

California Hawaii State Conference of the NAACP  
Annual Legislative Day at the Capitol (Lobby Day)  
Sacramento, California  
May 20, 2019

The bus to Sacramento left Malcolm X Library around 8:30 pm on Sunday, May 19, 2019 with 3 adults and 4 youth. We stopped in Oceanside where approximately 19 people got on the bus from the North San Diego Branch.

The bus arrived at the Citizen Hotel in Sacramento at 5:30 am on May 20<sup>th</sup>. In the morning, we freshened up, obtained our team assignments, ate breakfast, and received information on the legislative process and bills that we would lobby.

Four bills were identified for all of the teams to lobby. We asked for an “aye” vote on the following bills: AB 392 (peace officers deadly force), AB 1105 related budget item 4265-001-001 (sickle cell disease centers), SB 188 (the Crown Act /prohibits workforce discrimination based on hair style) and SB 756 (charter schools moratorium). (See attached document called Lobby Day At-a-Glance Bill Reference Sheet).

We were also provided a document called 2019 Legislative Report. A copy is attached. It lists the California-Hawaii NAACP State Conference’s position on 39 bills. Individuals representing the NAACP publicly are

not to take a position on these bills that is different from that of the California-Hawaii NAACP State Conference.

After lunch we walked to the Capitol. Each team had four appointments. The youth on our team did all of the talking about the bills during our meetings. Armani Branch along with a 12-year old teammate from the North County Branch discussed “the Crown Act” at all four of our meetings.

After we finished our meetings, we returned to the hotel. All of the teams gave an oral and written report on their meetings.

Our bus left Sacramento around 5:30 pm. We arrived at Malcolm X Library around 2:00 am on May 21, 2019. It was a wonderful experience. The youth did a great job discussing the bills. We learned a great deal about the legislative process. Armani said that she lost a bunch of sleep.

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