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STAND FOR JUSTICE

WELCOME

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.”

These have been called the most powerful and consequential words in American history. They are, but not just because they were thought, or said, or written. The words that hold us together as a people matter because individuals took them seriously - more seriously than the men profound enough to write but not live by them. Whether called abolitionists, suffragists, civil rights workers, or activists, they had one thing in common: they believed and showed their belief – not just with words and speech – but with truth and action.

This is the spirit that drives us at the ACLU of Southern California (ACLU SoCal) - everyone from donors and supporters to board and staff members. This is why the ACLU SoCal stands for justice - for everyone.

This is why this year has been so challenging. Even as we celebrate landmark successes – such as the long march to establish marriage equality, which has been marked from beginning to end by the work of the ACLU – we know the truth. We know there is more work ahead to affirm the dignity and rights of the LGBTQ community and especially transgender people. And the deaths of unarmed people of color at the hands of the police show just how painfully far our nation is from treating everyone equally.

This is why the work must continue and we must look for new and better ways to protect people and their rights. This is why we spearheaded the launch of MobileJusticeCA - an innovative and free smartphone app to preserve video of police encounters and teach people about their rights.

With your support, we can speak up and tell the truth, challenge unjust laws, and reform political institutions. We can make America live up to the words enshrined in the Declaration of Independence.

Hector O. Villagra

Executive Director • ACLU of Southern California

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Prop. 47, a major ACLU SoCal priority, features a campaign that educates thousands of members, activists, and subscribers about the ballot measure that reduces some low-level drug and property crimes from felonies to misdemeanors, making thousands of inmates eligible for release.

NOV.
2014

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The “Land of the Free” has become the “Land of the Jailed,” with an explosion in people behind bars, from roughly 200,000 in 1973 to some 2.2 million now.

The ACLU aims to turn that tide with its national campaign to cut mass incarceration in half by 2020.

California is leading the nation in shrinking its prison population with court-ordered realignment capping capacity and Prop. 47’s reduction of some low-level felonies to misdemeanors.

The settlement of the ACLU SoCal’s landmark class-action *Rosas v. Baca* ends decades of rampant corruption and deputy violence against inmates in the Los Angeles County Jail condoned by the Sheriff’s Department leadership, and the County Board of Supervisors allocated funds to begin diverting inmates with mental illness from jail to treatment facilities.

A settlement in *Johnson v. Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department* makes sure people in county jail are provided mobility assistance such as canes, wheelchairs, crutches, and grab bars along with access to jail programs and services, including those that may reduce time served.

MAR.
2015

The ACLU SoCal and its partners reach a historic consent decree in *Rosas v. Baca*, a federal class-action lawsuit alleging former Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca and his command staff condoned a long-standing and widespread pattern of violence by deputies against inmates in the jails. The Sheriff’s Department, subject to federal court oversight and enforcement, must adopt a detailed plan to reform policies and practices on use of force.

APR.
2015

Years of ACLU SoCal advocacy, research and reports play a major role in the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors’ allocating \$70 million, the first step towards ending the practice of jailing people with mental illness or drug and alcohol issues and instead diverting them to more effective and less expensive community-based mental health treatment.

AUG.
2015

EDUCATION

California is ground zero for some of the most important education reforms in the nation. The ACLU SoCal has helped usher in many of those changes, including support for and monitoring of Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), a new law that promises to provide much needed resources to high-need students, including the more than 1.4 million children designated as English Learners. Our focus on litigation and advocacy ensures that fewer students are subject to expulsion, and that regardless of economic status or zip code, all children receive equal access to educational opportunities, as promised by California's Constitution.

After co-sponsoring AB 420, a measure that eliminates the suspensions of young students and expulsion for all students for minor misbehavior, the ACLU SoCal begins monitoring the law as it takes effect.


JAN.
2015

The ACLU SoCal and its partners sue the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) for circumventing its obligation under LCFF, and illegally diverting hundreds of millions of dollars that it must use to serve high-need students, including foster youth, English Learners, and low income youth. The case, *Community Coalition v. LAUSD*, is the first lawsuit filed to compel school districts to comply with LCFF since it became law.

