BUILDING LOCAL, REGIONAL, AND NATIONAL MOVEMENT FOR URBAN JUSTICE AND DEMOCRACY

A Funder's Guide

Right To The City Alliance
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The Right to the City Alliance seeks to advance a national platform and frame communications that bring urban inhabitants together across economic, color, generational, gender, sexual orientation, nationality and linguistic lines. Across the country, the majority of city dwellers desire to live in racially, economically and culturally diverse communities. We want our children to learn with children who are not alike in all ways but share similar opportunities, hopes, and ambitions. We want to create neighborhood and urban institutions that meet the needs of diverse communities and actively promote collaboration and cross learning. We want to democratize public institutions so that a wide range of needs, experiences, and perspectives are reflected in all aspects of public policy, planning and decision-making.
The Right to the City platform seeks to develop a creative and practical urban application of the general declarations of human rights. In this respect, the Right to the City platform asserts the right to social property alongside and over the right to private property. Affordable, public and subsidized housing; public safety, education, transportation and health; urban land, space and culture are preserved and improved only when we prioritize public good over private profit.
SUPPORT

RTTC is supported by grants from private foundations including the Akonadi Foundation, Marguerite Casey Foundation, Solidago Foundation, Surdna Foundation, and Tides Foundation. RTTC also benefits from the support of the 21st Century Foundation, Ford Foundation, Edward W. Hazen Foundation, Hill-Snowdon Foundation, Merck Family Fund, and others.

To complement our foundation support, RTTC seeks the support of individual donors to help us build a national constituency of urban-dwelling low-income people and people of color – especially women, LGBTQ and youth – for a range of local and national policy struggles articulated under the common framework of the Right to the City.

We have created this annotated guide to introduce potential funders and allies to the local organizations, cities and regions, themes and strategies that make up RTTC.

We encourage donors to directly support core member organizations via their on-line donation pages. For RTTC cities and regions, please follow the links or appropriate contacts.

For the National Alliance, including RTTC Working Groups, kindly contact the national office or visit our donation page at:

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Right To The City is a diverse movement-building alliance organized into geographical regions, thematic working groups, resource allies and a national center. The backbone of the Right to the City Alliance is comprised of dozens of community-based organizations which organize thousands of RTTC constituents for urban justice and democracy every day.

As of October 2008, Right to the City includes more than forty member organizations and resource allies in seven states and more than a dozen local jurisdictions. Members are organized in regional Right to the City networks, which currently include: Boston/Providence, DC/Northern Virginia, Los Angeles, Miami, New Orleans, New York, and San Francisco/Oakland. Each regional network of RTTC member organizations and allies meets regularly to collaborate on regional and national issues.

RTTC members and resource allies also participate in thematic working groups which offer a vehicle for innovative, cross-regional and national collaboration, sectoral investigation, movement building and organizing. RTTC’s current working groups include:

Civic Engagement – creating a national learning community and infrastructure to move from voter mobilizing to voter organizing; focusing on voting as an important tactic when integrated with our local, regional and national strategies for progressive social change.

NOLA – developing the New Orleans Right to the City region; creating a program of peer support and technical assistance to New Orleans organizations; and building national support for a just reclamation in the Gulf Coast.

Public and Subsidized Housing - creating a new vision and national agenda for public and subsidized housing in the United States.

Tenants Rights - sharing tenant organizing strategies and elevating the role of tenants as majority stakeholders in major urban centers across the country.

Finally, RTTC is supported by a range of resource allies, including researchers, lawyers, academics, movement strategists, and funders. Resource allies provide key technical, research, legal, communications, and funding support to the diverse local, regional, and national elements of the alliance.
Who We Are

The RTTC Alliance is headed by a steering committee comprised of representatives from the RTTC regional networks and the RTTC Chinatown Alliance. The Alliance is supported by a national staff who are responsible for national alliance-building, communications, logistics, fundraising, and administration. Among the key activities of the national alliance are:

- National convenings, plenaries, and meetings of core organizations, regions, and working groups
- National mobilization around key movement-building priorities
- Maintaining a national communications infrastructure
- Cross-alliance fundraising and development strategies
- Coordinating RTTC research and platform development

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Right To The City
Member Organizations
**Alternatives for Community & Environment** - Established in 1993, ACE builds the power of communities of color and lower income communities in New England to eradicate environmental racism and classism and achieve environmental justice. ACE is anchored in the Boston neighborhood of Roxbury and organizes residents and builds coalitions to win significant concrete victories in Greater Boston and Massachusetts. ACE’s Roxbury Environmental Empowerment Project has become a model for nurturing youth leadership in the environmental justice movement. ACE also mobilizes legal and scientific resources in support of organizing strategies.

