

ILRC 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

2013 at a Glance

National Impact

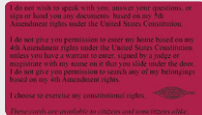


ILRC's trainings and community events reached over **5,400** people in 2013.

Our staff appeared in local and national news outlets more than **once every two weeks** in 2013, spreading critical updates and empowering communities across the country.

Red Cards

ILRC distributed over **53,000** Red Cards in 2013 and over 598,000 to date. Red Cards empower immigrants during Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids, helping to assert their constitutional rights.



Technical Assistance

ILRC attorneys responded to over **3,300** requests across the nation for technical assistance and legal information through our Attorney of the Day program.

Multimedia Center

In 2013, ILRC launched our brand new Multimedia Center, which houses podcasts and videos on various areas of immigration law, partner projects, and events. Resources include information on the immigration consequences of the Supreme Court's DOMA decision, tutorials for filling out DACA applications, personal messages from ILRC staff, and much more!



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Jose Antonio Vargas, Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi and Senator Dick Durbin at the 2013 Phillip Burton Immigration & Civil Rights Awards.

2013 Legislative Victories

ILRC was active in the development of immigration reforms in 2013, working to keep families together, limit deportations, and build trust between immigrant families and law enforcement.

California TRUST Act

Immigrant rights groups won a major victory in 2013 with the passage of the Transparency and Responsibility Using State Tools (TRUST) Act, which restricts the collaboration between local law enforcement and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The Trust Act limits the circumstances under which local law enforcement can detain an individual for ICE, leading to fewer people across California being deported. ILRC educated advocates, helped implement the laws, and monitored compliance with the policy.

AB 60: A Legislative Victory Years in the Making

ILRC has worked for years to promote safety by passing legislation allowing undocumented immigrants to receive a form of driver license. This work came to a culmination when California Governor Jerry Brown signed AB 60, which will allow undocumented drivers to apply for a form of drivers licenses.

San Francisco Due Process For All Ordinance

As an active member of the San Francisco Immigrant Rights Defense Committee, ILRC collaborated to push for the passage of the "Due Process Ordinance for All on Civil Immigration Detainers." This important policy severely limits when individuals can be transferred from local law enforcement to ICE. The ordinance, one of the more progressive in the nation, marks an important step towards the civil rights of immigrants in San Francisco County.

Message from Eric Cohen, ILRC Executive Director

In 2013, the passing of an immigration reform bill by the U.S. Senate in the Summer was a historic and memorable moment for our nation—offering hope for over 11 million undocumented immigrants and their families.



Comprehensive Immigration Reform was a top priority for our nation and the Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC). We played an integral role in serving as a resource and provided technical assistance that resulted in critical changes impacting immigrant families and their community at the local, state, and national level.

ILRC participated in a number of meaningful legislative reforms in 2013. We witnessed the passage of the TRUST Act and AB 60 in California – bills that will dramatically improve the lives of California's immigrant communities. In San Francisco, ILRC worked with diverse coalitions on the passage of the Due Process For All Ordinance. Through the Pathways to Citizenship Initiative, we provided technical expertise to the coalition, aiming to promote citizenship and civic participation among San Francisco's naturalization-eligible immigrants. To share ILRC's experience and expertise in immigration law with policy makers, we established our presence in Washington, D.C. by hiring an Immigration Policy Attorney.

ILRC continues to increase the impact of our advocacy efforts through the strong allies and partnerships we have established. Through continuing partnerships with PICO National and Gamiliel, ILRC provides ongoing legal technical support on immigration law and legislative strategy. As the lead agency of the New Americans Campaign, ILRC is working collaboratively across the nation to encourage naturalization by helping tens of thousands of people apply for citizenship.

Since the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy was announced in June 2012, ILRC has worked tirelessly to spread information and awareness about this important change for DREAMers. In January 2013, ILRC introduced the first comprehensive guide for practitioners, *DACA: The Essential Legal Guide*, and continue to serve as a resource to organizations throughout the United States.

Our experience in navigating complex immigration law has prepared us for immigration reform. When reform passes, ILRC will be there to respond and serve. We firmly believe the time is now for immigration reform as we remain committed to working with and educating immigrants, community organizations, and the legal sector to continue to build a democratic society that values diversity and the rights of all people.


Eric Cohen
 Executive Director



2013 Financial Position

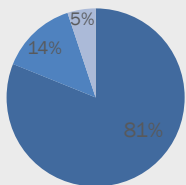
Assets	
Cash and investments	\$6,016,945
Current grants receivable	\$2,544,999
Other current assets	\$128,225
Long-term grants receivable	\$75,000
Net property and equipment	\$74,169
All other assets	\$5,400
Total Assets	\$8,844,738

Liabilities	
Payables and accrued expenses	\$138,020
Current re-grants payable	\$1,342,350
Accrued vacation	\$119,729
Other liabilities	\$286,301
Total Liabilities	\$1,886,400

Net Assets	
Available for operations	\$1,475,786
Board-designated reserves	\$1,500,000
Temporarily restricted	\$3,982,552
Total Net Assets	\$6,958,338

