

HIGHLIGHTS: Five Decades of Victories

2010's

AFFORDABLE HOUSING *Concord Naval Weapons Station Plan*: Co-led successful campaign to influence the station plan, winning more than 3,000 affordable homes, strong local hire and apprenticeship policies, while preserving nearly two-thirds of the 5,000+ acre station as open space.

EDUCATION *Renee v. Duncan*: Won legal challenge against a U.S. Department of Education regulation that permitted under-prepared intern teachers, who are disproportionately assigned to low-income, high-minority districts, to be labeled “highly qualified,” thereby masking the need for improvement in teacher preparedness.

PUBLIC TRANSIT *BART Oakland Airport Connector*: Won civil rights challenge against BART for failing to comply with federal civil rights obligations in the rush to build the controversial project. The complaint redirected \$70 million to preserve safety net transit service and catalyzed civil rights reform across the U.S. transportation industry.

LANGUAGE ACCESS *Family Bridges v. Lindheim*: Brought successful lawsuit against the City of Oakland for failing to fulfill its obligations under its language access ordinance, leading to a detailed enforcement agreement.

2000's

EDUCATION *Williams v. California*: Settled landmark education equity case establishing first-of-its-kind guarantees for adequately prepared teachers, schools facilities in good repair and up-to-date textbooks and instructional materials. Secured more than \$1 billion to address emergency repairs and outdated instructional materials.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING *Urban Habitat v. City of Pleasanton*: Won precedent-setting legal challenge against city policies and practices that excluded housing for lower-income families. The victory continues to pave the way for the development of affordable units for low- and very low-income households.

1990's

HEALTH *Doe v. Belshe*: Won legal challenge that preserved pre-natal care for 40,000 low-income undocumented residents and their children.

1980's

INSURANCE *King v. Meese*: Brought legal challenge against unfair insurance laws that made it difficult for drivers in redlined communities to secure insurance coverage.

1970's

EMPLOYMENT *Officers for Justice v. SFPD*: Won precedent-setting sex and race employment discrimination lawsuit, including a 20+ year consent decree, against the San Francisco Police Department.

EDUCATION *Serrano v. Priest*: Won three landmark cases striking down California's unequal school finance system as violating equal protection principles. Serrano II held the legislature's response was insufficient and reaffirmed the trial court's order requiring that wealth-based funding disparities between districts be reduced to less than \$100 by 1980. Serrano III resulted in the creation of the private attorney general doctrine in California law (now codified in CP § 1021.5), which allows for court-awarded fees in successful public interest cases.

