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PUBLIC ADVOCATES INC. is a nonprofit law firm and advocacy organization that challenges the systemic causes of poverty and racial discrimination by strengthening community voices in public policy and achieving tangible legal victories advancing education, housing and transit equity.

Public Advocates spurs change through collaboration with grassroots groups representing low-income communities, people of color and immigrants, combined with strategic policy reform, media advocacy, and litigation, “making rights real” across California since 1971.

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Contra Costa Interfaith Supporting Community Organization (CCISCO)

With clear vision, unrelenting will and serious people power, CCISCO helps everyday people win extraordinary victories. Since 1995, CCISCO has been a leader on issues that deeply affect Contra Costa residents, including education, affordable housing, foreclosure prevention, immigration, homicide reduction, and opportunities for formerly incarcerated community members. CCISCO’s roots have grown broad and deep, and now include 20 membership organizations representing 38,000 families. Whether it’s time to prevent the expansion of the county jail or to rally around a family facing deportation, “Love is the answer,” say CCISCO’s leaders, who build bridges across boundaries of faith, race, geography, generation and economic class.
POWER IS THE ABILITY TO ACT AND TRANSFORM THE WORLD.

CCISCO has been our partner for more than a decade, inspiring an unprecedented project to bring thousands of new affordable homes to the former Concord Naval Weapons Station and winning a groundbreaking General Plan for the city of Richmond that sets it on a path toward a healthier and more equitable future over the next 30 years.

Today Public Advocates honors CCISCO for joining hands with us to ensure that Antioch Unified School District gives high-need students greater support to succeed in school and meaningfully engages with parents, students and community in education and spending decisions. Over the past year, CCISCO — as part of the PICO California network — and Public Advocates teamed up with a broad coalition of partners to implement a landmark new school finance law that requires districts to spend more funds on new or improved services for low-income students, English Learners and foster youth.

When Antioch Unified initially released a plan to spend its additional money for high-need students in a way that disregarded student needs, CCISCO worked with Public Advocates attorneys to mobilize parents, clergy and community leaders to force the school district to change course. As a result, we won a commitment from the district to spend $1.1 million more each year on priority services for high-need students than the original $650,000 it had proposed. The district also promised to involve CCISCO and the community in future planning decisions on services for high-need students. This win meant more funding for community priorities like middle and high school counselors, the African American Male Achievement Initiative, and trained bilingual liaisons for limited-English speaking families. The Antioch victory was a critical step to realizing the promise of equity and shared decision-making in California’s new framework for school funding. And it is CCISCO’s people power that in the years ahead will continue to make this win real for Antioch’s students.

The Lifelines to Healing movement organizes in Richmond and East County to end gun violence epidemic and the mass incarceration of our loved ones.

Photo by CCISCO
The Reverend Dr. William Barber II

Rev. Barber is a man of God and a man of the people. At Greenleaf Christian Church in Goldsboro, North Carolina, his congregation puts community and organizing first. In secular life, Rev. Barber has devoted himself to expanding civil rights through fair and just redistricting, health care reform, education, workers’ rights, and many other issues. As president of the North Carolina NAACP, Rev. Barber helped transform the affiliate into one of the largest membership-based progressive organizations in the state.

Rev. Barber is also seasoned in nonviolent resistance. Through the courts, he joined with NAACP leaders to resist the re-segregation of two North Carolina school districts. In the criminal justice system, he helped resist the incarceration of innocent African American men. And in the legislature, he resisted racial bias in death penalty sentencing by helping pass the North Carolina Racial Justice Act of 2009.

It’s not surprising that Rev. Barber has recently become the catalyst and spiritual leader of an inter-racial movement of southerners who, with songs, prayer, and civil disobedience, are holding the line against law makers hell bent on punishing
CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE GIVES PEOPLE A PLACE TO RALLY THEMSELVES, THEIR ENERGIES AND THEIR SPIRITS, FROM DEEP WITHIN.

the poor and crucifying voting rights. Their call is to Republican representatives: Stop cutting unemployment and higher education spending and blocking Medicaid expansion. Respect civil rights.

After the police arrested the first participants in the Rev. Barber’s homegrown movement, now known nationally as Moral Mondays, twice as many showed up the following Monday. They too were thrown in jail. Word spread. More witnesses came and more arrests were made. By the end of the legislative session, about 25,000 people had participated and 944 people had been arrested.

While rights hang in the balance, Rev. Barber has anchored a fulcrum on the right side of history. Leading marchers in Selma on the 50th anniversary of Bloody Sunday, he led the crowd in a chant:

Stand up.
Fight forward.
Don’t go back.
Black lives matter.
All lives matter.

Is our country ready for an evangelist superhero who will do battle with lawmakers who abuse their power? A man who can defy cynicism by speaking truth and love? A man who insists that justice is not the province of partisanship? We’re ready. And he’s here.

NAACP Medicaid Expansion rally
Photo by Josh Rushing
PROGRAM

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For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

REVENUE $1,936,263

- Foundation Grants 67% ($1,296,360)
- Contributions 12% ($223,417)
- State Bar Grants 13% ($254,981)
- Interest & Earned Income 8% ($154,961)
- Strategic Investment from Reserves <1% ($6,544)

EXPENSES $1,936,263

- Program: Education Equity 36% ($691,631)
- Program: Metropolitan Equity 35% ($681,270)
- Administration 17% ($321,805)
- Fundraising 12% ($241,557)

NET ASSETS $5,645,319

REVENUE NOTES

Court-awarded attorney fees vary from year to year. Over the past 5 years, we’ve received more than $1.6M for 6 cases; $1.3M of this amount came from the Urban Habitat v. City of Pleasanton settlement in FY11. Fees are recognized when a party becomes legally obligated to pay. Fees exceeding annual expenses are placed in a reserve fund, which provides year-to-year stability in operations and allows for strategic investment in future initiatives. Contributions from corporate donors, law firms and individuals provide maximum flexibility and fund some of our most cutting-edge work.

A copy of our most recent audited financial statements is available upon request.
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Following tonight’s celebration, our silent auction will continue online, with bidding open on more than a hundred items for four additional days – until Monday, April 27th at 9 PM.

This is your chance to join Public Advocates in its mission to strengthen community voices and achieve critical legal victories advancing education, housing and transit equity from the comfort of your own home. What could be better?

Here’s a sneak peak at just a few of the many wonderful items that will be featured online:

- $150 Gift Certificate to Chaya Brasserie
- San Francisco Bay Sail for two with Adventure Cat Sailing Charters
- All Day Lift Tickets for two at Tahoe Donner
- Two Tickets to “Beach Blanket Babylon”
- Two Nights at Atlantis Casino Resort Spa in Reno
- Four Tickets to an Oakland A’s Home Game
- Private Tour & Tasting for Four at Black Stallion Winery in Napa
- Round of golf for buyer and two friends at Napa’s premiere Eagle Vines Golf Club

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