

A woman with dark hair, wearing a grey blazer, is speaking into a microphone and pointing her right index finger. In the background, there are protest signs. One sign on the left is blue with the words "AN" and "TIONAL" in orange. Another sign on the right is pink with the words "We will stand together" in white. A large teal semi-circle is overlaid on the bottom half of the image.

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46 Years of ALC



1972

Defended San Francisco Chinatown youth from racial profiling and unconstitutional arrests by SF Police Department.

1977

Protested and provided legal assistance to 60 elderly Chinese and Filipino residents of the I-Hotel fighting their eviction.



1980

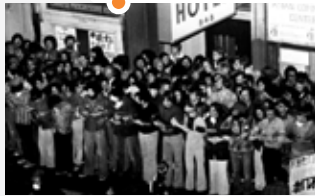
Challenged the deportation of foreign nurse graduates, most of whom were Filipino. The action successfully intervened in a case that highlighted the discriminatory nature of the licensing exam.

1983

Won denied pay and benefits for 19 garment workers and exposed worker exploitations in the garment industry.

1988

Protected undocumented workers from employment discrimination under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act.



Fought to overturn the World War II conviction of Fred Korematsu for violating Executive Order 9066 ordering the relocation of Japanese Americans.



1991

Increased participation of Asian Americans in the redistricting process, challenged the 1990 Census for undercounting people of color, and ensured the expansion of the bilingual ballots provision of the Voting Rights Act.

1994

Sued to prohibit the implementation of Proposition 187, an unconstitutional ballot initiative that denied undocumented immigrants access to education, health and social services.

1996

Won wages and punitive damages for 72 Latina and Thai garment workers who were employed in slave-like conditions.

2000

Joined a coalition of civil rights groups decrying government racial profiling when Dr. Wen Ho Lee, an engineer at Los Alamos National Laboratory, was unjustly accused of espionage.

2003

Mobilized the community against anti-Asian violence when Asian American teens faced hate crimes from white schoolmates.



2010

Represented Steve Li, a DREAM Act student at City College of San Francisco, and stopped his deportation with a private immigration bill from Senator Dianne Feinstein.



2011

Sued the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors for the county's at-large election system that diluted minority votes in violation of the California Voting Rights Act.



2013

Led the passage of the TRUST Act, which disentangles local police from immigration deportation and builds trust between local police and immigrants.

2014

Won in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals the right for thousands of immigrants in detention to see a judge and explain why they should be released on bond.



Won a \$750,000 class settlement for nail salon workers, including injunctive relief protecting the workers' right to speak Vietnamese at work.



2015

Defended at the Supreme Court a U.S. citizen's right to know why the government denied an immigration visa for her husband in Afghanistan.

2016

Trained and deployed community and attorney volunteers to visit almost 1,300 polling places on Election Day, operating one of the nation's largest field poll monitoring programs ever.

2017

Testified and organized to pass the first anti-registry ordinance in the country, preventing any registry based on ethnicity, origin, or religion.

2018

Filed a nationwide class action suit challenging the unlawful arrests and mass detention of hundreds of Cambodian and Vietnamese refugees.

Led the passage of the California Values Act, which ensures no state or local resources are used to carry out mass deportations and safeguards our public spaces such as schools, hospitals, and courthouses.

Led the passage of the TRUTH Act, which requires transparency and accountability when police interact with ICE.





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Mission

Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus was founded in 1972 as the nation's first legal and civil rights organization focused on serving the Asian American community. Recognizing that social, economic, political, and racial inequalities continue to exist in the United States, Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus is committed to the pursuit of equality and justice for all sectors of our society with a specific focus directed toward addressing the needs of low-income, immigrant, and underserved communities.



Executive Director

Aarti Kohli is the Executive Director of Advancing Justice – Asian Law Caucus. Previously the Deputy Director, Aarti is an experienced nonprofit lawyer, manager and philanthropic adviser with more than fifteen years of experience in issues impacting low-income and undocumented immigrants. Prior to her role as Deputy Director, Aarti led her own consulting practice. Aarti managed politics of demographic change and immigration reform at the UC Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism.

Aarti was also the Director of Immigration Policy at the Warren Institute at UC Berkeley School of Law where she led the institute's immigration initiative on issues of equity for immigrant families, particularly access to education, employment and legal protections in the deportation process. Formerly, she worked on a range of issues, from bankruptcy to voting rights, as Judiciary Committee counsel to Representative Howard Berman (D-CA). Before working for Congress she served as Assistant Legislative Director at UNITE union in Washington, DC where she lobbied on behalf of low-income garment workers.



Deputy Director

Thomas Mariadason became Deputy Director of Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus in February 2018. Over the past fifteen years, Thomas has worked as a researcher, program staff member, organizer, attorney, project manager, and board member for various social justice organizations. In his most recent role leading the Justice Project at the Advancement Project in Washington, D.C., Thomas helped design and launch organization's new strategic initiative on police accountability and mass incarceration. Thomas's professional career has been dedicated to racial justice lawyering and movement building, focusing on education equity, language access, police surveillance, and racial bullying. He's worked extensively with grassroots organizations in AAPI, Latino, and Black communities across the country.







Asian Americans Advancing Justice

While we here at Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus are well known in the Bay Area and across California, we make a national impact through our affiliation Asian Americans Advancing Justice. With sister organizations in Los Angeles, Chicago, Atlanta, and Washington, D.C., we have expanded capacity to serve the most at risk communities across the country. Together, we have provided guidance and technical assistance to grassroots partners, filed amicus briefs on key cases, and promoted pro-immigrant local and state policies.

The Advancing Justice Conference is the largest national conference focusing on the civil rights of and social justice issues impacting Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. The conference began as a forum where the AAPI community and allies could strategize and mobilize to make long lasting impact on important issues. This year's Conference was hosted by Advancing Justice - AAJC, where conference attendees participated in two days of programming, including panel discussions, caucus sessions, skills and capacity building trainings, and networking receptions.

This year, the Advancing Justice affiliation tackled more issues than ever before, including launching the Value our Families campaign with the goal of changing the national conversation on family immigration. With community partners all over the country, we came together at multiple convenings to plan strategy to impact immigration legislation in the foreseeable future. As the communities we serve are affected, we will continue to respond in a unified, organized manner.



Programs



Criminal Justice Reform



Immigrant Rights



Workers' Rights



Housing Rights



National Security & Civil Rights



Voting Rights



ASPIRE

Criminal Justice Reform

Summary

Our Criminal Justice Reform program advocates for a transformation of the criminal justice system. We challenge entanglement of local police in immigration enforcement and litigate against police misconduct.

Spotlight

On March 6, 2018, the Trump Administration sued California over SB 54, the sanctuary state bill that we helped to draft and were successful in passing in 2017. SB 54 disentangles local and state law enforcement from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in dozens of ways, including limiting sharing of release dates with ICE, limiting transfers to ICE, and protecting work and home addresses from being released to ICE. Immediately after the Trump Administration filed its lawsuit, our CJR team moved to respond by coordinating amicus briefs in defense of SB 54 from cities and counties across California, as well as from a large number of social justice and faith based organizations.