JULY
2015

The ACLU SoCal and its partners reach a settlement in *DJ v. State of California*, a landmark case brought against California education officials on behalf of thousands of students denied mandated instruction for the acquisition of English fluency skills. The agreement requires the state to create a watchdog system to monitor districts for compliance, among other safeguards.

SEPT.
2015



Gov. Jerry Brown signs AB 1012, a law that bans schools from assigning students to fake classes where nothing is taught, or warehousing them in auditoriums while officials address scheduling problems. The bill was introduced in response to several incidents at the center of a lawsuit that the ACLU SoCal and its partners filed against the state for allowing districts to deprive students of equal educational opportunities. The new law also creates a complaint process for parents to report problems.

OCT.
2015

The ACLU SoCal and its partners reach a settlement in *Cruz v. State of California*, a lawsuit filed against state education officials for failing to ensure school districts provide meaningful classes to students in six schools across the state. The agreement, along with AB 1012, will establish safeguards to limit the assignment of students at the schools to classes with no educational content.

OCT.
2015

Adelanto, CA adopts a new ordinance after the ACLU SoCal tells city officials that requiring a \$1 million insurance policy for a permit to protest at City Hall violates the First Amendment.

**FEB.
2015**

The ACLU of Northern and Southern California sue the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department and the Anaheim Police Department, charging that the two agencies refuse to produce documents related to their use of StingRays, and the sheriff has since admitted using the highly invasive surveillance devices without a court order. StingRays allow law enforcement to track a person's cell phone and all phones within range.

**MAR.
2015**

FIRST AMENDMENT & PRIVACY

Freedom of speech, the press, association, assembly, and petition: This set of guarantees, protected by the First Amendment, comprises what we refer to as freedom of expression. It is the foundation of a vibrant democracy.

The fight for freedom of speech has been a bedrock of the ACLU's mission since the organization was founded in 1920. Almost a century later, these battles have taken on new forms, but they persist.

The threat of mass government surveillance not only threatens privacy but chills the free expression of ordinary citizens. Any person hoping to approach the ACLU or media with proof of official misconduct would be understandably wary knowing that the government receives, almost in real-time, a record of every telephone call.

The ACLU is always on guard to ensure that the First Amendment's protections remain robust.

In a landmark decision in the case of *ACLU v. Clapper*, a federal appeals court unanimously rules that the federal government's phone-records surveillance program is unlawful because the Patriot Act does not permit the gathering of Americans' sensitive information on such a massive scale.

MAY
2015

The state Supreme Court agrees to hear an appeal brought by the ACLU SoCal and other civil liberties groups to decide when the public can see records of high-tech police monitoring programs like the scanners officers use to record millions of license plate numbers.

AUG.
2015

The governor signs the California Electronic Communications Privacy Act, a new law requiring police to go to a judge and obtain a warrant before they can get access to emails, text messages and other electronic information about who we are, where we go, who we know and what we think. The law was supported by the ACLU, other civil rights organizations, technology companies and even law enforcement, and establishes some of the strongest protections for digital information in the nation.

OCT.
2015

GENDER & REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

The ACLU is committed to protecting and expanding the rights of all women to make informed personal decisions about reproductive rights and sexual health, as well as to be free from discrimination in school and in the workplace. That steadfast pledge has led the ACLU SoCal to work across the state to challenge punitive policies that undermine the rights of incarcerated women, to contest hospital mergers that restrict a community's access to reproductive health care, and to demand accountability for women in Hollywood.

With support from the ACLU SoCal and its partners, the Confidential Health Information Act becomes law. The groundbreaking measure improves patient confidentiality by closing loopholes in existing state and federal laws that result in breaches of patient information through standard communication from health insurance providers.

