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Letter from the Founder & Board Chair



Since our founding in 1983, Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Los Angeles (Advancing Justice-LA) has been filling significant legal and advocacy gaps of diverse Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) communities. In the midst of escalating threats against immigrants, Muslims, people of color, and low-income families, we continue to provide these much-needed services, develop community leaders, and advance policy and litigation work that elevates equity, inclusion, and justice for the most vulnerable in our community.



This year, Pat and I were honored to receive Advancing Justice-LA's first ever Lifetime Achievement Award. We appreciate the recognition for helping build Advancing Justice-LA, fighting for AANHPIs, and advancing social justice for all communities. We are proud to have played a role in pulling together the people, raising funds, and growing an organization that continues to make an impact!

This has also been a significant year for Advancing Justice-LA as I transitioned from my role from our first and only President & Executive Director to Founder. After dedicating 35 years to building, leading, and guiding our organization, I am focusing my responsibilities on fundraising and coalition building, which creates an opportunity for new leadership to guide the organization into the future. The board has hired an interim Executive Director, Sylia Obagi, who brings deep experience in programs, management, administration, and finance. We are confident in Sylia's ability to build upon the strengths of Advancing Justice-LA. As the Board of Directors launches our search for a permanent CEO in the fall, we are paving the way for a permanent CEO who can continue the organization's leadership role locally and nationally.

As we reflect on the milestones of the past 35 years, we are humbled by the support and contributions of so many individual, corporate, foundation, staff, volunteer, and community partners who have been instrumental in supporting our growth and service to the communities we work with. We also thank the City of Los Angeles for recognizing September 21 as Advancing Justice-LA Day and are grateful to know that LA celebrates with us, as well!

Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to continuing our work together to fight for a more just and equitable future for all communities.

SINCERELY,

Stewart Kwoh

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NITA SONG

2018 Finances



7% Fundraising
8% Administrative Costs
85% Program Services



2% Rental & Interest Income
5% Program & Attorney Recovery Fees
11% Individuals & Special Events
82% Grants

Assets

Cash & Cash Equivalents	$1,236,212
Long-term Investments	$5,776,857
Grants + Pledges Receivables	$6,452,723
Property + Equipment, Net	$2,628,268
Deposits	$29,688
TOTAL ASSETS	**$16,123,748**

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	$252,580
Accrued Employee Benefits	$412,312
Grants Payable	$866,246
Custodial Funds	$8,441
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**$1,539,579**

Net Assets

Unrestricted	$6,526,903
Temporarily Restricted	$7,057,266
Permanently Restricted	$1,000,000
TOTAL NET ASSETS	**$14,584,169**

Total Liabilities and Net Assets:

$16,123,748

For more information about our 2018 financials, please visit advancingjustice-la.org.

Our 2018 Reach and Impact

100% of Your Support Makes an Impact



1,639

youth & parents served through school-based programming, leadership development training, and community engagement events

1,094

citizenship applicants assisted by Advancing Justice-LA

14,910

individuals enrolled in state and local health coverage and safety net programs by Advancing Justice-LA and Health Justice Network partners

422

students enrolled in ESL/Civics courses

7,596

calls resolved through 8 Asian Language Legal Intake Project helplines in 12 languages/dialects

700

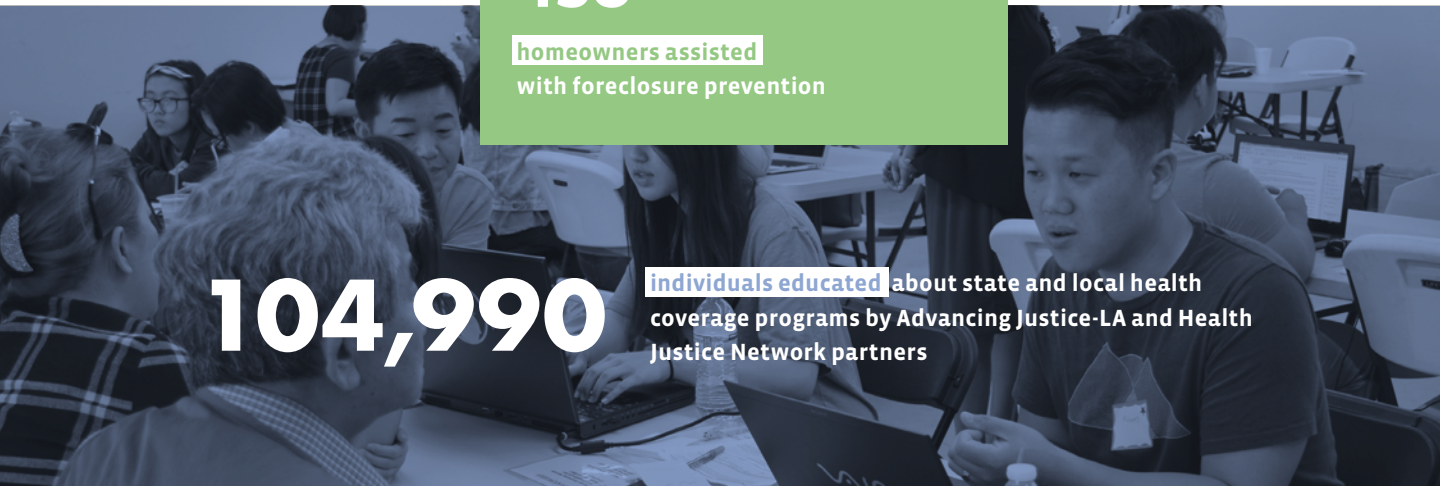
individuals screened for immigration relief

