

Legislative Report for Summer 2026 – New Lobby Day, August 4th



Sophia Lorey and Greg Burt leaders of the California Family Council; Orlean Koehle and Leslie Bell, holding a poster against AB2624

Please join us for a new Lobby Day on August 4, our last day to try to combat some of the really bad bills going through the state legislature. It is sponsored by the California Family Council.

Shown is a picture from June 24, the last Lobby Day, and what we experienced: There was a training session at 9:00 and then we met at what is called the Swing Space at 1021 O Street, the new legislative building. It appears the legislators have totally outgrown the Capitol Building. It is only used now for hearings, but no longer for offices for the legislators.

What we learned from Lobby Day:

How the legislative process works and how citizens influence public policy. We met with like-minded Californians who share our same values.

We gained hands-on experience advocating directly with lawmakers and their staff.

We received information about all the bills we were lobbying about.

We were able to see the voting record of our legislators – how well they measured up to Biblical and Constitutional voting. Mine were pretty bad: Senator Mike McGuire had 28%. Assemblyman Chris Rogers had 16%.

<https://watchdog.californiafamily.org/public/find>

It was suggested that you cannot travel to Sacramento to meet personally with your legislators that you meet in your district with them on a Friday. Set up an appointment with them and meet as a group to lobby them: (Those for Sonoma County are: Senator Mike McGuire - 916) 651-4002 and Assemblyman Chris Rogers - (916) 319-2002.

As CFC tells us, “District meetings are a powerful way to build relationships with lawmakers and ensure they hear directly from constituents in their communities.” **Here are the bills that we lobbied about:**

Bills We Support:

- AB 1628: Expanding Safe Surrender for Newborn babies.
- AB 1946: Protecting Children from Online Sexual Exploitation.
- AB 2534: Closing the Legal Gap on Forced Marriage.

Bills We Oppose:

- AB 1930: Harming unborn babies and minors by making abortions and gender-affirming care legal.
- AB 1973: Expanding Late-Term Abortions to be allowed to be performed by Non-Physicians.
- AB 2540: Abortion Pills Mandated on Every Community College with a Student Health Center.
- AB 1540: Appropriates \$5 million to ensure the 988 national suicide hotline in California routes LGBTQ+ identified youth to groups that encourage them to embrace harmful LGBTQ identities and behaviors.
- AB 1876: Mandating Health Insurance Coverage for Transgender Drugs and Surgeries.
- AB 1578: Undefined ‘Hate Speech’ Training mandated for all Elected Officials.
- AB 1803: Forcing Undefined ‘Hate Speech’ in Workplace – Mandated Training for All Employees with Five or More Employees.
- SB 934: Retroactive Lawsuits Against Faith-Based Counselors Helping People Leave LGBTQ Identities.
- SB 608: Mandating Condoms in 7-12 Schools, Parents Left Out.
- AB 2017: State holidays: Eid: This bill would add Muslim religious holidays “Eid al-Fitr” and “Eid al-Adha” to the list of state holidays and requires that schools teach what this holiday is all about.
- AB 2624 (Mia Bonta) “Silence Nick Shirley Act” pretending to protect “public safety” of immigrants, it really is a bill to stop freedom of the press. It would demand the removal of video evidence—even if it captures misconduct in plain view. (Nick Shirley’s evidence showed fraud in both Minnesota and S. Cal worth \$millions from fake Day Care Centers and fake Hospice Centers that were all being run by Muslim immigrants) AB 2624 threatens journalists with massive financial penalties" \$10,000 or imprisonment if they show their videos. "That’s not about public safety — it’s about protecting powerful interests." What Assemblyman Carl DeMaio said about this bill.