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Donate To ACE

**Centro Presente** - Established in 1981, Centro Presente is a member-driven, state-wide Latin American immigrant organization dedicated to the self-determination and self-sufficiency of the Latin American immigrant community of Massachusetts. Operated and led primarily by Central American immigrants, Centro Presente struggles for immigrant rights and for economic and social justice. Through the integration of community organizing, leadership development and basic services, Centro Presente strives to give our members voice and build community power.

Maria Elena Letona, Executive Director
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Donate to Centro Presente
Chinese Progressive Association – Founded in 1977, CPA is a grassroots community organization which works for full equality and empowerment of the Chinese community in the Greater Boston area and beyond. CPA’s activities seek to improve the living and working conditions of Chinese Americans and to involve ordinary community members in making decisions that affect their lives. Its membership is made up predominantly of Chinese immigrants and the Chinese-speaking; most are workers in low wage industries, working families, or low-income elderly. CPA plays a unique role in the Chinese community as the primary organization focused on involving ordinary immigrant working people in decision-making for community and social change. It has no single-issue focus because we believe that people have many concerns: jobs, education, freedom from discrimination, and a clean and safe living environment.

www.cpaboston.org
Lydia Lowe, Executive Director
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City Life/Vida Urbana – City Life/Vida Urbana is a grassroots community organization in Boston committed to fighting for racial, social, and economic justice and gender equality by building working class power through direct action, coalition building, education and advocacy. Through organizing poor and working class people of diverse races and nationalities; we promote individual empowerment, develop community leaders, and build collective power to effect systemic change and transform society. Our current housing organizing work is on preventing post-foreclosure evictions for tenants and homeowners. Our approach unites local individual struggles to the national struggle and national and international targets.

www.clvu.org
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Donate to CLVU
**Direct Action for Rights and Equality** – Based in Providence, Rhode Island, DARE organizes low income families in communities of color for social, political, and economic justice. We do this by building a strong multiracial, multilingual membership base that conducts direct action organizing campaigns, does deliberate leadership development, and contributes to larger social justice building movements. Our current campaigns focus on justice reinvestment (moving resources out of prisons and into social services), challenging the gentrification of our communities, and engaging youth and parents to work for better education.

[www.daretowin.org](http://www.daretowin.org)
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To Donate: Please send donations to DARE at 340 Lockwood Street, Providence, RI 02907

**Olneyville Neighborhood Association** - ONA is based in Providence’s poorest neighborhood, with the highest concentration of immigrants, particularly people without legal status. Only two years old, ONA helps neighbors connect day-to-day crises like skyrocketing property taxes and immigration raids with broader causes, including gentrification and the criminalization of entire peoples because of race and immigration status.

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ONE DC – ONE DC (formerly Manna CDC) was founded in 1997. ONE DC’s mission is to exercise political strength to create and preserve racial and economic equity in the District of Columbia. ONE DC’s approach to community development addresses structural causes of poverty and injustice, stemming from deep analysis of race, power, and the economic, political and social forces at work in the Shaw neighborhood, Anacostia and elsewhere in DC. ONE DC’s community development work centers on popular education, community organizing, and alternative development projects.

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Donate to ONE DC

Tenants & Workers United – TWU is a democratically-controlled, grassroots organization committed to building the power of low-income people – Latinos/as, African Americans, immigrants, tenants, workers, women and youth – for racial and economic justice in Northern Virginia. Our focus is on multi-issue community organizing, civic engagement and leadership development to build a new majority of active low-income people of color who create change locally, regionally and nationally. We organize for uninsured access to healthcare for low-income people, equal educational opportunities for students of color in local public schools, preserving affordable housing in rapidly gentrifying Northern Virginia, immigrant rights and low-wage worker rights. TWU’s constituency is primarily multi-national immigrants residing in Alexandria, Fairfax County and Prince William County. TWU is committed to grassroots leadership: our members are the primary movers of our campaigns, and our Board of Directors is comprised entirely of members.