526

clients served through our newly launched Domestic Violence Restraining Order Clinic

456

homeowners assisted with foreclosure prevention



104,990

individuals educated about state and local health coverage programs by Advancing Justice-LA and Health Justice Network partners

Health Access

Over 216,000 public comments

were submitted in response to the proposed public charge rulemaking changes, with over 22,000 from AAPI communities. Advancing Justice-LA and our affiliate partners mobilized supporters to submit over 1,000 of these comments to protect immigrant community members' ability to access public benefits.

We continue to prioritize health access for all immigrants regardless of status. With a diverse coalition of health and immigrant advocates, we helped lay the foundation for the expansion of full-scope Medi-Cal to all young adults, with the proposed state budget for 2019-2020 including a proposal for Health4All for young adults **aged 19-26.**

60,595

calls were completed during 19 days of phone banking during the 2018 election cycle. The calls, made in 5 languages, were to educate community members about the voting process and encourage them to cast their ballot.

769 volunteers, interns, and pro-bono attorneys helped Advancing Justice-LA by contributing over 27,905 hours - worth over

$7.6 million

Census

We successfully advocated for state funds so community-based organizations can conduct Census outreach and education for hard-to-count communities. We also continue to advocate for increased language assistance for hard-to-count Census populations.

11 states

We have cultivated relationships with 11 states through our Voting Rights Partnership which include: Arizona, Ohio, North Carolina, Washington, Michigan, Georgia, Illinois, Hawaii, Minnesota, Nevada and Oregon.

Education Equity

Through our Advancing Justice-CA work (a partnership between Advancing Justice-LA and Advancing Justice-ALC in San Francisco), we engaged in education and advocacy initiatives that resulted in new requirements for schools and local education agencies to develop bullying prevention plans and train educators on bullying.

We continue our state level advocacy to request the increased and ongoing reinvestment of the College Readiness Block Grant. We have created materials to train community members and advocates, and conducted our annual Advocacy Day in Sacramento, which brought nearly 60 students and parents to the state capitol to advocate with legislators for education equity and racial justice. Locally, we supported the development of the AANHPI AMEMSA Equity Roundtable, in order to uplift the needs our communities' students and families.



Direct Services

PROVIDING FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE, REPRESENTATION, AND REFERRALS TO LOW-INCOME AND LIMITED ENGLISH-SPEAKING INDIVIDUALS.

Advancing Justice-LA helps thousands of immigrants with a range of legal issues including immigration, citizenship, and domestic violence and family law. Through toll-free helplines, we serve clients in twelve languages and dialects.

We provide free legal assistance to low-income, limited English-speaking immigrants facing domestic violence, including assistance with protective orders, immigration, divorce, and other family law issues.

The multilingual Asian Language Legal Intake Project (ALLIP), which assists nearly 8,000 callers each year, added a new language when the Hindi helpline was launched in June 2018.

Every year, we aid over 500 abuse survivors, mostly women and children. This past year, we successfully launched the Domestic Violence Restraining Order Clinic, and served 526 clients, of which 392 were domestic violence and/or sexual assault survivors.

Working with both local and national community partners, Advancing Justice-LA assists nearly 8,000 immigrants with citizenship and immigration applications annually. Our citizenship team remained extremely busy as many immigrants sought to naturalize to protect themselves and their families. In fact, we expanded our Orange County team in 2018 to meet the growing need of clients requesting support to navigate the naturalization process. Almost 500 of the clients we assisted with citizenship and immigration matters last year were either in detention or had upcoming removal hearings. We also submitted more than 80 DACA renewals.

For our many clinics and workshops, Advancing Justice-LA relies on over 750 wonderful volunteers – interns, fellows, law clerks, and pro bono attorneys – who share their time, expertise, and bilingual skills with us and with our clients. Pro bono attorneys are also instrumental to the success of our litigation cases and other projects.

For more info about all of our programs, visit advancingjustice-la.org.



