



ILRC

Annual Report

2015



Message from ILRC Executive Director Eric Cohen

Immigration was one of the leading issues in our country in 2015. Animosity toward immigrants grew last year, and with it the threat of deportation and anti-immigrant policies. Federal inaction continued in 2015 as the lives of millions of undocumented immigrants were held in judicial limbo over the *United States v. Texas* case. The Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC) countered with a concerted effort against unjust immigration enforcement, advocated for legislation to protect immigrant families, and helped defeat anti-immigrant policies. Thanks to our partners, allies, and the community, 2015 was a year we celebrated wins in our fight to advance immigrant rights.

The mission of the ILRC is to work with and educate immigrants, community organizations, and the legal sector to continue to build a democratic society that **values diversity and the rights of all people.**

2015 Financial Position

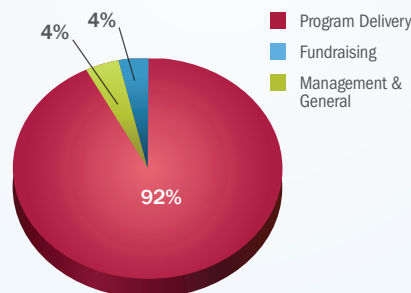
The ILRC collaborates with other nonprofit organizations nationwide to increase and deliver effective services to the immigrant community. When we became the lead organization for the New Americans Campaign in 2011, our re-granting program was a critical element in building a robust program across the country. That model continues today to help fulfill our mission. Our vigorous re-granting process is a testament to not only the trust we've established between us and our generous funders, but also our status as a go-to resource in the field. **In 2015, the ILRC distributed grants to 60 nonprofit organizations helping to advance the civil rights of immigrants.**

Cash and Investments	\$ 12,546,775
Current Grants Receivable	\$ 4,619,587
Other Current Assets	\$ 130,128
Long-term Grants Receivable	\$ 125,000
Net Property and Equipment	\$ 19,664
All Other Assets	\$ 5,400
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 17,446,553

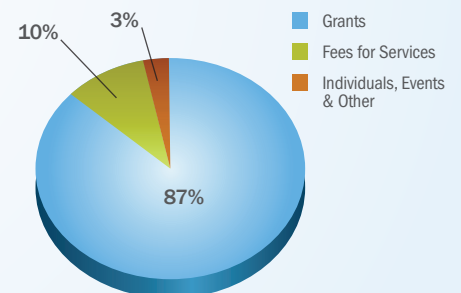
Available for Operations	\$ 1,259,320
Board-designated Reserves	\$ 2,400,000
Temporarily Restricted	\$ 10,984,348
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 14,643,668

Payables and Accrued Expenses	\$ 123,247
Current Re-grants Payable	\$ 2,379,983
Accrued Vacation	\$ 178,521
Other Liabilities	\$ 121,134
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 2,802,885

Donations & Revenue



Expenses



ILRC Program Areas

ILRC works with immigrants, community organizations, legal professionals, law enforcement, and policy makers so we can help improve the lives of immigrants. Our work on a broad range of issues directly impacts immigrant families and the community through our three program areas.

Policy and Advocacy	Civic Engagement	Capacity Building
Our policy work focuses on immigration reform, Department of Homeland Security policies, and many other issues affecting immigrants and their families.	We engage immigrants in mobilizing and raising their voices on issues critical to their communities.	We provide technical legal assistance, trainings, and publications to immigration law practitioners and community-based organizations.

Legislative Victories for the Immigrant Community

Statewide Legislation

California is emerging as the nation's leader in immigration reform. Governor Jerry Brown signed into law the *Immigrants Shape California* Legislative Package, a series of 10 measures aimed at protecting immigrants in California. The ILRC cosponsored and wrote numerous measures in the package which focus on safeguarding the most marginalized within the immigrant community including youth, victims of crimes, and those with run-ins with the criminal justice system. We provided the technical legal expertise and supported the following bills in the *Immigrants Shape California* Legislative Package:

- **AB 899:** Protecting Immigrant Children from Deportation
- **AB 1343:** Ensuring Due Process for Immigrant Defendants
- **AB 900:** Promoting Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) Protections
- **AB 1352:** Preventing Unintended Immigration Consequences for Rehabilitated Immigrants
- **SB 674:** Immigrant Victim of Crimes Equity Act

(See page 8 of *The Immigrant Advocate Winter 2015* for details.)