On June 20, 2018, we helped turn out hundreds of community members in support of SB 54 while the district court in Sacramento heard many hours of oral arguments on the lawsuit. Our dedicated community greatly outnumbered the few anti-immigrant protesters present. Notably, the Judge relied on our amicus briefs multiple times to press the Trump Administration on the fact that California has a right to choose to not be involved with deportations.

In a huge victory for our community, on July 5, 2018, the court denied the Trump administration's motion to suspend SB 54 and dismissed the Trump administration's claims against SB 54. Ensuring the proper protections against ICE is vital to the communities that we serve, and we will continue to defend against any challenges to our sanctuary state policies through advocacy, litigation, and community engagement.

After playing a key role in the successful passage of California state sanctuary laws, our Criminal Justice Reform team wanted to find ways to share the lessons we learned from drafting and passing pro-immigrant policies at the state and local level with other immigrant communities facing significant discrimination and intimidation in other parts of the country. Thanks to the generous support of NextGen America, our legal fellow Reetu Mody traveled to Florida, Tennessee, and Georgia to provide technical support to local, community-based organizations and immigrant rights and criminal justice reform coalitions seeking to draft and advocate for sanctuary policies similar to those we have secured in California.

In Orlando, Florida, our team helped support the Orlando TRUST Coalition with efforts that led to passing the Welcoming City Resolution, making Orlando one of the largest cities in the South to adopt such a resolution. In Davidson County, Tennessee, Reetu worked with Workers' Dignity to support the formation of a sanctuary coalition aimed at resisting bills that would allow local law enforcement to do the bidding of ICE. And in Georgia, Reetu supported our sister organization Advancing Justice - Atlanta in convening their first youth organizing summit and successfully defeat SB 452, statewide legislation that would have banned all sanctuary policies.

While our work is ongoing, our impact in the South has expanded the reach of our work translocally to communities on the other side of the country, while maintaining the fidelity of our three prong approach and focus on community-led problem solving.



Immigrant Rights

Summary

Our Immigrant Rights program provides legal services to low income immigrants facing detention and deportation. Recognizing that incarceration, immigration detention, and deportation separate families, we focus our legal services on the most vulnerable in the AAPI community — immigrants facing deportation due to criminal convictions.

Spotlight

Since early October 2017, ICE has unlawfully detained over 100 Cambodian refugees with final deportation orders, making these the largest raids to ever target the Cambodian community. ICE had released them years or decades ago because Cambodia refused to accept them for deportation. Many have U.S. citizen spouses, children, siblings, and relatives who rely on them for support. Nearly 16,000 refugees from Southeast Asia across the country are at risk of also being similarly detained.

Our Immigrant Rights team, along with our sister organization Advancing Justice - Los Angeles and Sidley Austin LLP, filed a nationwide class action lawsuit challenging these unlawful arrests.

We successfully stopped a deportation flight in December 2017, giving our IR team time to help our clients fight deportation. We secured a pardon from Governor Brown for our class representative Mony Neth on Christmas Day 2017 and blocked a number of other deportations. Mony's pardon demonstrated our model of lawyering in support of community organizing at its best, and the immense concurrent power of litigation and community pressure.

PROGRAMS

Workers' Rights

Summary

Our Workers' Rights program provides legal counseling, direct services, and impact litigation for low-income immigrant workers on a wide range of workplace issues, including race and national-origin discrimination, retaliation, wage and hour problems, and unemployment insurance benefit appeals. We partner regularly with worker centers to support workplace organizing, worker-led campaigns, and the development of immigrant worker leaders.

Spotlight

This year, in partnership with Young Workers United (YWU), the California Labor Commissioner's Office, and the San Francisco Office of Labor Standards Enforcement (OLSE), our Workers' Rights team recovered approximately \$600,000 in back wages and other amounts owed to workers at La Taqueria, the famed San Francisco Mission District restaurant whose burritos have been dubbed by some as America's best.

A small group of current and former employees from the restaurant who approached YWU about La Taqueria's workplace practices reported that for years, workers at the restaurant had worked 10 hour shifts without overtime pay and were denied sick pay and health care contributions required by the law.

The workers who stepped forward were young immigrant women who spoke limited English, most of whom were single mothers. The workers were determined to organize their co-workers and try to win not just for themselves, but for all affected workers at the restaurant, including those too scared to come forward. YWU and the workers came to Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus for legal support.

On the workers' behalf, we filed claims with the California Labor Commissioner's Office and OLSE, which led to workplace-wide investigations, an assessment, and a citation against the restaurant for more than half a million dollars owed to more than 30 affected employees. Under pressure, the restaurant paid the amounts in full and reformed its practices. However, the restaurant also fired two of the worker leaders. We immediately filed retaliation claims against the restaurant on their behalf.

Thanks to community support and the workers' perseverance, La Taqueria ultimately agreed to settle those retaliation claims. As part of that settlement, La Taqueria agreed to offer the workers their jobs back, and paid them all the wages they would have made had they not been unlawfully fired, plus thousands of dollars in retaliation penalties. We are proud to have fought and stood with the La Taqueria workers.



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Housing Rights

Summary

Our Housing Rights program provides legal counseling and representation to tenants facing evictions and unlawful actions by landlords in the San Francisco Bay Area. Our advocacy focuses on both housing and community development.

Valstock took over management of the building in Fall 2016 and began a campaign to drive our plaintiffs and other rent-controlled tenants out of the building in order to attract newer, more lucrative clientele. The harassment has included threatening and imposing exorbitant fines against tenants for long-established past practices like hanging laundry outside and leaving flip flops in the hallway outside of the unit.

Valstock also sent intimidating 40-page long English-only new leases and posted English-only notices in the building, all of which Valstock refused to translate despite tenant requests. During the same time, Valstock advertised vacancies for “students” or “professionals” online in English-only forums, and offered a new 24-hour repair line to tenants, accessible only to English speakers.

In November 2017, CTA organized a protest in which more than 100 tenants took to the streets to demand that Valstock cease their harassment tactics. Several community organizations, including Advancing Justice - ALC, issued Valstock a demand letter, but the company failed to respond or change their practices. Our ongoing lawsuit aims to protect the tenants from these malicious practices and demonstrates one of the many ways we will continue to combat the systematic displacement of vulnerable communities like San Francisco’s Chinatown.

Spotlight

In May 2018, our Housing Rights team filed a lawsuit on behalf of the Community Tenants Association (CTA) and a group of San Francisco Chinatown tenants against their landlord, Valstock Management Company. Like many buildings in Chinatown, Valstock’s is a Single Residency Occupancy (SRO) hotel, with rent-controlled units no larger than 80 square feet and shared bathrooms and kitchen spaces. More than 100 tenants live in the SRO, most of them low-income, limited English proficient Chinese immigrants.



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PROGRAMS

National Security & Civil Rights

Summary

Our National Security & Civil Rights team protects the civil rights of individuals and communities unjustly impacted by overbroad national security policies by combating racial and religious profiling and intrusions into privacy rights with a particular focus on Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim, and South Asian (AMEMSA) communities.

Spotlight

On June 26th, 2018, the United States Supreme Court issued a decision upholding the Trump administration's third Muslim Ban, which has been in effect since December 4, 2017. This decision was devastating for many of the communities that we serve, though not unprecedented for the Supreme Court, which has been wrong on major decisions before, as it was in *Korematsu* and *Dred Scott*. The Muslim Ban separates parents, children, and spouses, deprives individuals of life-saving healthcare, and blocks access to educational opportunities.