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Donate to Tenants & Workers United
East LA Community Corporation - ELACC advocates for economic and social justice in the communities of Boyle Heights and Unincorporated East Los Angeles by building grassroots leadership, affordable housing, and economic development opportunities for low and moderate-income families. ELACC’s target community consists of predominantly low-income Latino immigrants. With low literacy and education levels, this population finds employment in the low-wage service sector and in the informal economy.

www.elacc.org
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Donate to ELACC

Esperanza Community Housing Corporation – Esperanza works to achieve comprehensive and long-term community development in the Figueroa Corridor neighborhood of South-Central Los Angeles. Community residents of all ages and ethnicities are the foundation of Esperanza’s grassroots work. Esperanza seeks to create opportunities for community residents’ growth, security, participation, recognition, and ownership through developing and preserving affordable housing, creating opportunities for child care, ensuring quality education, promoting accessible health care, stimulating involvement in arts and culture, pursuing economic development, and advocating for progressive public policy. Through partnerships with churches, schools, block clubs and other community institutions, Esperanza helps to strengthen the social infrastructure of the neighborhood. In all of our actions, Esperanza strives always to build hope with community.

www.esperanzacommunityhousing.org
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Donate To Esperanza Community Housing
Koreatown Immigrant Workers Association – KIWA is one of the nation’s most established workers centers and one of the few community groups organizing both Korean and Latino workers in the country. Created in 1992, KIWA’s mission is to empower low-wage immigrant workers and to develop a progressive constituency and promote leadership in solidarity with other underrepresented communities. KIWA organizes Koreatown’s low-wage immigrant workers for dignity and respect in the workplace and community and works together with other communities to realize a vision of a just Los Angeles that works for everyone. KIWA’s model brings together workers from targeted local low-wage industries with community members and students in a broad, multi-ethnic vision for social justice. Our strategies include grassroots organizing and leadership development, strategic industry-based campaigns that target employers directly, advocacy, and multi-ethnic coalition building.

www.kiwa.org
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Donate To KIWA

South Asian Network – South Asian Network (SAN) is a grassroots, community based organization dedicated to advancing the health, empowerment and solidarity of persons of South Asian origin in Southern California. Founded in 1990, the overall goal of SAN is to inform and empower South Asian communities by acting as an agent of change in eliminating biases, discrimination and injustices targeted against persons of South Asian origin and by providing linkages amongst communities through shared experiences. Together, volunteers and staff have created a multilingual, culturally appropriate approaches to community organizing encompassing community outreach and education, direct service, and policy advocacy in five focus areas: immigration, public health, violence prevention, hate crime/discrimination and civil liberties.

www.southasiannetwork.org
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Donate to South Asian Network
**Strategic Actions for a Just Economy** – SAJE is an economic justice, community development, and popular education center that has been building economic power for working class people in Los Angeles since 1996. Over the past twelve years, SAJE’s combination of community organizing, coalition-building, and grassroots policy has gained significant community benefits, including creating the nation’s first welfare-to-work bank account and, through the Figueroa Corridor Coalition for Economic Justice, negotiating the nation’s most comprehensive community benefits agreement. SAJE is presently transforming these victories into a grassroots community development strategy in the Figueroa Corridor – a unique area where billionaire developers and 200,000 working poor struggle over the contested terrain of L.A.’s inner city neighborhoods.

www.saje.net
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Donate to SAJE

**Union de Vecinos** – Union de Vecinos is a grassroots community organization that improves the quality of life for the people who live, work and play in the Boyle Heights district of Los Angeles. Union de Vecinos believes that the people who live in the neighborhood and the institutions that represent them and serve them are equally responsible for the maintenance and improvement of the neighborhood. Union de Vecinos conducts voter engagement in fifteen precincts of Boyle Heights and has a network of seven neighborhood committees seeking better streets and improved traffic patterns for Boyle Heights residents.

