriations*.

Action: No action required.

- **SB 139** (Allen) - Requires counties to have independent redistricting commissions, is on the current StateStrong bill list.

Status: Passed *Assembly Local Government* on 7/3/19 by a 5-3-0 vote, Referred to *Assembly Appropriations*.

Action: Ask Wicks to co-author.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- **AB 32** (Bonta) - Prohibits CDCR from entering/renewing contracts with private for-profit prisons. Estimated cost: \$196M (for-profit avg. cost = \$29,000, CDCR avg. cost = \$75,000, for 4,252 inmates in four for-profit prisons in CA & AZ). Long list of community co-sponsors, including Indivisible State, and one opponent, the CA State Sheriffs' Assn.

Status: Passed *Senate Public Safety* on 7/19/19 by a 5-2-0 vote. Referred to *Senate Appropriations*.

Action: Thank you for voting for this bill on the Assembly floor (passed 61-13).

Question: Will this bill die this year in exchange for AB 392?

- **AB 392** (Weber) - Changes the police use of deadly force standard to last resort (only when necessary to prevent death or serious injury) and mandates de-escalation.

Status: Passed full Senate on 7/8/19 by a 34-3-3 vote. Enrolled on 7/11/2019.

Action: Thank you for supporting AB 392.

- **AB 277** (McCarty) - Reduces the length of parole for participation in certain activities, such as education, training, and substance abuse programs.

Status: Died in *Assembly Appropriations*.

Action: Thank you for supporting AB 277. While it was not on the statewide top-10 list, it's an important priority for IEB.

- **AB 1185** (McCarty) - Officer oversight: sheriff oversight board.

Status: Ordered to 3rd reading on 7/3/19.

Questions: Do you have any existing relationship with sheriff's offices?

Actions: Would you consider:

- Introducing a constitutional amendment to switch from elected to appointed sheriffs?
 - Introducing a bill allowing counties to set term limits for sheriffs and D.A.'s?
- **SB 136** (Wiener) - Repeals 1-year sentence enhancement for people with a prior prison conviction.

Status: Passed by Senate. Passed by *Assembly Public Safety*. (Wicks a member) on 6/26/19 by a 6-2-0 vote. Referred to *Assembly Appropriations*.

Action: Thank you for being a co-author in the Assembly.

Question: Needs lobbying?

IMMIGRATION

- **AB 4** (Arambula)/**SB 29** (Durazo) - Medi-Cal for undocumented immigrants. We are disappointed that stated budgetary concerns resulted in restricting the age range because we believe that no-one should be left out of access to healthcare.

Status: AB 4 merged with SB 29 and cancelled on 7/10/19. SB 29 passed by *Assembly Health* on 7/9/19 by a 10-3-2 vote. Referred to *Assembly Appropriations*.

Question: Is there any hope of getting broader coverage this year?

- **AB 1332** (Bonta), the sanctuary state contract & investment act, which prohibits any new state contracts with entities that work with ICE/CBP.

Status: Referred to *Assembly Appropriations* on 4/23/19. (Dead)

Questions: Any thoughts on what needs to happen, where the pressure points are, if this bill is brought up in the future?

ENVIRONMENT

- **AB 1080 / SB 54** - Bans single use plastics.

Status: AB 1080 passed *Senate Environment Quality* on 7/3/19 by a vote of 5-0-2. Referred to *Senate Appropriations* on 7/11/19; SB 54 passed *Assembly Natural Resources* on 7/8/19 by a vote of 7-3-1, referred to *Assembly Appropriations*.

- **AB 1276** (Bonta) - Enacts a Green New Deal in California to address our climate crisis.

Status: Now a two-year bill.

Action: We'd like to ask Asm. Wicks to become a co-author on this bill. We also know that any climate legislation will face a ton of opposition and would be excited to support Asm. Bonta in moving this legislation forward next year!

- **SB 200** (Garcia, Bloom) / **AB 217** (Burke) - Help secure access to safe drinking water for all Californians.

Status: SB 200 passed full Senate on 7/8/19 by a vote of 38-1-1. Ordered to engrossing and enrolling.

Questions: Do you foresee any problems?

HOUSING

- **AB 1482** (Chiu): Anti-rent gouging & just cause eviction.

Status: Passed *Senate Judiciary* on 7/9/19 by a 6-1-2 vote. Referred to *Senate Appropriations*.

Actions: Thank you for being a principal co-author of AB 1482, anti-rent gouging and just cause eviction, which passed the Assembly on a 43-31-6 vote, not an easy lift.

- **SB 50** (Wiener): Authorizes a development proponent of a neighborhood multifamily project located on an eligible parcel to submit an application for a streamlined, ministerial approval process that is not subject to a conditional use permit.

Status: In *Assembly Appropriations* on 6/4/19.

POVERTY

- **AB 1022** (Wicks) - Federal 3-month time limit to SNAP.

Status: Referred to *Senate Appropriations* by *Senate Human Services* on 6/24/19 by vote of 5-0-1.

- **AB 1593** (Reyes) - Expand the California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC) to immigrant workers with an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN).

Status: Cancelled first hearing by request of author.

- **SB 285** (Weiner) - Ensure all eligible Californians have efficient, equitable access to CalFresh.

Status: Passed Senate. Referred to *Assembly Appropriations* by *Assembly Human Services* on 7/2/19 by a vote of 7-0-1.

- **SB 499** (McGuire) / **AB 842** (Limon) - Hunger-Free Preschool and Child Care to increase K-12 school's capacity to provide healthy school meals, made with California grown fruits and vegetables, and free to all students.

Status: SB 499 merged with AB 842 and cancelled on 7/2/19.

AB 842 referred to *Senate Appropriations* with recommendation "to consent calendar" by *Senate Education* on 7/3/19 by vote of 7-3-0.

PUBLIC BANKING

- **AB 857**: Charters for public banks.

Status: Passed Assembly 41-29-0, a closer vote than many bills; Referred to *Senate Appropriations* on 7/9/19.

Action: Thank you for supporting this bill.

HEALTH CARE

- **AB 1611**: Prohibits surprise emergency room bills.

Status: Passed Assembly. Referred to *Senate Appropriations* on 7/9/19.