



STABILIZING AND MOBILIZING TOGETHER

2019 ANNUAL REPORT



DEAR SUPPORTERS,

2019 ushered in exciting experiments in rebuilding and re-imagining.

We saw the first fruits of years of labor with our Community Futures framework and hosted a successful soft launch event. We shared our first hard copies of our vision and strategies for futures organized around Human Development. We engaged member leaders, allies, funders, board members and other supporters. You will find our framework woven throughout this report.

We experimented with cross-program work and are evolving our Rights Based Services Model. Our Community Rights team and Housing, Land & Development team combined their efforts through a cross-program team outreach program.

We moved our office down the block to the Restore Oakland building, growing a new home with allies. This granted us long-term "affordable housing" for our Oakland work in the heart of the Fruitvale district. The move provided an opportunity to pilot a shift away from intensive case management to a collective eviction defense support model alongside targeted outreach.

As we focused on our overall base building and membership work, our members continued to inspire and grow, developing their leadership through coalition work and at hearings and actions.

CJJC's work is on the frontlines of key battles of the day - pushing back on authoritarianism, racism & xenophobia through our Community Rights work, fighting against neoliberal development through Housing, Land & Development program, and lifting up Community Futures across all of our work.

The battles in 2020 will determine how power and resources are distributed and what the terrain for our work and struggles will be for many years to come.

We continue to mobilize not only to defend our communities, but to transform them and ourselves, as we advance demands that move beyond recovery and towards our vision for Community Futures where we can all thrive.

We look forward to building on the lessons we've learned and the gains we've made, and to help create an unstoppable multi-racial, multigenerational movement for liberation.

Yours in Justice, Vanessa Moses Executive Director In 2019, we paused our tenant clinic services in Oakland while we made our move to a new home in the Restore Oakland office in the Fruitvale district. The move prompted an examination and opportunity to evolve our clinic program. After assessing our model we moved from 1-on-1 counseling to one of collective eviction defense support, including more outreach and organizing, and tapping into and strengthening our already-strong Know-Your-Rights training and base building opportunities.







The new evolution of the Oakland Tenant Rights Clinic expands the reach and volume of tenants who are at risk of displacement while building the leadership of working-class renters in Oakland.

In 2019, our San Francisco tenant counseling program moved away from case management to a drop-in counseling model to more strongly implement our Serve the People model and support our organizing and base-building work.

We will continue to fight for the Cities of Oakland and San Francisco to invest in the services people need to stay in their homes.

In 2019 we won the Close the Loophole campaign in Oakland. Now, there are 5,000 more homes in Oakland with rent control. Our Know-Your-Rights training series amplified with various organizations helped the community learn and gain confidence about exerting their rights as tenants.

We worked with coalitions to help strengthen the local, state and national housing rights movement. We were on the leadership committee to help plan both regional and statewide tenant assemblies. Staff and members took part in the Northern CA Renter Power Assembly in Hayward where more than 150 residents and housing rights organizations attended; In the fall, our staff and members headed to Southern California for the statewide Renter Power Assembly.

We went to Colorado to participate in the Right to the City/Homes for All National Leadership convening. There, tenants and tenant rights organizations from throughout the U.S. voted on a 25-year regional and national plan of action that includes the expansion of regional tenant hubs, conscious organizer trainings; agreements to coordinate the passage of tenant protections regionally in Northern California and the state; and a commitment to building more leadership among our statewide and national tenant rights movement.

Our strategic imperative is to push the boundaries of what's winnable in the short term and to practice organizing that voices visionary solutions, while transforming power and putting it in the hands of frontline communities. As we build the infrastructure to stabilize our communities, we develop the collective capacity to organize towards long lasting change.



In our regional, state and national movement building work, our members and staff showed up powerfully, contributing leadership, learning, and growing our impact. We participated in the statewide Renter Power convening; the regional Hayward Renter Power assembly, Homes For All CA, Grassroots Global Justice Alliance (GGJ), and Right to the City. We served on the leadership committee of It Takes Roots, an alliance of over 200 member organizations from around the globe fighting for racial, economic, gender and climate justice.

SF VICTORY



Elena Valdetano, a Causa Justa member, came into our San Francisco clinic to get support with an eviction attempt. After months of returned rent checks due to not having an accurate address from her landlord, she received another eviction notice. Fortunately, the notice came at a time when AB 1482 had recently been signed into law. Elena was able to reap the benefits of some baseline protections to tenants throughout California and used these protections to fight off her no-fault eviction. She was offered a new lease and does not have to find a new home away from her community. Another longtime tenant remains in San Francisco!

CLOSING THE LOOPHOLES



Arcelia Perez came into our Oakland clinic after receiving a 118% rent increase. It quickly became an eviction notice after she and her husband, who live off a fixed income,

couldn't pay the rent. Her new landlord evicted her neighbor and moved into the unit next to hers, exploiting a loophole that allowed him to strip her of rent control. Arcelia joined with CJJC and the Close the Loopholes Coalition at City Hall, demanding that they amend the law to prevent rent increases like hers. She testified: "I don't think it's just, that I have to lose my home just because some investor wants to earn more money." The courage Arcelia demonstrated showing up at City Council when her landlord was also in attendance proved pivotal for the campaign. She helped to expose him, and his exploitative online comments, proving definitively that tenants needed retroactive protections from landlords large and small who were exploiting this loophole for their own gain. Not only did Arcelia get to stay in her home, but so will thousands of current and future Oakland tenants.

LILIA DUVAL



Lilia has been with Causa Justa since it merged with POWER. Lilia comes to our meetings and actions as often as she can. She says she really enjoys collaborating on different campaigns that defend immigrant rights. One of the things she likes about CJJC is our Black & Brown unity model. Says Lilia, "When we are separated we are weaker as a movement — when we are united it builds strength for our causes. All this inspires and fuels me to keep coming back and supporting any way I can."