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Donate to Union De Vecinos
Miami Workers Center - The Miami Workers Center is a strategy and action center whose purpose is to build the power and self-determination of Miami’s most oppressed communities and to help to build a progressive voice and platform that can nurture the growth of movements for social change in south Florida and in the United States. We work to achieve this by initiating and supporting grassroots organizations that are led by the people most affected by the major issues of our time: poverty, racism, and gender and sexual oppression. Our organizing model emphasizes building the broadest and deepest base among our constituencies; developing the strategic and tactical leadership capacity of low-income people of color; shifting the public debate around issues impacting our communities; building coalitions and alliances that enable us to amplify our power and message; and lending our experience and capacity to support the flourishing of sustainable movements for social change.

www.theworkerscenter.org
Gihan Perera, Executive Director
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Donate to Miami Workers Center

Power U – Power U is a grassroots organization based in Miami fighting for land, people, and community; organizing for justice in schools and communities; and supporting the struggle for social, environmental, and economic justice. Power U has a long history of successes for the communities it fights along side of. From community health clinics to neighborhood organizing, Power U’s current projects are aimed at confronting the core issues facing youth and low-income people of color in the Overtown area and the rest of Miami.

www.poweru.org
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Donate to Power U
Vecinos Unidos - Vecinos Unidos is a coalition of local residents and community activists from Latino neighborhoods in Miami Dade, mostly from Little Havana and Allapattah, whose goal is to lead the fight for accountable development and promote civic engagement amongst communities that are often left behind. South Florida Jobs with Justice created this neighborhood coalition with the goal of strengthening the local economy with responsible development, fair employment and civic engagement.

www.sfjwj.org/campaigns/vecinosunidos
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Donate to Vecinos Unidos
Dirty Dozen - Dirty Dozen is a grassroots, resident-led group fighting for justice in the former St. Thomas/River Gardens community in Uptown New Orleans. St. Thomas was a housing development with strong resident leadership and thriving community programs. During 1999 and 2000, St. Thomas was demolished and replaced with “mixed income housing” as part of the HUD HOPE VI redevelopment program. This led to displacement of the majority of St. Thomas residents, as well as a plague of evictions, harassment and police misconduct towards the low-income residents who were able to return to the subsidized units in River Gardens. Dirty Dozen has emerged to combat this new displacement tactic and to rebuild the leadership of low-income residents, by residents and for residents. D12 assists families in River Gardens who are facing these injustices by providing advocacy, documentation, peer education and organizing.

Ms. Barbara Jackson, Tenant Organizer
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Donate: Please contact Barbara Jackson

Families and Friends of Louisiana’s Incarcerated Children
– Founded in 2000, FFLIC has had a dramatic impact on the struggle to reform the juvenile justice system by elevating the voices of children and families who suffer at the hands of Louisiana’s brutal and ineffective system. FFLIC is comprised of and serves the family members of children who are most at risk of getting caught up in the criminal justice system. FFLIC uses the strategies of education, direct action organizing, and peer advocacy to build strong, powerful families and communities to fight for justice for children. Alongside other advocates, FFLIC has been instrumental in passing monumental legislation, including the Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2003, Act 1225, which closed the Tallulah Correctional Center for Youth in 2003, and the Youth Justice Act of 2008, which will close the Jetson Correctional Center by the end of 2009.

www.fflic.org
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Donate to FFLIC
Safe Streets / Strong Communities – Safe Streets is a community-based organization that builds collective power and leadership within targeted communities of New Orleans. Safe Streets campaigns for a new criminal justice system in New Orleans, one that creates safe streets and strong communities for everyone regardless of race or economic status. Safe Streets defines its constituency as communities most impacted by violence, police harassment and incarceration. These communities are overwhelmingly communities of color and Safe Streets focuses primarily on the low-income African American communities of St. Thomas/River Garden, Central City, Treme, Holly Grove and Algiers. Safe Streets places a strong emphasis on building the leadership of police brutality victims, formerly incarcerated persons, and their loved ones. Safe Streets members range in age from 16 to 82 and are primarily adult women family members of formerly & currently incarcerated people.