National Legislation

ILRC applied its technical legal expertise to positively influence legislation on the national stage and worked closely with Congress and our partners to continue fighting for immigrant rights. The ILRC was an integral part of numerous pieces of legislation.

Defeating Anti-immigrant Legislation

The ILRC is a partner organization of the Immigrant Justice Network (IJN). The IJN is working to ensure that federal immigration reform includes policies that are fair and just. In 2015, ILRC and the IJN collaborated to defeat multiple policies that threatened the civil rights of immigrants.

S.2146, the Stop Sanctuary Policies and Protect Americans Act, would have stripped federal funding for state and local jurisdictions that enacted community trust policies and also limited their cooperation with federal immigration authorities. It was defeated in the Senate.

House Judiciary Committee Legislation. ILRC and IJN jointly worked to oppose four anti-immigrant bills that jeopardized the civil rights of immigrants. Together, we helped to defeat the four bills before they reached the House of Representatives for voting.

- **H.R. 1148**, the Michael Davis Jr. In Honor of State and Local Law Enforcement Act was an updated version of the SAFE Act that would drastically criminalize immigrant communities, encourage racial profiling, and entangle law enforcement with immigration enforcement;
- **H.R. 1147**, the Legal Workforce Act (mandatory E-Verify) was a radical criminalization of immigrants and elimination of various due process protections;
- **H.R. 1149**, the Protection of Children Act of 2015, which threatened to reduce due process for unaccompanied minors; and
- **H.R. 1153**, the Asylum Reform and Border Protection Act of 2015, which would have reduced the availability of asylum and parole for immigrants.

ILRC By the Numbers 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

New Americans Campaign Highlights



As the lead organization for the New Americans Campaign, ILRC joined its partners in encouraging eligible immigrants to apply for citizenship. In 2015 alone, the New Americans Campaign:

facilitated over

48,000

naturalization applications



conducted over

850

naturalization workshops

helped immigrants access almost

18,000

fee waivers

saved the community

\$71 million+

in legal and application fees



ILRC by the Numbers

367 Trainings, *community meetings*, workshops, *webinars*, seminars, press events, *podcasts* and *videos* with more than **12,174** attendees and participants.

Attorney of the Day

ILRC offers a unique, nationwide consultation service through our Attorney of the Day program, providing technical legal assistance on many aspects of immigration law to attorneys, legal service providers, public defenders, and advocates assisting the immigrant community.



IN 2015

ILRC attorneys answered

3,542

inquiries in total

Defending Immigrant Rights: Criminal and Immigration Law

The ILRC is a national leader in the intersection between criminal law and immigration law, providing critical support for criminal defenders and immigration attorneys to protect their noncitizen clients.

Combatting Unfair Immigration Enforcement



ILRC helped put an end to the infamous and highly flawed Secure Communities program, only to have it be replaced with the **Priority Enforcement Program (PEP)** which operates in much the same way. To battle this unjust program, ILRC encourages local law enforcement to treat those they are meant to protect with dignity and respect by refusing to cooperate with indefensible ICE practices.

The Power of the RED CARD Know Your Rights!



ILRC first created our multilingual Red Cards in 2007 to empower undocumented immigrants to exercise their rights during illegal ICE raids.

By the end of 2015, we had distributed

713,569
RED CARDS

AB 60 Driver's Licenses

After almost 20 years of advocacy, ILRC joined the immigrant community in celebrating the implementation of AB 60.

IN 2015



605,000

AB 60 DRIVER'S LICENSES were issued to the undocumented immigrant community.

Protecting Immigrant Youth



The ILRC provided technical legal assistance as a member of the San Francisco Immigrant Legal Defense Collaborative to enable more than

400 families

and unaccompanied minors to access much needed immigration services.

Thank you to our 2015 Supporters!

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