

OUR PROGRAMS

Everything we do at Public Advocates serves two goals: create opportunity and build community power. It sounds simple. It's not. Doing both together requires the vision and persistence — some would call it stubbornness — to fight not just for individuals thwarted by poverty and discrimination, but for the far-reaching systemic change that few dare seek. We dare. Together, with our advocates, we tackle some of the most complex social issues facing California and our nation as a whole.



- **School Finance:** Fixing our broken system to ensure both adequate and equitable school funding
- **Education Equity:** Advancing opportunities to learn so every California student is prepared for college and career
- **Affordable Housing:** Ending exclusionary housing practices in suburban communities and ensuring sustainable urban development that benefits residents of all income levels
- **Transportation Justice:** Increasing economic and educational opportunity in urban areas through access to affordable and reliable public transportation
- **Climate Justice:** Making sure that climate change reforms benefit low-income communities of color suffering from pollution

As times change, the issues that define equal opportunity evolve but the need to build community power remains a constant priority. Over its history, Public Advocates has worked with grassroots partners to address employment rights, the digital divide, insurance redlining, access to health care for undocumented immigrants and language access to basic services.

We address systemic problems across all of our work:

- Inequitable distribution of public resources
- Public policies and laws that stifle or fail to address the needs of vulnerable populations
- Lack of accountability to the public and especially to our client communities
- Limited access to decision-making processes that exclude people with limited funds and non-English speakers

We're skilled in using many advocacy tools to tackle complex problems and building long-term, sustainable social change by working with people who have a direct stake in finding the solutions. As a result, we help build a better, stronger, more vibrant California for everyone.

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