www.safestreetsnola.org
Rosana Cruz, Co-Director
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Donate to Safe Streets/Strong Communities,
**CAAAV Organizing Asian Communities** – Originally named “Committee Against Anti-Asian Violence,” CAAAV was founded in 1986 as one of the first groups in the U.S. to mobilize Asian communities to fight police and other forms of racially motivated violence. Over time, CAAAV has broadened our focus to address the wide array of needs, challenges, and injustices faced by low and no-income New York Asian communities including gentrification, worker exploitation, poverty, the detention and deportation of immigrants, and the criminalization of youth. Today, CAAAV builds the power of Asian immigrant and refugee communities in NYC by providing critical social services, developing leadership, creating alternative models of sustainability, and advocating for their needs. Our strategy is guided by a global analysis of migration, labor, and poverty and how these experiences are shaped in the U.S. by nationality, immigration status, gender, race, and class. Based on the principle that those most directly impacted must lead the process of social change, CAAAV builds the capacity of those whose voices are most often marginalized to promote community empowerment towards long-term institutional change and the creation of community-based alternatives.

[www.caaav.org](http://www.caaav.org)
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Donate to CAAAV

**Community Voices Heard** – CVH is an organization of low-income people, many with experience with public assistance systems, working to build power in New York City and State to improve the lives of our families and communities. CVH accomplishes this mission through a multi-pronged strategy, including public education, grassroots organizing, leadership development, training low-income people about their rights, political education, civic engagement and direct-action issue campaigns. CVH is currently working on welfare reform, workforce development, job creation, public housing preservation & improvement, affordable low-income housing, and other economic justice issues that affect low-income people, particularly low-income women of color.

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Donate to Community Voices Heard
Fabulous Independent Educated Radicals for Community Empowerment – FIERCE is a membership-based organization building the leadership and power of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) youth of color in New York City. We develop politically conscious leaders who are invested in improving ourselves and our communities through youth-led campaigns, leadership development programs, and cultural expression through arts and media. FIERCE is dedicated to cultivating the next generation of social justice movement leaders who are dedicated to ending all forms of oppression. FIERCE has prevented the displacement of LGBTQ youth of color from historically safe public spaces in the West Village amidst rapid development and discriminatory police practices. Our efforts have also ensured that more City resources are directed to the needs of homeless and low-income LGBTQ youth, who make up more than 40% of the homeless youth population in New York City. Through our newest campaign for an LGBTQ youth center on Pier 40, we have successfully helped to build a broad-based West Village community coalition that stopped the privatization of public land and resources.

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Donate to FIERCE

Families United for Racial and Economic Equality – FUREE is a Brooklyn-based, multi-racial organization made up almost exclusively of women of color. FUREE organizes low-income families to build power to change the system so that all people’s work is valued and all people have the right and economic means to decide and live out their own destinies. FUREE uses direct action, leadership development, community organizing and political education to win the changes our members seek. FUREE’s guiding principle is that those directly affected by the policies they are seeking to change should lead the organization.

www.furee.org
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Donate to FUREE
Good Old Lower East Side – GOLES is a neighborhood housing and preservation organization dedicated to tenants’ rights, homelessness prevention, economic development and community revitalization. For more than 30 years, GOLES has worked to build the power of low-income residents on the Lower East Side to address displacement and gentrification, preserve and expand the affordable housing stock, and assert community self-determination over the development of the neighborhood. GOLES¹ holistic approach includes training and education, direct service and advocacy, community organizing and coalition-building. GOLES is a leading organizing force in the Lower East Side, preserving a culturally and economically diverse community, as well as affordable housing.

www.goles.org
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Donate To GOLES

Make the Road NY – Make the Road NY promotes economic justice, equity and opportunity for New Yorkers through community and electoral organizing, strategic policy advocacy, leadership development, youth and adult education, and high quality legal and support services. Make the Road New York was created in 2007 by the coming together of Make the Road by Walking and the Latin American Integration Center. Make the Road New York is an effort to increase the scale of the two organizations’ operations in order to build power for all of New York City’s low-income and immigrant majority. Make the Road NY seeks to create a new citywide organization that combines: democratic accountability to low-income people, an innovative mix of strategies to confront inequality and economic injustice, and deep and active community roots.

www.maketheroadny.org
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Donate to Make The Road.
Mothers on the Move / Madres en Movimiento - MOM is a member-led organization in the South Bronx building a society rooted in the values of equity, democracy, justice, and community. We research, strategize, and carry out campaigns to win immediate victories with concrete improvements in quality of life, even while addressing the policies and root causes of inequality. MOM is a movement catalyst, constructing & participating in alliances that leverage expanded power for social justice organizations. Founded in 1992 by mothers seeking educational equality for their children, MOM currently hosts committees for Housing, Youth, and Environmental Justice.

