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LA VOICE

2020 REPORT

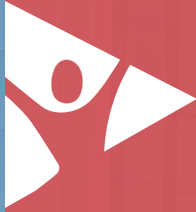




OUR MISSION

LA Voice is a multi-racial, multi-faith community organization that awakens people to their own power, training them to speak, act, and work together to transform Los Angeles County into one that reflects the dignity of all people.

We believe all people have power and a voice. Every day we amplify that power by uniting diverse faith voices to stand up for what their communities need, winning changes that improve the lives of all Angelenos.



OUR PRIORITIES

Citizenship for All

We believe that all Angelenos deserve due process, access to healthcare, a driver's license & a pathway to citizenship. To this end, we bring people of multiple faiths together in solidarity with immigrant communities to advocate for the rights of immigrants to be treated as full citizens of our county.

Home for All

We believe every Angeleno has the right to safe and affordable housing. Our housing and homelessness organizing seeks to end the joint crisis of homeless and affordable housing in Los Angeles County.

Justice for All

We believe our justice system should be focused on prevention and rehabilitation. Our transformative justice work is centered around prevention, rehabilitation, and restoration for the most vulnerable.

Voice for All

We believe that every voice matters. It is our goal that all LA Voice congregations work to become "100% voting congregations" that have all of their eligible voters not only registered but showing up regularly to vote, resulting in a changed electorate that represents the values of families in our congregations.



"Strategy requires the courage to venture into the unknown, risk failure, say no to current demands, and commit to a course of action that we can only hypothesize will yield the desired outcome"- Marshall Ganz, Why David Sometimes Wins

When the pandemic began in March, we said we wanted to come through this year stronger after than before. It is incredible to me, but we are in fact ending 2020 stronger than we started, having contributed more than ever to the struggle for justice in LA County. Because of this, 2021 promises levels of change we only dreamed of five years ago. How did we get here?

I find myself returning to the story of David and Goliath. We faced seemingly insurmountable obstacles on so many levels-- from the COVID-19 crisis, to a well-funded, truly Goliathan opposition to the Schools and Communities First act, to the murder of George Floyd, to attacks on hard-won criminal justice reforms. Yet we adapted to the circumstances and pushed forward to protect our people and build a state of belonging for our communities.

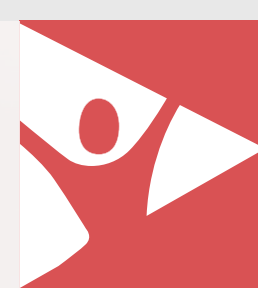
Despite not being able to run our traditional in-person programs, we registered 1000 system-impacted citizens

to vote; reached more than 280,000 people with census outreach messaging; engaged more congregations than ever before in our 100% Voting Congregations program; won a historic criminal justice reform victory in Measure J; and shaped an equitable COVID-19 response in our county.

Whatever stories of strength and courage from your tradition kept you grounded and steadily progressing toward justice, we are deeply grateful for the ways you contributed to our shared work. There is never a single David who emerges to fight off the many giants who appear to dominate the field. Our victories are always the result of many dedicated people coming together to overcome the odds--often with as little as five smooth stones picked from a creek bed. As you read through the rest of our annual report for 2020, know that this year stands as a reminder that together, we can overcome anything.

Peace and Blessings,

Rev. Zach Hoover
Executive Director



TESTIMONIALS

"I decided to vote for the first time at the age of 56. I thought I couldn't and I was scared of voting. LA Voice helped me understand what was on the ballot in layman's terms. I knew what I was voting for and the results that I was looking for. Some of them did come through so I'm pleased." - Karl Watson, justice system-impacted Individual, South Central L.A.

"In the midst of so much injustice, it was frustrating to feel that I wasn't able to be heard, but being involved with LA Voice has given me the opportunity to discover my voice and to learn how to use it with others. I am learning that we can be louder together, to be the voices for those who haven't discovered theirs yet." - Jenny Broca, New City Church

"My work with LA Voice - and the folks I'm privileged to work with there - have taught me everything I know about what it means to be a prophetic faith leader in public space at this critical moment in time. LA Voice is a daily triumph of the social justice and prophetic love for which our world longs. The work we do together flows most freely and most powerfully from the strength of our bridging across differences and the beauty of our belonging to one another." - Fr. Brendan Busse, Dolores Mission

"I lost my job as church janitor when churches were closed down due to COVID-19. I couldn't afford to pay rent but LA Voice helped me. Thank you for helping immigrant families like mine who do not have the resources to cover the basic needs." - Nelly, Latino Muslim Assoc. Member