JAN.
2015

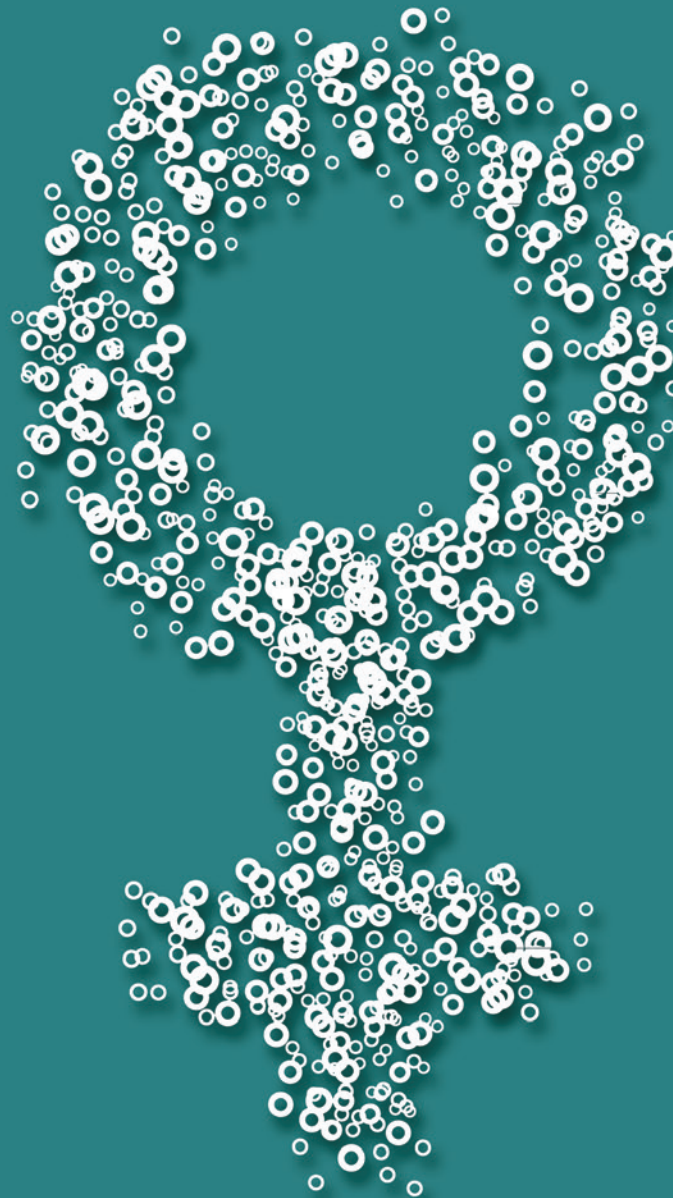
The ACLU SoCal, along with the national ACLU Women's Rights Project, demand that state and federal civil rights agencies investigate the systemic failure to hire women directors in the film and television industries. The requests include statistical evidence that reveals dramatic disparities in the hiring of women, along with anecdotal accounts gathered from 50 women directors by the ACLU SoCal.

MAY
2015

The ACLU SoCal achieves significant reforms in how the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department meets the needs of pregnant and postpartum women. Due to our advocacy, the department removes illegal barriers to abortion access and illegal shackling practices, creates a new housing unit for pregnant women, adopts new policies to ensure pregnant women have access to the health care they need, sufficient and healthy food, comfort accommodations, and launches a pilot project allowing breastfeeding mothers to get pumped milk to their nursing children.

JULY
2015

After the ACLU SoCal and its partners threaten to sue a Catholic hospital for denying a pregnant woman post-birth sterilization, the hospital reverses its decision. The case is an important victory as a growing number of religious institutions across the state and nation move to deny important and medically appropriate health care services to women.



AUG.
2015

Photo by Melinda Lerner

The ACLU SoCal's Dignity for All Project helps draft and support two state bills that would ban local measures that seek to criminalize individuals for merely resting in public places. While the two bills – SB 608 and AB 718 – fall short of the needed votes, we continue to push lawmakers to adopt sensible and humane laws.