This particularly wrongful decision has authorized ongoing attacks against our communities by opening the door to government and court-sanctioned discrimination of other ethnic and religious groups.

In the immediate wake of the decision, our team and partners immediately: distributed updated Know Your Rights materials in English, Farsi, and Arabic; conducted community town halls and legal clinics; provided legal services; and trained over 40 lawyers representing individuals impacted by the decision. We also filed a class action lawsuit challenging the chaotic and discriminatory implementation of the Muslim Ban.

Although the Supreme Court decision to uphold the Muslim Ban will be seen as one of the Court's greatest failings, the fight is not over yet. Our team continues to mobilize and provide our communities with necessary Know Your Rights materials, legal services resources, and opportunities to advocate. The Muslim Ban is rooted in discriminatory intent, and our team will continue to resist until there is #NoMuslimBanEver.

Voting Rights

Summary

Our Voting Rights program works to ensure the full participation of all eligible voters in the electoral process. Our team works to protect the voting rights of and expand access to democracy for historically disenfranchised communities, with an emphasis on limited-English speaking immigrant voters. This work includes, among other things, language access in voting, redistricting, and Census.

Most importantly, the Voting Rights program sent volunteer poll monitors to polling places in 10 counties in the June primary election, when counties were implementing AB 918 for the first time. Poll monitors tracked whether the voting sites were in compliance with the requirements of the law and worked to address instances in which they were not. They also ensured that translated materials required under federal law were available, polling places were accessible to voters with disabilities, and voters were not being harassed or intimidated.

The Voting Rights team notified elections officials of approximately 35 issues on June 5, addressing problems that ranged from poll workers inappropriately asking for ID to polling places missing translated ballots. Subsequently, the Voting Rights team prepared 10-20 page reports on each county in which it monitored, evaluating each county on a variety of metrics and providing recommendations for how to better serve limited-English speaking voters. At least one county has already overhauled how it will provide translated materials in the November general election in response. In November, the Voting Rights program will operate a larger poll monitoring program, with more volunteers and in more counties.

Spotlight

Since the beginning of 2018, the Voting Rights program has provided technical assistance to county elections officials and to community-based organizations to ensure the proper implementation of AB 918, the language access bill that the Voting Rights team wrote and helped pass last year. Our team presented on AB 918's new requirements at seven convenings and conferences of elections officials and voting rights advocates interested in language access, prepared an implementation toolkit that was sent to every county elections office in the state, and presented an implementation webinar.





PROGRAMS

ASPIRE

Summary

ASPIRE is the first Pan-Asian undocumented-led group in the country with the mission to empower undocumented Pan-Asian youth and young adults.

Spotlight

In ASPIRE, healthcare is considered a human right, and no one should be denied access under no circumstances. This was reflective in 2018, when ASPIRE helped lead the #Health4All policy campaign. We advocated for two proposals to expand Medi-Cal to low-income undocumented Californians: one covering the young adult population 19-25 years old (AB 2965 - Arambula) and another covering our elderly population 65 years and older (SB 974 - Lara). Both bills had enough support to pass in their respective chambers but negotiations stalled at Budget Conference Committee and during the leadership meeting between key stakeholders in the budget deal.

Disappointingly, the important investment to expand Medi-Cal to vulnerable populations was not made, leaving hundreds of thousands unable to see a doctor.

Despite this outcome, we're proud of the significant strides ASPIRE took with Advancing Justice - CA to ensure both proposals were strongly considered by the California Legislature. In particular, getting a member of State Assembly to introduce a bill on #Health4All for the first time in this 5-year long campaign. As one of the few undocumented groups part of this work, ASPIRE provide a platform for directed impacted people who currently suffers because of lack of healthcare, especially the elderly undocumented population that are often left out of these conversations. Throughout the campaign, we provided public comments and testified during committee hearings when the proposals were discussed.

Building on a decade of advocacy, ASPIRE will continue to uplift the voices of our directly impacted community members until the needs of all Californians, regardless of immigration status, are finally met.

Yuri Kochiyama Fellow

Ny Nourn and her mother fled genocide in Cambodia and immigrated to the United States as refugees when she was five. At seventeen she was trapped in an abusive relationship with an older man. Only weeks after she'd turned eighteen, Ny's abusive boyfriend jealously killed her boss. Ny was sentenced to life in prison for aiding and abetting her abuser. After years of advocacy, Ny won parole but was immediately arrested by immigration enforcement as she left prison.

Ny represents so many of our clients. Over eighty-five percent of incarcerated women endure domestic violence and sexual assault prior to their incarceration. Coupled with the trauma of genocide and war, Southeast Asian refugees suffer one of the highest poverty and incarceration rates of any community. Through our Immigrant Rights team's legal representation and community mobilization, Ny finally walked out of detention, free after sixteen years.

At Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus, Ny engages in policy advocacy, organizing, and legal support for the Immigrant Rights and Criminal Justice Reform Programs through our Yuri Kochiyama fellowship.

The Yuri Kochiyama fellowship is a year long opportunity given to formerly incarcerated Asian and Pacific Islanders to build leadership and advocacy among directly impacted people. The fellowship supports the intersectional experiences of people suffering from the traumatic cycle of incarceration and deportation.



News Highlights

Podcast 

**Fighting For 80 Square Feet
In Chinatown** (KQED)

bit.ly/ChinatownKQED

Article 

**Civil Rights groups sue California
secretary of state over voter
language assistance** (NBC News)

bit.ly/LanguageAssistanceNBC

Article 

**How a Group of Immigration
Attorneys Stopped a Deportation
Flight to Cambodia** (The Nation)

bit.ly/CambodiaFlightTheNation

E-newsletter 

The Defender

In June 2018 we launched the inaugural edition of The Defender, our quarterly e-newsletter. Each issue, we explore the recent work of one of our seven programs, share a highlight of our activities in the media, and profile one of our invaluable donors to give readers a closer look at the hard work that goes on every day at Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus.

Sign up for The Defender by subscribing to our email list at advancingjustice-alc.org.

Article 

**Civil Rights Groups File Lawsuit
Against ICE For Detaining
Cambodian Refugees**

(Huffington Post)

bit.ly/ICEHuffPo

Article 

**'No Muslim Ban Ever' Vigil
Attracts 200+ Protestors To
City Hall** (Hoodline)

bit.ly/NMBEHoodline

Article 

**La Taqueria pays more than a
half-million dollars in unpaid
wages and fines**

(San Francisco Chronicle)

bit.ly/LaTaqSFChronicle



The Art of Resistance

Thi Bui, author of the critically acclaimed graphic memoir *The Best We Could Do*, has used her platform as a writer and illustrator to bring attention to the stories of formerly incarcerated immigrants facing deportation, including one of our clients, Mony Neth. With the support of his community and Thi's art, Mony eventually won his freedom. We interviewed Thi to discuss the impact of her work and the potential for art to effect tangible change. Thi's next graphic novel will focus on Southeast Asian refugees targeted for deportation.

How do you view the relationship between art and activism, and what do you hope to accomplish through your work?