Our participation in GGJ's Anti-militarization Work Group helped build anti-detention and decarceration work in base-building organizations across the country. Through GGJ's Grassroots Feminism Work Group, we connected our local work with national efforts to advance grassroots feminist fights. We joined in the annual International Women's Day action as part of the World March of Women. Alongside allies, our members from Community Rights, including Youth in Power members, gathered and marched in Oakland's Fruitvale district. In 2019 we unveiled a draft of

our Community Futures framework calls for vision that can help different sectors and movements align. It draws from and builds upon long legacies of resistance and multiple other frameworks. Our framework is a contribution to left movement thought and a call to build the futures our communities deserve.

Achieving Community Futures will require organizing for radical shifts in how we run our economy and systems of governance, and in our relationships to

one another and to the planet. We have the ability to envision different futures, Community Futures, for ourselves, for those we love, and for the planet.

In 2019 we continued to build our presence and leadership among our alliances and connect strategically for 2020. These strategies help expand community rights and aim to stabilize communities through the creation of policies that improve living conditions and protect people from violence and exploitation.

Building power throughout our communities and with coalitions makes it possible for our experiments with grassroots democracy, grassroots feminism, and solidarity economies to operate at larger and multiplied scales; to be resourced and to flourish.





Our Community Rights team, which includes Youth in Power, the Black Priority Project and our Immigrant Rights Campaign continued to fight for our Black & Brown communities through rapid response hotlines, Know Your Rights training workshops, and neighborhood outreach. We led the campaign to win Sanctuary City status in both Oakland and San Francisco and statewide. Both Alameda and San Francisco counties pledged to uphold Due Process and non-cooperation with ICE on immigration holds.

SENORA ISABEL



Senora Isabel is an elder, mother & grandmother and CJJC member who has lived in her San Francisco home for 18 years. After her husband died she received a Costa Hawkins rent increase of 700 percent. The landlord was increasing her rent because her husband, the original leaseholder, had died and she was not on the lease. She came to our counselors for support and they gave her the tools to fight the unfair and enormous hike including contacting Senora Isabel's district SF supervisor Matt Haney. Thanks to the community support and SF tenant protections, Snra. Isabel was able to remain in

her home after the Rent Board ruled in her favor. She says, "Now I can finally sleep in peace and stay near neighbors who are like my family."

VALERIA BROWN & GRANDDAUGHTER NADIA



Valeria Brown is a member of Causa Justa and says she is glad the organization exists. It's "someplace where you can go and people really listen and care and who are really trying to help." She adds, "When I go there it feels like home, you are heard and you are understood." She says it is important to stick together and fight and advocate for human rights. "When I see different people coming together for the

same cause, it gives us hope. It will take coming out in numbers to grow the power, that's what it's going to take — sticking together and saying, No More."



Our focus on multigenerational organizing of both adults and youth, community organizing and base-building, leadership development, policy campaigns, and movement-building are integral to our Community Futures strategies of community rights, community control, and community ownership.

Our members developed their understanding of policies and issues through political education sessions. They participated in public hearings with deeply moving personal testimonies, attended direct actions and marches; took part in monthly member meetings; and served on the leadership committee of policy campaigns, fundraising events, and direct actions.

San Francisco No Gang Injunctions: Through community pressure and the leadership of the SF No Gang Injunctions Coalition we successfully pressured City Attorney Dennis Herrera to end the current gang injunctions in San Francisco. Our base-building work mobilized hundreds of people on the streets and online. We engaged supporters through neighborhood outreach in the Bayview, member meetings, Know Your Rights trainings, and community actions. CJJC member leaders and staff educated over 250 community members about the gang injunctions. Youth member leaders participated in neighborhood outreach efforts.

DEPORTATION DEFENSE AND FAMILY SAFETY

We successfully supported over 500 immigrant families through the Alameda County Immigration Legal and Education Partnership (ACILEP) Rapid Response Hotline as well as through the San Francisco Immigrant Legal and Education Network (SFILEN) Rapid Response Hotline. We helped coordinate and organize direct actions outside the Federal Building and ICE's Northern CA headquarters in San Francisco in a call to stop the raids, decry the brutal detention of families and children, and uphold sanctuary city laws. We mobilized 50 member leaders to participate and educated over 200 attendees on the action.



AUDIT AHERN CAMPAIGN

In 2019, as part of the work to protect immigrant families from ICE, CJJC served on the leadership committee of the Audit Ahern Coalition to demand an audit of Alameda County Sheriff's office where Sheriff Ahern has allowed his department to collaborate with ICE despite California's sanctuary law. Through community pressure the Coalition successfully received support from Oakland City Council for an audit through a resolution, and continues to work on getting support from the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

SHUT DOWN 850 BRYANT CAMPAIGN

We participated in the SF No New Jail Coalition to shut down the dilapidated and seismically unfit jail at 850 Bryant, also known as County Jail 4, as the City's jail population has steadily decreased in recent years. This, due in part to an expansion of pretrial diversion programs, an overall reduction in violent crime and reforms enacted to prevent people from staying in jail because they can't afford bail.

The draft of our Community Defense vision document moved forward with member feedback. The Community Rights team sees community defense as an immediate necessity for community stabilization; but also as a long-term process of collectivizing and reclaiming community safety.

Expanding community rights and community defense means fighting for our collective right to stay, organize, and live with dignity in the places we call home.

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Contributions: \$225,633

Government Grants: \$1,093,476

Fee for Service: \$91,650

Interest and Other Revenue: 51,256

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