www.mothersonthemove.org
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Donate To MOM

New York City Aids Housing Network – NYCAHN is the nation’s only membership organization led by low-income people living with HIV/AIDS, working in a unique coalition with the agencies that serve them, and is dedicated to addressing the root causes of the epidemic through community organizing and direct action. By focusing on campaigns that achieve concrete change, backed by a radical analysis of the structural drivers of the HIV/AIDS crisis, NYCAHN has passed landmark legislation and forced dramatic improvements to the housing, welfare and healthcare system in New York.

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**Picture the Homeless**  –  Picture the Homeless was founded on the principle that homeless people have civil and human rights regardless of race, creed, color or economic status. Picture the Homeless was founded and is led by homeless people who refuse to accept being neglected and demand that their voices and expertise are heard at all levels of decision making that impact them. Picture the Homeless opposes the quality of life laws that criminalize homeless people in any form by city, state and national governments. Picture the Homeless works to change these laws and policies as well as to challenge the root causes of homelessness.

[www.picturethehomeless.org](http://www.picturethehomeless.org)
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Donate to Picture the Homeless

**WE ACT for Environmental Justice** (West Harlem Environmental Action, Inc.). WE ACT is a non-profit, community-based, environmental justice organization dedicated to building community power to fight environmental racism and improve environmental health, protection and policy in communities of color. WE ACT accomplishes this mission through community organizing, education and training, advocacy and research, and public policy development. As a result of our ongoing work to educate and mobilize our base – the more than 630,000 residents of Northern Manhattan – on environmental issues affecting their quality of life, WE ACT has become a leader in the nationwide movement for environmental justice, influencing the creation of federal, state and local policies affecting the environment.

[www.weact.org](http://www.weact.org)
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Chinese Progressive Association, San Francisco – The Chinese Progressive Association educates and organizes the low income and working class immigrant Chinese community in San Francisco to build collective power with other oppressed communities to demand better living and working conditions and justice for all people.

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Just Cause Oakland - Founded in 2000, JCO is a membership-based organization building a powerful voice for Oakland’s low-income tenants and workers. JCO’s mission is to create a just and diverse city and region by organizing Oakland residents to advocate for housing and jobs as human rights, and to mobilize for policies that produce social and economic justice in low-income communities of color. JCO members are residents in the working-class flatlands of East and West Oakland. Our work is envisioning and creating the city we want to live in. JCO is a multi-racial, multi-generational organization that reflects the strength and diversity of Oakland’s people. Through a combination of grassroots organizing campaigns and leadership development, JCO has successfully built a broad-based organization that has an impact on policy-makers in Oakland.

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Donate To Just Cause Oakland
People Organized to Demand Environmental and Economic Rights – PODER is a grassroots organization in San Francisco’s Mission District. We organize with Latino immigrant families to come together to work on solutions to issues facing low income communities and communities of color. We believe that improvements to our urban environment must be made through environmental and economic justice. PODER is committed to community organizing, grassroots advocacy and alliance building as the primary strategies in creating systemic social change and advancing environmental and economic justice.

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Donate to PODER

People Organized to Win Employment Rights – POWER was founded in 1997. POWER is a multi-racial, multi-generational grassroots organization of low- and no-wage workers, tenants, families and youth that has been working for economic, environmental, racial and gender justice in San Francisco and around the globe. Through issue-based campaigns, leadership development and movement building, we empower African Americans, Latinas, women, queer and transgender people and young people to make positive changes in our workplaces, in our communities and in the world. We stand in solidarity with people all over the earth fighting to dismantle the economic and social systems that create poverty and oppression, in order to create a better world for us and for everyone.

[www.peopleorganized.org](http://www.peopleorganized.org)
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Donate to People Organized
St. Peter’s Housing Committee - For over 20 years, St. Peter’s Housing Committee has worked with the working-class immigrant Latino community in San Francisco to build collective power, preserve and expand affordable housing and immigrant rights, prevent displacement and improve living conditions in our community through tenant rights counseling, political organizing, movement building, and leadership development.

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