JAN.
2015

HOMELESSNESS

The ACLU SoCal has long fought to defend the civil and human rights of individuals experiencing homelessness. Whether it was suing the City of Los Angeles in 2003 to prevent police from ticketing and arresting individuals who sit, sleep or lie on public sidewalks, or going to court to hold the Veterans Administration accountable for discriminating against homeless veterans, or launching of the Dignity for All Project that combines advocacy and litigation to help bring about much needed policy changes, the ACLU SoCal remains committed to protecting the rights of the most vulnerable individuals.

The ACLU SoCal and its partners reach a historic settlement in *Valentini v. Shinseki*, a lawsuit filed against the Veterans Administration for misusing the West Los Angeles health campus for commercial use even as veterans with disabilities slept on the streets and failed to receive adequate care. Federal officials agree to create additional housing and development of a master plan as part of the agreement.

JAN.
2015

As part of the ACLU SoCal's Dignity for All Project, staff help create an educational video designed to train police on best practices for interacting with individuals who are homeless and often mentally ill. The video is distributed to police departments across the state.

MAY
2015

The ACLU SoCal and its partners file *Glover v. City of Laguna Beach*, a class-action lawsuit challenging the seaside community's ineffective and discriminatory homelessness program. The lawsuit targets the city's failure to comply with protections guaranteed by the Americans with Disabilities Act because its lone emergency shelter is inaccessible to individuals with disabilities.

AUG.
2015

IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS

The Constitution guarantees due process to every individual in the United States but for many immigrants caught in our deportation system, including legal residents, that promise goes unfulfilled.

The ACLU has long worked to ensure that immigrants receive a fair day in court. Indeed, on its founding, nearly one hundred years ago, the ACLU spoke out to protect the rights of European immigrants whom the government sought to detain and deport during the Palmer Raids. Sixty years later, the ACLU SoCal was at the forefront of efforts to roll back California's draconian Proposition 187, which attempted to deny basic rights and social services to undocumented immigrants. Most recently, the ACLU SoCal has sued the U.S. Department of Justice on behalf of child refugees who come to the U.S. seeking protection, but are forced to represent themselves in immigration court against a trained federal prosecutor seeking to deport them back to countries beset by drug and gang violence. In these and many other ways, the ACLU has been there demanding that the federal government live up to our laws and our values.

A California appellate court upholds a Los Angeles Police Department policy known as Special Order 7 that allows officers to exercise discretion when seizing the vehicles of unlicensed drivers without creating unfair hardship on poor immigrants who were too often disproportionately affected by harsh 30-day impounds. The ACLU SoCal, representing community groups affected by impounds, successfully intervened in the case and defended the policy on appeal.


DEC.
2014

Final approval is granted to a historic settlement in a class-action lawsuit filed by the ACLU SoCal and its partners against border patrol agents and Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The agreement will allow Mexican immigrants who had credible claims for relief but were deceived or coerced into signing forms that led to their "voluntary" departure to return to the U.S. to reopen their cases.

FEB.
2015

A federal judge in Seattle rebuffs a request by the Department of Justice to throw out *J.E.F.M v. Holder*, a lawsuit filed by the ACLU SoCal and its partners that seeks to guarantee that children, some as young as one year, receive legal representation in immigration court. The ruling offers hope to thousands of Central American refugee children who have fled to the United States, only to be placed into deportation proceedings without legal assistance.

APR.
2015



Just two months after the ACLU SoCal settles a claim with Los Angeles County on behalf of a U.S. citizen wrongly detained in jail because of his immigration status, the county votes to end the deeply flawed 287(g) program that led to his illegal detention. The 287(g) program not only violates an individual's Fourth Amendment right to be free from unlawful detention, but has led to the detention and deportation of U.S. citizens.

A federal court approves a settlement in *Franco v. Holder*, a landmark class-action lawsuit filed by the ACLU SoCal and its partners on behalf of immigrants with mental disabilities who were forced to represent themselves in court. The agreement clears the way for hundreds of immigrants with serious mental disabilities who were ordered deported while the lawsuit was pending to request to reopen their cases and, if approved, return to this country.

