PENDING CA STATE LEGISLATION – SOCIAL JUSTICE

- 1. ACA 5, an affirmative action proposal, would repeal portions of 1996's Proposition 209, a civil rights initiative that barred government from considering race, ethnicity and sex for public employment, education and contracts. Proponents say in the years since, diversity in public universities has dropped and minorities have received fewer economic opportunities. "This would restore equity and opportunity for black businesses and students across California, as well as women and other minorities," McCarty said. "Twenty-five years later, it's time for the voters to weigh in again."
- >> Currently scheduled for Assembly floor 6/8/20. Write or call your Assembly Person.
 - 2. <u>AB 3121</u> would create a **reparations task force** to educate Californians about slavery and recommend ways the state can "help remedy generations impacted with inequality and discrimination," McCarty said.
- >> Currently in Assembly scheduled for floor vote 6/8/20. Write or call your assembly person.
 - 3. <u>AB 1460</u> would require California State University campuses to provide ethnic studies courses, which would also become a graduation requirement beginning with the class of 2024-25. The classes would focus on four historically marginalized groups: Native Americans, African Americans, Latinx Americans and Asian Americans.
- >> In Senate. Scheduled for floor vote 6/8/20. Write or call your senator
 - 4. ACA 6 would put a measure to restore voting rights to parolees with felony convictions before voters. McCarty called felon disenfranchisement a "Jim Crow law" which disproportionately impacts African Americans. California already allows those who have completed their jail or prison sentence to reregister to vote. As a constitutional amendment, ACA 6 requires a two-thirds majority vote from lawmakers in both chambers and ratification from California voters to take effect.
- >> Stuck in Assembly committee. Write or call your assembly member and committee chair.
 - 5. <u>AB 1950</u> would **cap probation terms** to a maximum of one year for misdemeanor offenses and two years for felony.
- >> In Senate waiting on 1st reading. Write or call your senator. Passed Assembly 9/5/2019
 - 6. AB 2342 would allow a parolee to earn credits by completing education, training or treatment programs in order to reduce parole time.
- >> In Assembly scheduled for floor vote 6/8/20. Write or call your assembly person.
 - 7. AB 2917 would require the California Department of Justice to review policies regarding use of deadly force at law enforcement agencies and make recommendations to requesting departments. McCarty, who introduced the bill, said it was inspired by the aftermath of the 2018 shooting of Stephon Clark by Sacramento police. "The Attorney General's office provided critical analysis to the Sacramento Police Department on best practices, which have improved public trust and reduced local incidents of unnecessary force," he said.
- >> In Assembly Public Safety committee. Write or call your assembly person and committee chair.
 - 8. <u>AB 1185</u> would **allow county governments to expand oversight of sheriff's departments** through civilian review boards and an inspector general.
- >> In Assembly Public Safety Committee since 3/20. Write or call your assembly person.