$543,750

saved in citizenship fees for low-income immigrants, through successful fee waivers



251

DACA applicants assisted



Impact Litigation

BRINGING LAWSUITS THAT PROTECT, ENFORCE, AND EXPAND THE RIGHTS OF LOW-INCOME AND IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES.

Advancing Justice-LA litigates a range of civil rights cases, with a focus on low-wage worker issues, human trafficking, immigrants' rights, voting rights and education rights.



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We push back against attempts to implement xenophobic and exclusionary policies that discriminate on the basis of faith, national origin, and immigration status.

Advancing Justice-LA continues to challenge ICE's unlawful arrests and prolonged detention of Vietnamese refugees through a class action lawsuit. We are also seeking an end to indiscriminate ICE raids and unwarranted detention targeting the Cambodian community through a federal lawsuit with Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus. We will continue to fight back against these unlawful practices and advocate for the rights of our plaintiffs.

Alongside our partners, we have mobilized against the City of Los Angeles' Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) and Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE) programs, successfully convincing Los Angeles to end its CVE program, which would have subjected thousands of people to potential violations of their civil rights and liberties. We continue to fight against CVE and PVE initiatives statewide.

Access to the voting booth is one of the only mechanisms available for citizens to influence the government policies that impact them. We obtained intervention against conservative attacks against the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA), which would have been disastrous for communities of color throughout the state heading into the November 2018 elections.

Finally, we are defending affirmative action on behalf of Asian American and Pacific Islander applicants and students to Harvard University. We believe it is critical to defend race-conscious holistic admissions policies, which are separate and distinct from any quotas on, or discrimination against, Asian Americans.

For more info about all of our programs, visit advancingjustice-la.org.



Policy Advocacy & Research

PROMOTING DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION AND ADVANCING CIVIL AND IMMIGRANT RIGHTS THROUGH RESEARCH, ADVOCACY, AND MOBILIZATION.

Advancing Justice-LA advocated for the rights of immigrant and Asian American communities to access health care and other critical services, in-language resources at the polls, higher education, and more.

In response to the Trump administration's proposed changes to current public charge determination, Advancing Justice-LA collaborated with its network of community partners to inform and mobilize community outreach and advocacy in multiple languages to AANHPI communities. We created fact sheets in eight languages and solicited over 1,000 public comments in response to the proposed public charge regulations.

We continued to fight the weakening of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) and supported expanding coverage to more uninsured through outreach, education, enrollment and advocacy in federal, state and local health programs, including Covered California, Medi-Cal and local safety net programs to ensure that all community members thrive and can live healthy lives.

Advancing Justice-LA's groundbreaking demographic research reports are meant to increase knowledge, foster dialogue, and reevaluate policies about AANHPI communities. Last year, we released a new report *Transforming Orange County: Assets and Needs of Asian Americans & Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders*, which highlighted some of the major demographic shifts affecting the third-most populous county in California and sixth-most populous in the U.S. AANHPIs now comprise 21% of the county's 3 million residents, transforming it from a predominantly homogeneous, White, and suburban county into one that is highly diverse and urbanizing.
As Advancing Justice-LA gears up to lead its fourth campaign for upcoming Census 2020, it has engaged community-based organizations as trusted messengers and leaders to outreach to hard-to-reach populations and ensure that AANHPI communities are counted. We play a leadership role in the Census Policy Advocacy Network's (CPAN) Executive Committee to advance AANHPI census policy concerns, and have advocated the state legislature to provide additional funding for 2020 Census outreach and planning.

We believe that access to education is a human right not reserved for those who can afford it. In 2018, our College for All Coalition was able to confirm that California's reinvestment in public higher education led to an increase in applications and admissions of historically oppressed students. Additionally, we joined partners statewide to achieve legislative wins in student hunger, bullying and harassment, undocumented student financial aid access and protections, financial aid information and support, and community college access and retention.

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Leadership Development

DEVELOPING INDIVIDUAL, ORGANIZATIONAL, AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP FOR A MULTIRACIAL AND ACTIVELY ENGAGED SOCIETY.

Advancing Justice-LA's leadership programs are building a network of engaged community members to help build a movement that positively impacts their families, schools, and neighborhoods.

Our Youth and Parent Leadership Development (YPLD) program served over 1,600 youth and parents at 11 sites across Los Angeles in 2018, with more than 600 students, parents, and teachers participating in leadership development training, community engagement, and arts and social justice activities.

Last year, YPLD added an additional Dream Center at Alhambra High School. This center joined the first-of-its-kind center established at Lincoln High School as a safe space for undocumented and other immigrant students to seek support, including wrap-around services and leadership development training.

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600+

students, parents, and teachers participated in training, community engagement, and activities through Advancing Justice-LA



1,639

youth and parents served through our Youth and Parent Leadership Development program



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