OUR MISSION

Advancement Project is a next generation, multiracial civil rights organization working on systems change. Our California staff in Los Angeles and Sacramento work to expand opportunities in our educational systems, create healthy built environments, build participatory and representative communities, and shift public investments towards equity.

We develop rigorous evidence-based solutions, innovate technology and tools with coalition partners to advance the field, broker partnerships between community advocates and the halls of power, and build racial equity.

For almost 20 years, Advancement Project California has collaborated with progressive community partners and leaders to transform the public systems impacting the lives of low-income people of color in California.

OUR PROGRAMS

EDUCATIONAL EQUITY
Expanding opportunity for marginalized students

HEALTH EQUITY
Striving to improve the health of low-income people of color

EQUITY IN PUBLIC FUNDS
Empowering communities to shift funding and investments to those who need it the most

POLITICAL VOICE
Making governments more participatory and representative of our communities
Friends of Advancement Project California,

I’ve never been more grateful to have such loyal, generous supporters. Thank you for providing the fuel needed to power our work to achieve a better, fairer, more just California.

In spite of the political headwinds, we’ve had amazing success in pursuing our vision of racial equity for all Californians.

The sheer amount of good stuff we made happen this year shows what working together – across issues, across geography, and across divisions of race, ethnicity, and class — can do. I’ve seen it up close within our staff – everyone is even more passionate and committed. On pages 4 to 7 you’ll see the full round-up of good stuff, but a few that I’m most proud of include:

• We were the first advocacy organization to convene the **four leading candidates for Governor** to get a public statement of **support for early care and education**.

• We **released Unequal Voices: Who Speaks for California** — first of its kind primary research about Californian’s political participation activities, especially those beyond voting.

• With YO’ California, a youth organizing group, we made sure the state Department of Education understood the need to create **“Safe & Welcoming Schools.”**

One of the biggest accomplishments of 2017 was laying the groundwork and launching in November **RACE COUNTS: Advancing Opportunities for ALL Californians** (check it out at [RACECOUNTS.org](http://RACECOUNTS.org)). RACE COUNTS is the type of game-changing work that needs flexible research and development funds, which is exactly what your support provides.

2018 will be a huge year for us, in large part because the impact of RACE COUNTS will be felt throughout the state, across issues, in partnership with dozens of ally organizations, and in some high-profile campaigns for social, economic, and racial justice.

In 2017, we also formed the Census Policy Action Network, lining up community-based organizations and philanthropy to proactively work to make the 2020 Census the most inclusive ever. In 2018, we will be setting up the infrastructure needed to make sure every Californian is counted.

And we are preparing to dive right into the State budget process in January, ensuring that monies are allocated to the highest-need communities first.

We’ve figured out how to move things forward in this difficult political environment because we know that the **Best Resistance is Our Collective Success**. That success is made possible by you — Thank You!

In Solidarity,

John Kim
OUR IMPACT

We believe that California can lead the way for our country by demonstrating what it means to have power shared equitably by its people. This is why we champion the fair distribution of opportunities and privileges so that every Californian can thrive. We do this by working with community activists and policymakers to advance racial equity. Here are a few highlights and achievements from 2017:

Released Unequal Voices: Who Speaks for California?, a report about racial disparity trends in political participation beyond voting, based on primary survey data. We analyzed the rates at which Californians contact public officials, contribute money to campaigns, attend public meetings, protest, engage in consumer activism, and sign petitions in person or online. One of our key findings is that Asian Americans and Latinos are under-represented in most political activities, while whites are overrepresented.

Convened the Census Policy Advocacy Network (CPAN), a collaborative effort of 10 statewide organizations to educate policymakers and community leaders about the government investment and sound policies needed to obtain a fair and accurate Census in 2020. We won $3 million in the CA State Budget to support 2020 Census Planning efforts.

Honored two inspiring philanthropic and community leaders, Board Member Tom Unterman and Dr. Manuel Pastor, at our annual Champions for Equity Awards.

Launched RACE COUNTS, a first of its kind county-by-county look at racial equity (or lack of) across the state of California that will point the way for organizers to reverse disparities.

Participation + Power – A Los Angeles County Strategy Summit brought together 80 elected and civic leaders from throughout L.A. County. Our action research on political participation launched a conversation on challenges and strategies that will strengthen democratic engagement.
Helped launch Los Angeles Vision Zero Alliance’s policy platform to ensure that fewer people, especially children, are killed or injured on the streets of L.A. Fatalities are highest in communities of color and we are ensuring that this public-private partnership prioritizes funding and resources to meet the need.

Launched newest version of HealthyCity.org, featuring curated mapping tools and new datasets around equity to help on-the-ground advocates map social change in their communities.

Worked with Kern and Fresno school districts to re-allocate district budgeting, improving health and academic outcomes for their most vulnerable students.

Successfully advocated with partners for inclusion of early care and education in the State’s policy that ensures quality instruction (the ESSA plan).

Worked with Boyle Heights youth to develop a funding and programming blueprint so the City of L.A. can better serve youth in the community.

Convened over 350 education advocates and practitioners at the 2017 Birth to Five Water Cooler Conference, celebrating 10 years of elevating the needs of our youngest children to the forefront of policy decisions.
Helped pass the CA EL Roadmap, enacting an assets-based, research-based English Learner policy and ending an era of harmful policies that restricted bilingual education.

Hosted Gubernatorial candidates
John Chiang, Delaine Eastin, Gavin Newsom, and Antonio Villaraigosa, at which they committed to educational equity from preschool to 12th grade.

Played an important role in the Welcoming & Safe Schools campaign, working with youth leaders and the State’s education department to expand the definition of sanctuary schools for all.

Secured $200 million allocation in the state budget to establish the College Readiness Block Grant to provide additional support and build a stronger pipeline between our high-need high school students and colleges/universities.

Supported the California Values Act (SB 54) to expand protection for undocumented immigrants.

Identified the highest need schools in LAUSD that deserve more equitable funding and campaigned to secure these funds and get a district commitment to racial equity.

Brought our groundbreaking Student Equity Need Index to a number of school districts across the state as they make critical funding allocations for high-need communities.
Thank You TO OUR SUPPORTERS!

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## 2016 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
### Statement of Activities

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