The best thing an artist or writer has to offer is their way of seeing, mainlined to your heart or brain and changing some part of how you see. An artist alone can't change the world, but if you can, as James Baldwin said, "alter, even but a millimeter the way people look at reality, then you can change it."

Why is it important for you to use your platform for advocacy? What first drove you to specifically advocate for incarcerated immigrants like Mony Neth?

Two attorneys from Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus reached out to me late last fall, at the same time that I was following the work of another attorney at Advancing Justice - Atlanta. Mony Neth was one of the lead plaintiffs in ALC's Cambodian lawsuit and his story spoke to me. I drew his portrait and posted it with a few words online a few days after I received the information from Kevin Lo at ALC. The idea was to do something quickly but which got people's attention. Afterwards I drew another portrait, this time of Dy Nguyen, a Vietnamese American man detained in Georgia. Then I worried about diminishing returns if I just continued posting portraits on social media, so I did a deep dive into researching the causes and context of these cases. The more I learned, the madder I got. I pitched a story to a couple places, and found interest at The Nib for the comic that came out in June.

In justice work related to immigration and incarceration, a great deal of energy must be spent combating misconceptions. As a storyteller, how do you create new narratives to decenter those misconceptions?

I hope to break through some tired old narratives about felons, refugees, and other "others" and show them first as human beings. Having impacted folks speaking for themselves as much as possible is important. It's fine to have Mony or PJ be a symbol for some instances, but ultimately it's necessary to portray them as real people, flesh and bone, with families, flaws, desires and dreams detained, trying to rebuild their lives in the shadow of a cruel and unjust system.

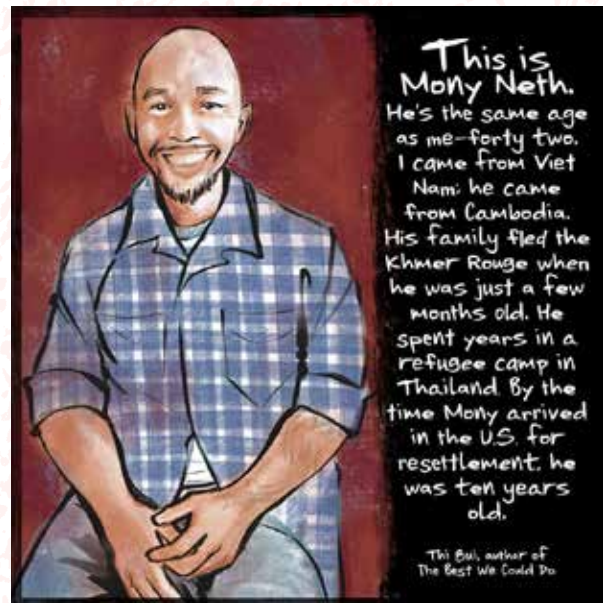


Illustration by Thi Bai

We are living in an extraordinarily difficult time for immigrants in this country. What gives you hope for the future as an artist and activist?

When things fall apart, there's no place I'd rather be than with people who are doing something about it. There's no hope unless we work towards something better than this. There's hope if we work together.

Litigation Highlights

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Higginson v. Becerra, et al.

In August 2017, Poway, California adopted a district-based election system after receiving a demand letter from a private attorney who claimed that Poway's at-large elections racially polarized voting, denied Poway's minority communities representation, in violation of the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA). In October 2017, Don Higginson, the former Republican mayor of Poway, filed a lawsuit against Poway and the state Attorney General to challenge the district based system and the constitutionality of the CVRA. In response, Poway declined to defend their district-based map, choosing instead to wait for the Court to issue a ruling.

We successfully filed a motion to intervene into the case on behalf of a group of individuals from Poway and other Californians and the California League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) to defend the use of district-based elections in Poway and the constitutionality of the CVRA.

Our co-counsel are MALDEF, Advancing Justice - Los Angeles, and the Law Office of Molly Matter.

Chhoeun v. Marin

In the fall of 2017, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) began carrying out raids on Cambodian communities across the country, detaining approximately a hundred of people. Those detained had arrived in the United States as refugee children fleeing the horrors of the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia. In the U.S., they struggled with unaddressed trauma and poverty in violence-ridden neighborhoods and made mistakes that led to criminal convictions and ultimately, deportation orders. After Cambodia refused to accept them, ICE determined that they posed no danger and released them with supervision. They had rebuilt their lives, started families, and were peacefully contributing to their communities when ICE re-detained them without warning or explanation.

In response to the raids, we filed a nationwide class action lawsuit challenging the government's actions. Soon after, we won an order to prevent ICE from deporting detained class members without a fair opportunity to be heard. In August 2018, the judge certified a nationwide class of nearly 2000 Cambodian refugees who face re-detention despite having complied with their orders of supervision. The judge found that all class members presented a common question of whether due process requires notice and an opportunity to be heard before they are re-detained.

Our co-counsel on the case are Advancing Justice - Los Angeles, Sidley Austin, and the ACLUF Immigrants' Rights Project.

Trinh, et al. v. Homan, et al.

In February 2018, we filed a nationwide class action lawsuit on behalf of Vietnamese refugees who have lived in the United States for decades and have historically been protected against deportation by the terms of a 2008 agreement between the U.S. and Vietnam. In 2017, ICE began holding these refugees in prolonged detention and targeting them for re-detention, even though the likelihood of Vietnam accepting them remains extremely low. The class action seeks to release these detained individuals from custody or at minimum provide bond hearings.

In September 2018, the judge denied the government's motion to dismiss and allowed all of our claims to move forward, including a novel claim that raises an open question in the Ninth Circuit, whether an immigrant can challenge their detention as indefinite without waiting a full six months. After that ruling, the government conceded that they are not able to deport Vietnamese refugees and agreed that those refugees should be released promptly. The case is ongoing to seek more permanent relief.

Our co-counsel on the case are Advancing Justice-Atlanta, Advancing Justice-Los Angeles, and Reed Smith.



Pars Equality Center, et al. v. Pompeo, et al.

After the Supreme Court upheld the third Muslim Ban, we filed a lawsuit challenging the Ban's so-called 'waiver scheme' which purportedly allows people impacted by the Ban to get a visa. The suit alleges that the waiver provision has, as a practical matter, amounted to nothing more than an empty promise. There is no clear or consistent process around the waivers, and as of February 2018, only .02% of waivers applications had been granted. As a result, families from the five majority-Muslim banned countries remain unnecessarily separated, and cannot celebrate traditional milestones together like births, graduations, weddings, and birthdays, or provide support through illness and hardship. Institutions of higher learning cannot bring academics and students from the banned countries to pursue research or study in the United States. Employers are unable to hire or employ qualified individuals from the banned countries. The suit seeks to require the government to administer the waiver process in a manner consistent with the due process requirements of the U.S. Constitution and other laws.

Our co-counsel are NILC, CAIR-CA, Iranian American Bar Association, Lane Powell PC, and Arnold & Porter, with consultation from CAIR-WA.

