

# ABOUT PUBLIC ADVOCATES

Building long-term, sustainable social change by

*Securing tangible legal victories; Strengthening community voices in public policy.*

Working with and on behalf of California's

*Communities of color, immigrants and people with low incomes.*

So all Californians can benefit from

*A highly educated citizenry and workforce; Healthier communities and a better environment.*



Public Advocates Inc. is a trailblazing nonprofit civil rights law firm and advocacy organization that challenges the systemic causes of poverty and discrimination. We've been on the front lines of the struggle for social justice since opening our doors in 1971.

Our strategy: partner with grassroots organizations to build community power and win equitable access to the building blocks of opportunity: excellent schools, affordable homes, reliable public transportation and a sustainable environment.

## *Our track record speaks for itself.*

### *Just in the past decade...*

WORKING WITH PARENTS AND STUDENTS ACROSS CALIFORNIA, WE'VE WON:

- Billions of dollars to improve public schools in underserved neighborhoods
- A new school finance system that prioritizes funding for low-income students, English language learners and foster youth, and enhances community engagement
- Enforceable rights to
  - properly trained teachers
  - school facilities in good repair
  - up-to-date textbooks and instructional materials

WORKING WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS ACROSS CALIFORNIA, WE'VE WON:

- Hundreds of millions of dollars
  - to improve public transportation service in underserved neighborhoods and build affordable housing
  - to fund clean air and clean energy projects in communities suffering from pollution
- Lawsuits against multiple cities to give people of color and families with low-incomes access to affordable homes
- Financial incentives for cities and counties to protect families with low-incomes from being uprooted and displaced by new development and rising rents

### *The result?*

*A better, stronger, more vibrant California for everyone.*

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