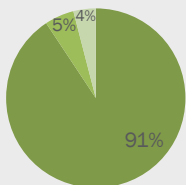
Donations & Revenue

- Grants 81%
- Fees for Services 14%
- Individuals, Events & Other 5%



Expenses

- Program Delivery 91%
- Management & General 5%
- Fundraising 4%



ILRC 2013 Program Highlights

New Americans Campaign

Since 2011, ILRC has led the New Americans Campaign, a groundbreaking national network of legal service providers, faith-based organizations, businesses, foundations, and community leaders in paving a better road to citizenship. By the end of 2013, Campaign sites and affiliated collaborations completed over 90,000 naturalization applications and conducted nearly 1,600 naturalization workshops and clinics across the country. By utilizing innovative technology, free or low cost services, and naturalization application fee waivers, the Campaign saved immigrant families over \$76,000,000.

The Campaign's network of national partners supported over 100 local organizations in communities across the U.S.

www.newamericanscampaign.org



ILRC's outreach in California's Central Valley

The Central Valley is home to tens of thousands of immigrants eligible for DACA. Unfortunately, local resources are limited in rural communities that often face multiple barriers to the application process. In addition to the cost of the application fee, the need for a high school diploma or equivalent (like a GED), or current enrollment in certain educational programs, can be a tremendous challenge for working families.

In 2013, ILRC conducted free legal workshops in the Central Valley, connected DREAMers with educational opportunities, and built the capacity of local service organizations. In January 2013, ILRC also released *DACA: The Essential Legal Guide*, the first comprehensive DACA manual, and a resource to help attorneys and advocates navigate the complex issues surrounding this program. ILRC worked in the Central Valley and throughout California ensuring immigration reforms have the biggest impact possible.

Improving Immigrant Access to Healthcare

Many families with mixed immigration status live in fear of jeopardizing the status of a loved one by accessing needed healthcare. ILRC helped families stay healthy by working to combat these fears. Our attorneys trained healthcare providers, educated immigrants, and informed the media of the barriers mixed immigration status families face. Trainings addressed issues facing immigrant families and how healthcare issues could affect their eligibility for immigration status. Armed with this essential information, advocates alleviated fears and addressed the pressing concerns that immigrant families faced. By the end of 2013, ILRC reached over 4,000 people in Contra Costa County and the Central Valley through community meetings for immigrants and trainings for healthcare and social service providers. Healthcare providers working closely with immigrant families now have the tools to diminish fears regarding immigration concerns.

Pathways to Citizenship

In September 2013, Mayor Ed Lee announced the San Francisco Pathways to Citizenship Initiative saying, "San Francisco is a model for the nation in welcoming immigrants and empowering new citizens, but we can do even better. This initiative will ensure that the 100,000 San Franciscans who are eligible for citizenship can pursue new opportunities and be part of building San Francisco's economy and civic life from the very beginning." The Immigrant Legal Resource Centers provides technical assistance to the collaborative, which aims to promote citizenship & civic participation among San Francisco's naturalization-eligible immigrants.

Defending Immigrants Rights

The intersection of immigration and criminal law is one of the most complex and technical areas in immigration law and ILRC is taking the lead to ensure due process for all. ILRC is a partner of the **Defending Immigrants Partnership (DIP)**, a national collaboration ensuring noncitizen defendants are effectively represented by criminal defense counsel. DIP's efforts contributed greatly to the critical 2010 U.S. Supreme Court holding in *Padilla v. Kentucky*, requiring criminal defense counsel in criminal cases to inform noncitizen defendants of immigration consequences. As experts on the immigration consequences of crimes, ILRC and DIP partners in 2013 continued to protect and expand the scope of the *Padilla* decision. ILRC increased institutionalized, sustainable, and local immigration resources within public defender offices on the West Coast. We also educated judges on the implications of *Padilla* and advocated with prosecutors to consider immigration consequences during plea negotiations.

LGBT Immigrants

Since the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court last year, bi-national same-sex couples now have access to all of the immigration benefits afforded to the spouses of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents such as marriage-based green cards, relief from deportation, humanitarian relief through asylum, and benefits for victims of domestic abuse, among many other benefits. To provide more information to the community, ILRC released *What the DOMA Decision Means for Immigrants in Same-Sex Relationships*, a podcast providing an analysis of the impact of the ruling. Our webinar, *The Death of DOMA and Implications for Immigration Practitioners* has an overview of the ruling's implications for immigration practitioners and how it will affect same-sex couples and families. The ILRC is working to ensure that same-sex couples have equal access to newly available immigration benefits and the LGBT immigrant community is informed and represented.

Únete Latina!

Fear of deportation, law enforcement, abuse, or social repercussions prevents many Latina women from accessing the help they need. To combat these fears and improve access to local resources, ILRC partnered with Youth+Technology+Health in Únete Latina! (Latina, Join Us!), an innovative texting campaign.

Through the campaign, more than 1,000 women in Fresno County received text messages each week with information about deportation relief, domestic violence resources, and other services available to immigrant families. Designed by Latinas for Latinas, all the information was in Spanish and specifically designed to reach Latina immigrant women in Fresno County.

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