Asian Americans Advancing Justice v. Padilla

California law offers greater access to the ballot box for limited English Proficient voters than federal law. Unfortunately, the CA Secretary of State's language access directive to county election officials in December 2017 leaves out tens of thousands of California voters who are entitled to language assistance under state law. Some of the most severely impacted are voters who speak Spanish, Farsi, Arabic, Japanese, and Russian. We filed a lawsuit that calls on the Secretary of State to reissue his coverage determinations so they are consistent with the California Elections Code.

Our co-counsel are Advancing Justice - Los Angeles, ACLUF of Northern California, and Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati.



Policy Agenda

AB 2291 (Chiu)

Co-Sponsors: Advancing Justice - California, Advancement Project California, Council on American Islamic Relations - California, Equality California

A student survey from 2016 by the Council on American-Islamic Relations found that Muslim students reported significantly higher rates of discrimination and bullying compared to others. Findings showed that 53% of respondents are being bullied for being Muslim at a rate more than double the national average. AB 2291 will bring necessary online tools on bullying to school employees and require local education agencies to develop bullying prevention plans. AB 2291 was signed into law by the Governor.

AB 2845 (Bonta) - Pardon and Commutation Reform Act of 2018

Co-Sponsors: Asian Americans Advancing Justice – California, Asian Prisoners Support Committee, California Coalition for Women Prisoners, Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights, Immigrant Legal Resource Center, Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, PICO California, Root and Rebound, and Youth Justice Coalition

Due to the sharp increase in immigration arrests under the Trump administration, people have been seeking pardons to obtain potential relief from deportation. Although individuals with convictions may spend years turning their lives around to become productive and law-abiding residents, immigrants are faced with the risk of being sent back to countries where they have little or no ties. AB 2845 will increase transparency and accessibility in the pardon and commutation process. AB 2845 will require notifications about the status of the application to individuals who apply for pardons, clarify that immigration status does not bar individuals from obtaining a pardon, and expands employment protections from the “Ban the Box” law that was passed in 2017 to include individuals who have been pardoned. AB 2845 was signed into law by the Governor.



Health For All

Partners: Health for All Coalition

Advancing Justice - California, the partnership between Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus and Advancing Justice - Los Angeles, worked closely with a diverse coalition of health and immigrant advocates to advocate for full-scope Medi-Cal to be available for eligible low-income undocumented adults. Unfortunately, the State Legislature Leadership ultimately chose not to invest the budget surplus in expanding Medi-Cal to these vulnerable populations. We will continue to push for Medicare to cover all low-income undocumented immigrants in future legislative cycles.

Census planning & outreach funding

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 Mabel W. and Ben Jung Wong
 JoAnne H. Kagiwada
Karen Kai and **Robert Rusky**
 Kimberly K. Kajihara and Todd Nakagawa
 Elaine Kamlley
James P. and Britt **Kan**
 Keiri Kanbayashi
In memory of Mary Dunlap
 Alyssa Kang
 Elizabeth Y. Kao
 Florence Kao
 Gary Kao
 Grace Kao
 Mary Kao
 Priscilla Kao
 Victor Kao
In memory of Zen L. Kao
Winifred Kao and Pennan Barry
 Adam Kapp
 Hiroshi and Sadako Kashiwagi
In memory of Rev. Lloyd Wake
 Laura Kashiwase
 Stephen G. Kasierski
Sanny Lau Kataoka
Kitaho Kato
 Sally Kaufmann Cowan and Robert Cowan
 Kresta Rae Kaulupali
 Robert T. Kawamoto
 Sandra L. and Arnold H. Kawano
In memory of Rev. Lloyd Wake
 David and Valerie Kaye
 William Kennedy
 Sophea Keo
 Aaliya Khan
 Shyaan Khan
 Zainab Khan

Cyrus Khojandpour
 Sara Khorasani
 Danny Khuu
 Heng-Pin and Shirley Eicher Kiang
In honor of Titi Liu
 Elaine Kihara and David Sweet
 Christine Kim
 Elaine H. Kim
 Helen Kim
Elizabeth A. Kim
*Dedicated for Miriam Kim
 For ASPIRE*
 Michelle Kim
 Joanne A. Kimata and John Piette
 Kim and Shirley Kinoshita
In memory of Mayor Ed Lee
Sally Lin Kinoshita and Tedford Lewis Jr.
 Diane S. Kishimoto and Ken Takayama
 Will Kivinski
 Magdalene Klassen
 Kelly Knutson
 Paul WeiKong Ko and Anna Hom Ko
 David R. Kocan and Nida F. Degesys
Eddie Kochiyama and Pamela Kochiyama-Wu
 Jimmy and Alison Kochiyama
 Thomas and Julie Kochiyama
Audee Kochiyama-Holman
 Akemi Kochiyama and Marc Sardinha
Cathy Kodama
Lori Kodama
 Michiko Koga and Robert Koga
In memory of Rev. Lloyd Wake
 Gauri Kohli
In honor of Aarti Kohli
 Jagdish Kohli
 Raghav Kohli
 Kathryn Kojimoto
 Keith Kojimoto and Priscilla Kojimoto
In memory of Rev. Lloyd Wake
 Madhusoodanan Kolothuparambil
*This is in the name of the nightmarish
 life I had been having here for the past
 10 years*

Grace Kong and Abdi Soltani
In honor of Ed Lee
Pamela S. Kong
 Stacy Kono
 Divya Kothari
 Hiroko Kowta
 Spencer Kulwicz
 Ford Kuramoto, D.S.W. and Frances Kuramoto
 Amit Kurlekar
In memory of Sheela Kurlekar
 Judy Kwan
 Anthony Kwiecien
 Bonnie Kwon and Teddy Miller
In honor of our boys
 Sang Kwon
 Bonnie Kwong
William C. Kwong and Katherine Ann Julian
 Michael Lagrama
Hon. Newton J. Lam and Hon. Maria-Elena James
 Mabel Lam
 Samuel Lam
 Anson Lau
Ken Lau and Lisa Chan
 Richard Lau
 Tiffany Lau
 Dan Laufer
 Christine Laurance
To Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of happiness!
 Will Laurance
Amy Lee
 Bernie Fong Lee
 Calvin Y. and Christina Lee
Celia Wan-Tsing Lee and Clarke B. Holland
 Christen Lee
 Donna Lee
Eumi K. Lee
In memory of Mayor Ed Lee
 Frank Lee
 Geoffrey Lee
 Janise Yuan-Sea Lee

Jessica Lee

Judy Lee

Jung Lee

Lillian Lee

Linda Lee

Lora Lee

Michelle Lee

Mylong D. Lee

Philip J. Lee

Sarah Lee

Serena K. Lee

Theresa M. Lee and Frederick C. Lass

Tienne E. Lee and Steven L. Nierlich

Wei Lin Lee

Wilson Lee

Ying Lee

Mark LeHocky

Ho Wang Adrian Leong

Mary W. and Dayton Leong

Leonid Leonov

Leslie Lethridge

Edward Leung and Margaret Piper McNulty

Eilat Levitan

Alston L. Lew

Richard Steve Lew

Bena Li

Hsuan Li

Xiao Liang

Winston Liaw

Vanessa Lichtenberger

Cynthia Lie

Amos Lim and Michael Lim

Cherry Lim

Katy Lim

Robin Lim

Victor Lim and **Vivian Po**

Diana M. Lin

Gloria Lin

Patricia Lin

Raymond D. Lin and Mei-Hsia Tan

Roy Lin

Michele Linn

Crystal Liu

For ASPIRE: Defend DACA

Grace Liu

James Liu

Lauren Liu

Michael C. and Catherine H. Liu

Sandy Liu

Kevin Lo

Lincoln Lo

Miles Locker

Kellina Lohman

Theresa Look and Watt Y. Chin

Lydia Lopez

Katie Louey

Michelle Lough

John B. Lough Jr.