OUR IMPACT

HOME FOR ALL

- Our team co-created the Healthy LA coalition at the start of the pandemic to quickly respond to COVID-19 emergency needs and long-term policy changes, including:
 - Securing protections at the local and state level that decreased the eviction filing rate by 89% compared to pre-COVID rates - and by over 1000% if compared to what could have been filed.
 - Passing City and County emergency tenant protections including protections against non-payment of rent, and protections against no-fault evictions.
 - Supporting the Right to Counsel Coalition in securing funding for and launching of the Stay Housed LA program for eviction prevention and defense.
 - Temporarily housing over 5000 of the most at risk people experiencing homelessness in hotels through Project Room Key.
- **Faith In Housing**, a grassroots effort to create affordable housing on underutilized land owned by faith-based organizations, is finalizing agreements between congregations and developers that will build up to 200 units of affordable housing on church properties that would not otherwise have been developed.

CITIZENSHIP FOR ALL

- As part of the “Check the Sheriff” coalition, our immigrant leaders and their allies secured a legislative victory through the LA County Board of Supervisors that requires ICE to have a judicial criminal warrant to transfer inmates from the LA Sheriff’s Department to federal custody.
- Through the Building Healthy Communities coalition, we formed a youth-led Youth Advisory Board to work with LA City Council’s Youth Development Task Force to help create a Youth Development Department.



VOICE FOR ALL

- We reached **281,618 people** across LA County to increase participation in the 2020 Census through live conversations, social media, sermons, and events.
- Through Faith Votes, we united congregations and their members in LA County to support a racial justice agenda including: Yes on Prop 15 to fund schools and communities; No on Prop 20 to defeat an attack on our recent reforms towards a smarter, more humane justice system; and Yes on Measure J, allocating 10% of LA County’s budget to be appropriated to community investment and alternatives to incarceration. Between our paid and volunteer outreach, we had **20,745 conversations** with voters.

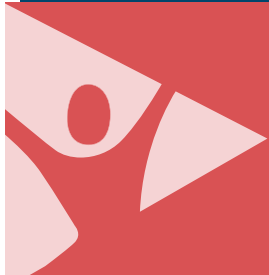


JUSTICE FOR ALL

- In partnership with the LA County Office of Diversion and Re-entry, we led the groundbreaking, non-partisan #FreetheVote project. Our team of justice impacted leaders and partners, including LARRP and Shields for Families, spoke with **1509** justice system-impacted individuals, registered **970** to vote and turned out people to the polls for the first time or the first time in years.
- We played a key role in the Reimagine LA Campaign, working with allies and LA County Supervisors to place Measure J on the ballot in November 2020. Additionally, we sat on the Reimagine LA steering committee and incorporated Measure J into our Faith Votes 2020 campaign, leading to voters overwhelmingly approving Measure J and allocating 10% of the County Budget to community support and alternatives to incarceration and barring it from law enforcement spending.

RAPID RESPONSE

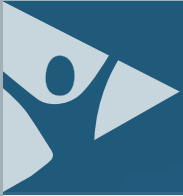
In times of crisis, LA Voice and its leaders stepped up to help those most in need. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have distributed over **\$74,000** in direct COVID relief grants to leaders and member congregations, and gave an additional **\$70,000** to Black led organizations before and after the murder of George Floyd.



FINANCIALS

Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

Support	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	2019 Total
Foundation and community support	\$88,114	\$1,912,175	\$2,000,289
In-kind contributions	\$554		\$554
Special events, net	\$25,287		\$25,287
Dues	\$54,849		\$54,849
Total Support	\$168,804	\$1,912,175	\$2,080,979
Revenue			
Interest	\$412		\$412
Other	\$ 10,482		\$10,482
Total Revenue	\$ 10,894		\$10,894
Support provided by expiring time and purpose restrictions	\$1,699,815	(1,699,815)	
Total Support and Revenue	\$1,879,513	\$212,360	\$2,091,873
Expenses			
Program	\$1,134,510		\$1,134,510
Management and general	\$247,203		\$247,203
Fundraising	\$151,252		\$151,252
Total Expenses	\$ 1,532,965		\$ 1,532,965
Change in Net Assets	\$346,548	\$212,360	\$558,908
Net Assets, beginning of year	\$491,070	\$931,343	\$1,422,413
Net Assets, end of year	\$837,618	\$1,143,703	\$1,981,321



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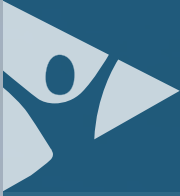
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