Caroline Louie

Pam V. Louie

Jennifer C. Low

Rodney S. Low
In memory of Ed Lee

Randall Lowe

Wesley M. Lowe

Duc Luu

Joanna Lynch

Jingyi Ma

Kenji and Sara Machida

Aqeel Mahesri

Falak Mahesri

Salizah Mahmud

Lisa Mak

Angela Makabali

Sacha Maniar

Daniel A. Marcotte

Rebecca Margulies

Stanley Mark and Sharon Rivenson Mark
In memory of Ed Lee

Lindsay Marks

Karla Marquez

Jane Mason

Robert Matisoff

Maung Win and Maung Sau Man Yang
In memory of Rev. Lloyd Wake

Nathan McCauley

Charles McClain and Laurene Wu McClain

Scott McCoy

In honor of Catha Worthman

Lara McCullough

Ashley McGraw-Pennington

Deepa Mehta

Laila Mehta

Manish Mehta

Sejal Mehta

Yan Ping Mei and Qiao Hua Zhen

Rose Mendelsohn

Catherine Meng

Mary Mercer

David Meresman

Joseph Meresman

Tiffany Meyer

Dean Michelson

Giuliana Milanese

Jack Miller

Laurel Mills

Susette S. Min

Roland and June Minami

Fatima Mirza

Ciara Mittan

Emily Aiko Mizuno

Virali and Nupur Modi-Parekh

Nakissa Modirzadeh

David C. Moon and Sharon Smith

Ja Kyoung Moon and Vinit Verma

Charis Moore and James Wyman
In memory of Ed Lee

Erin Moore

Niki Khoshzamid Moore

James and Dana Moran

Gloria G. Morita

In memory of Lloyd Wake

Kiyoko Morita

Jordana Mosten
 Timothy M. and Lindawati Mueller
Celine Mui Simon and Ray Simon
 Mustansir Mukadam
 John Murakawa
 Duraid S. Musleh
Peggy A. Nagae
 Judy Nakadegawa
 Lillian K. Nakagawa
In memory of Mayor Ed Lee
Elizabeth Nakahara
 Kaz and Cindy Nakamoto
In memory of Rev. Lloyd Wake
 Joyce C. Nakamura and Jon Jang
 Gloria Namkung
In appreciation of Cheryl Lew
 Fathima Nazarkhan
 Rick Nelson
 Scott Nelson
 Katrina Nepacena
 Chanda Neth
Mabel Ng
 Frederyk Ngantung
Thai-An Ngo and Ronald Kimmons
 Bailey K. Nguyen
 Callie Nguyen
 Jules Nguyen
 Lisa Nguyen
 Teri Nguyen
 Heba A. Nimr
Lyle Nishimi and Linda Y. Lim
 Judy Nishimoto
 Johnnie Norway
Paul M. Ocampo
 Pia Ocampo
 Donald O'Connell
 Edward O'Donnell
 Elizabeth O'Donnell
 Jessie Oettinger
 Maggie Oh
 Jeri Okamoto-Tanaka

Demian I. Oksenendler
 Yun Ong and Jerry Chen
 Donald G. Ousterhout and Marlene Ma
 Ingrid Overgard
 Teresa Ow-Wing and Jon Pon
Steven C. Owyang and Onilda Cheung
 Naveen Pai
 Diana Pang
 Asit S. Panwala
 Caroline Park
Lisa W. Pau
In memory of Mayor Ed Lee
 Mathew Pauley
 Phyllis Pay
Kristina A.L. Peralta
 Somerset Perry
 Annie Persampieri
 Mark and Karen Pertschuk
 Daranee Petsod
In honor of the marriage of Francesca DeLaney and Raghav Nelli
 Tam Thanh Pham
 Yvonne Pham
 Robin Phipps
 Ryan Pierce
 Sabir Pirzada
 Elizabeth Plum
 Sue Pon
 Bryan Posner
 Vidhya Prabhakaran
 John G. and Madeline Prokop
 Jeffrey Pu
 Kathleen J. Purcell
 Jacob Quan
 Lindsey Quock
 May Rafanan
 Nima Rahimi
 Sarah Barger Ranney
 Risa Regalado
In Memory of Vicente Ocampo
 Monica L. Reid

Jason Reindorp
Yunah Rha
 Lauren Roberts
 Evelyn Rodriguez
 Jaime Rodriguez
Dave Rorick
 Carlos John Rosario
 Michael Rosenbloom
 Kelly Rosencrans
 Leah Rothenberg
 Wendy Rowalt
 Dana Roytenberg
 James W. Ryder and Joanne Jung
 Jaymee Faith Sagisi
Miya Saika Chen and Amado Uno
 Charles D. Sakai and Diane Rittenhouse
Yaman Salahi
 Mario Salazar
On behalf of their papa for their dear Aunt Teenerz
 Jamal C. Salem
In honor of Rose Ong
 Cornelio Sales
Robert A. Salinas
In memory of Inez Munoz
 Allan Santos
 Glenn-Milo Santos
 Rothanak Sarath
 Nobuko and Hiroshi Satake
 Nancy Y. and Daisy Satoda
In memory of Rev. Lloyd Wake
 Thomas Schroeder
 Kristina Seil
 Anand Sekaran
 Lauren Selman
 Angela Sembrano
 M. Serrill-Robins
Hina B. Shah and Paul J. Phojanakong
 Urmika Shah
Vikram S. Shah
 Ada Shao
 Marc Shapiro

Maneesh Sharma

Rebecca Shea and **Hoyt Sze**

Raymond H. Sheen

Kashya K. Shei and Joshua Greenberg

Selina Shek

Dongbiao Shen

Margaret Shen

Yang Sheng

Fumio Shibata

Andrew Shih

Vanessa Shih

Kirk Shimano

Nan Shimizu

In memory of Rev. Lloyd Wake

Paul S. and Mieko **Shimotake**

Alan H. and Ember L. Shinn

Samantha M. Shiraishi

Takeo Shirasawa

David L.R. Shiver

Audrey Shoji and Homayoon Kazerooni

Sougol Shooshtarian

Angela Shulman

Judy S. Sit

In memory of Rev. Lloyd Wake

Qiu Juan Situ and Xi Qiang Xie

Richard Siu

Theodore and Virginia Slocum

Donald C. Smith and Sunshine B. Lampitoc Smith

Christina So

Gloria So

Helen So

Michelle So

Evan Solomon

Jennifer Somsouk

Roshni Sondhi

Helen Song

Katrina Soo Hoo

Moo T. Soo Hoo

Jennifer Sta.Ana

Roberta L. Steele

In honor of Lin Chan

Jonathan Stein

Kevin Stein

Vishakha Stein

George Su

Alison Sue

Patricia Sullivan

Deborah Sumner

Joanne Sum-Ping

Christine Sun

Kevin Magic Sunga

Jeffrey Suplica and Marjaneh Moini

Maleka Suratwala

Sailaja Suresh

Carolyn Sy

Hung C. Szeto

Elain Szu

Danny Taing

Marsha Tajima

Jere H. Takahashi and Terri Ann Kim

David K. Takashima and Annie Wong

Mohamed Taleb

Vasudha Talla

Sean Tamura-Sato

In memory of Mayor Ed Lee

Teresa Tan

Kyle Tana

Shefali Tandon

David Tang

Felicia Tang

Mari Rose Taruc

Jeremy Tatelman

Lisa Taylor

Lucas Tejawani

Carolyn Teshima

Nancy Teshima

Ron and Judy Teshima

*In memory of Grandparents and Parents
Teshima and Ito*

Kora Thao

Janet Toyooka Thibault

Robert Tian

Barbara and Lee Tien

Theodore T. Ting

In memory of Mayor Ed Lee

Junko Iwao Toll

Jessie V. and Norma Tomas

Michelle Tong

Suzette Torres

Casey Tran

Chris Tran

Lisa Tran

Thuong Tran

Tinh-An Tran

Michael Traynor

Katrina Trieu

Becky Trinh

Chantha Trinh and Sook Leng Rachel Lee

Jennifer Truong

Ted Truong

Kevin Tsai

Yao Tsung Tsai

Alex Tse

In memory of Mayor Ed Lee

Shu Ru Tse

Rebecca Tseng

Jeffrey C. Tsu

Himeo Tsumori and Louise T. Lue

In memory of Rev. Lloyd Kugo Wake

Amy Tu

Richard Turteltaub

Tran Khanh Tuyet

John Ugai

Francisco M. Ugarte

Kristine Unkrich

Raymond S. and Yoshiko Uno

Bob H. Uyeki and Yvonne Uyeki

Martha Uyeki

Elica Vafaie

Christine Van Aken

Alexander M. Vandiver

Marina and Helmer Velez

Rosemary Veniegas

Deepak Verma
 Adrienne Vilaubi
 Felisa Vilaubi
 Kenneth Brent Villa
 Katerina Villanueva
 John and Joan Vitorelo
 Jacqueline Vu
 Nisha Vyas
Kristyne Wada
 Marion Wake
In memory of Lloyd Wake
 Kenneth J. Walenga and Charlene B. Davis
 Alex Q. Walker
 Anthony Wan
 Cecillia D. Wang
 Christina L. Wang
*To my father, who taught me what
 Chinese American pride looks like, and
 that our goal is to make and keep America
 as good for everyone else as it was for us.*
 Jihong Wang
 Clara Wang
 Sue Wang
 Theodore Hsien Wang and Tanya Broder
 Zhu Nu Wang
 Kia Wang Nevarez
 Nina Wasow
 Steven H. Watanabe
 Liz Weber
 Roxana Weil
 Danny Weinberg
 David Weinzimmer
 Peter Weiss
 Joe Wheeler
 Clayton Whitt
 Kimberly Wicoff
 Nora Wilkins
 Kahlil Zulu Williams and Masai Williams
 Harriet Winter
 Alex W. Wong
 Alvina Wong
 Benson D. Wong and Terese Mark

Bruce F. Wong and Karen Hamai
 Bruce Wong
 Dennis Sakaki Wong
 Donald Wong and Anna Leong
 Ellen Wong
Georgette F. Wong
*In honor of my late mother, Florence
 Sue Wong, and her longtime friend
 Dr. Rolland Lowe*
 Ho-Mui Wong
 Jeff Wong
 John K. Wong and Tammy Chin
 Lisa Wong
 Nancy Wong
Nancy Hing Wong
Stephen R. Wong
Tamiko L. Wong and Aaron Lum
 Ted S. Wong
 Terrence F. Wong
 Tsui Yu Wong
 Walter Wong
 Fong Woo
 Gene S. Woo
 Jeffery P. Woo and Shirley Tan
 Wesley Woo
 Yu-Ning Yar Woo and Jan Chong
 Dianne Wood
 Ben Woodward
Catha Worthman
 Christopher N. Wu
 Frank H. Wu and Carol Izumi
 Howard Wu
 Vang Xiong
 Justine Xu
Eric K. Yamamoto
Dianne Yamashiro-Omi and **Michael Omi**
Sayuri Yamazaki
 Dicky Yan
 Xian Wen Yan
 Anders Yang
*In memory of Mayor Ed Lee, Berkeley
 Law Alum*

Karen Yang
 Ken Yasuda and Nancy Sato
 Andrew Yee
 Brian Yee
 Dorothy Yee
 Edmond Yee
 Eleanor Yee
 Helen W. Yee
 Jason Yee
 Stephen D. Yee and Liane Lau
 Victoria Yee
In memory of Mayor Ed Lee
 Kevin Yeh
David G. Yen
 Shong Yin
In memory of Mayor Ed Lee
 Cathleen S. Yonahara
 Christina Young
 Keith Young and Shelly D. Fields
 Rebecca Feng-Yi Young
 Stanley Young and Hyun-Sook Park
 Babak Yousefzadeh
 YinYin Yu
Paul Yuen
In memory of Edwin Lee
 Hazhir Zahed
 Mark C. Zannini
 Patrick Zhang
 Shu Zhan Zhang
 Yunxin Zheng
Helen Zia and Lia Shigemura
In memory of Beilin Zia
Zhihan Zou
 Salim Zymet



In Memoriam

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As we celebrate our donors, we also remember those members of the ALC family we've lost this year. We are honored to have served alongside each of them in the fight for justice.

Dr. Rolland Lowe

(1932-2017)

Dr. Lowe was a visionary leader and philanthropist in the API community and social justice movement while also serving as a family doctor and surgeon in San Francisco's Chinatown for over 40 years. He and his wife Kathryn have been powerful community partners in building the infrastructure necessary for our communities to thrive. We are deeply grateful to have benefited from Dr. Lowe's vision, mentorship, and generosity.

Mayor Ed Lee

(1952-2017)

Mayor Lee started at ALC as a law clerk in 1976 and later went on to become our housing attorney and managing attorney. He was a fierce advocate—leading Ping Yuen tenants in the first tenant rent strike against the San Francisco Housing Authority and representing Asian and women firefighters in a successful discrimination suit against the San Francisco Fire Department. After leaving ALC in 1989, he worked for several agencies in SF city government and became Mayor in 2011. Mayor Lee continued his support for us through his coordination of golf tournaments benefitting ALC for almost 23 years.

Rev. Lloyd Wake

(1922-2017)

Rev. Wake served on the ALC board for over 20 years and on our Leadership Council starting in 2013. He was a long-time supporter of ALC through his participation in major fundraising campaigns, personal donations and attendance at all our Annual Dinners. As a minister of Pine United Methodist Church and Minister of Community Life at Glide Memorial United Methodist Church, Rev. Wake dedicated his life to social justice and caring for the spiritual wellbeing of our communities.

Mike Wong

(1951-2018)

Mr. Wong started as a law clerk at ALC in 1973 and went on to become a managing attorney and member of the ALC board. He also served on the legal team representing Fred Korematsu in the early 1980s. As an organizational consultant, Mr. Wong facilitated strategic planning sessions for ALC and many other nonprofits. He continued to contribute to our organization through his support of nearly every golf tournament, trivia contest and annual dinner.

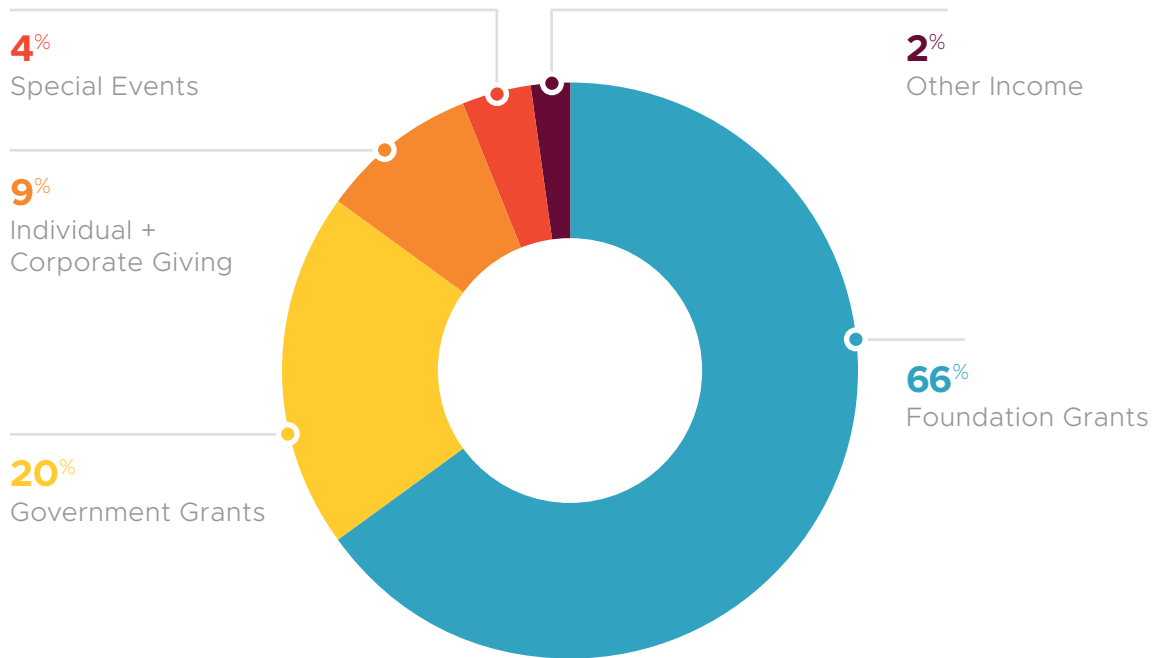
Financials

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Fiscal Year: July 1 2017 - June 30, 2018

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Revenue

• Foundation Grants*	\$3,887,206
• Government Grants	\$1,198,986
• Individual + Corporate Giving	\$556,576
• Special Events-net of exp. of \$194,596	\$232,231
• Other Income	\$115,478

Total Revenue **\$5,994,477**

In-Kind Services **\$2,779,851**

Total Revenue with In-Kind Services **\$8,774,328**

*Note:

1. Restricted foundation revenue that will be released in FY1819 is excluded from this fiscal year's revenue.

2. Foundation revenue includes reserve grant of \$500,000 that became unrestricted after the grant period ended on 6/30/17.

66% ↑

increase in
foundation grants

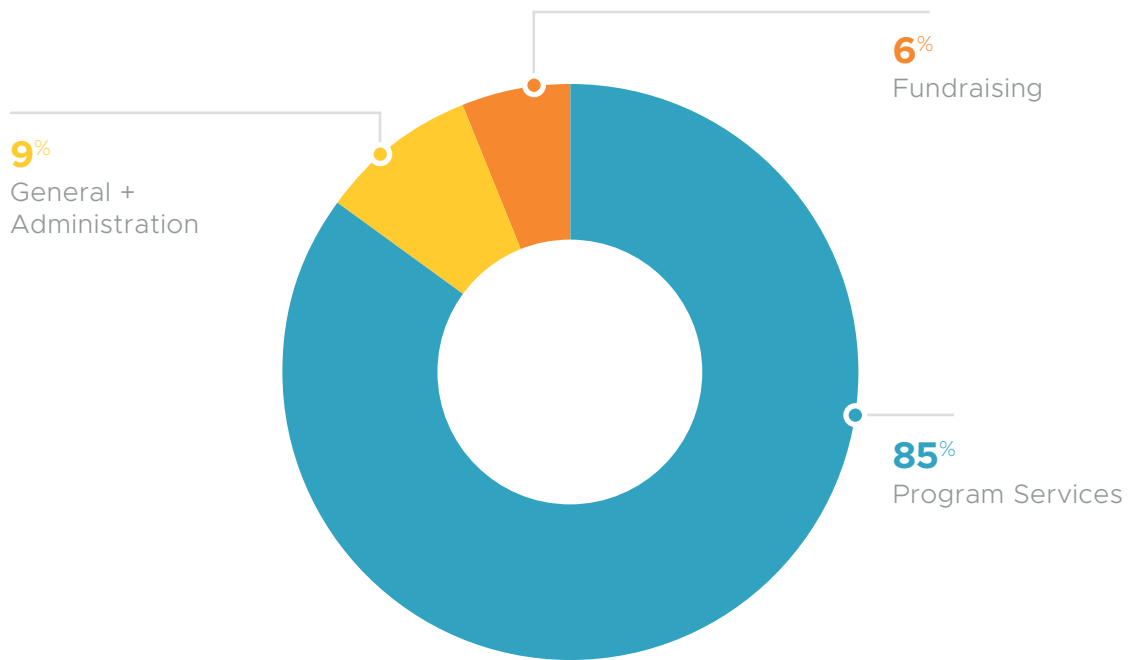
Compared with the previous fiscal year

20% ↑

increase in
government grants

61% ↑

increase in
individual + corporate giving



Expenses

• Program Services	\$3,995,868
• General+ Administration	\$409,285
• Fundraising	\$301,668

Total Expenses **\$4,706,821**

In-Kind Services **\$2,779,851**

Total Expenses with In-Kind Services **\$7,486,672**

Our Impact

We are rooted in and constantly learning from our work in local communities from San Francisco's Chinatown to the San Joaquin Valley. Our three-prong approach incorporates using our (1) direct legal services and (2) community outreach to inform our (3) impact work. This third broader category of work includes state and federal policy advocacy, communications, and impact litigation.

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175

new clients provided
with direct legal
representation

1,021

clients provided
with legal counsel
and advice through
our legal clinics

227

Know-Your-Rights
trainings provided
throughout the
Bay Area

9,300

people covered by our nation-wide
class action lawsuits

2,000,000

immigrant Californians impacted by
our statewide sanctuary policy work

This year we have significantly increased our statewide policy advocacy in California and our national litigation for underserved communities throughout the United States. At the same time, we remain committed to protecting and empowering local communities who have counted on us for decades.

Thank you for being a part of our story. As we continue to write new chapters, we want to ensure you don't miss a single word.

Sign up for updates and support our work at advancingjustice-alc.org.



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