MAY
2015

SEPT.
2015



The ACLU SoCal files *McKibben v. McMahon*, a federal class-action lawsuit against San Bernardino County over policies at the West Valley Detention Center in Rancho Cucamonga that deny gay, bisexual and transgender inmates equal access to services that allow inmates to earn time credits and reduce their sentences.

OCT.
2014

LGBTQ RIGHTS

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in June that state-level prohibitions against same-sex marriage are unconstitutional. As ACLU client James Obergefell and his co-plaintiffs stood triumphantly on the court's steps, advocates across the country celebrated this victory and the decades of work that brought it to fruition.

From launching the Sexual Privacy Project in 1966, to fighting anti-gay discrimination and filing the first lawsuit arguing for the freedom to marry in 1970, to representing Edie Windsor in the case that took down the Defense of Marriage Act and sounded the death knell for marriage discrimination, the ACLU has been at the forefront of the fight for legal recognition of same-sex relationships.

The ACLU SoCal became the first ACLU affiliate to affirm the "right to privacy in sexual relations" 50 years ago and has proudly advocated for LGBTQ rights since.

Our goal is to ensure an America where LGBTQ people can live openly and LGBTQ identities, relationships and families are respected and treated fairly.

The ACLU SoCal and its partners release an advocacy toolkit on how to get school boards to adopt policies to comply with three key state laws that prohibit discrimination against transgender students, require schools to promptly address bullying and harassment in schools, prohibit instruction biased against LGBTQ students and require LGBTQ-inclusive history lessons.

JUNE
2015

In a friend of the court brief filed in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, the ACLU SoCal and other civil rights organizations argue that the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation should be required to provide Michelle-Lael Norsworthy's medically necessary care for her gender dysphoria.

JUNE
2015

Governor Brown signs AB 329, a law written by the ACLU SoCal and coalition partners that for the first time mandates sexual health education in California's public schools. The legislation ensures students receive comprehensive, accurate, and unbiased sexual health and HIV education, and is the first law in the country to require teaching about sexual orientation, gender identity, and the negative effects of gender stereotyping.

OCT.
2015

POLICE PRACTICES

The ACLU is the leading watchdog against police abuse and corruption and one of the most outspoken advocates for police reform.

A big part of the recent public outcry over policing reflects the concern that when police violate the law, or shoot someone, the public doesn't get the full story.

Transparency is a basic principle of democracy. But California has one of the nation's most restrictive laws for public access to information about police officer misconduct. A statewide ACLU poll showed that state law is out of step with Californians' expectations.

Almost four in five California voters (79 percent) say that where police have engaged in misconduct, the public should have access to the findings and conclusions of investigations into that misconduct.

For years, the law enforcement lobby in Sacramento has stopped every effort to bring transparency to police misconduct investigations. Our elected leaders need to stand up for the voters or the voters will stand up for themselves.

The ACLU SoCal sues to get documents from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department spelling out its policies and practices for using Tasers after several people who had been shocked with the electronic weapons died.

MAR.
2015

The ACLU SoCal withdraws its support for LAPD body worn video cameras and later asks the U.S. Justice Department to deny funds for the devices because department policies undermine transparency by requiring officers to view the video footage before making a report, and no footage will be released except in court cases.

APR.
2015

The ACLU SoCal spearheads the release of MobileJusticeCA, a free smart phone app that has been downloaded more than 160,000 times and automatically transmits videos of possible police misconduct to the ACLU.

APR.
2015

The City of Barstow reaches a settlement agreement with the ACLU SoCal on behalf of two brothers, calling for training the city's police officers to recognize that a refusal to identify is rarely sufficient reason to make an arrest.

MAY
2015



The governor signs AB 953 and AB 71, landmark bills to curb racial profiling and use of force tirelessly supported by the ACLU So Cal and its partners. The new laws require police to collect, analyze, and make available data on who officers stop, search or shoot, making California's laws on racial profiling the strongest in the nation.

OCT.
2015



A new law takes effect that repeals the ban on individuals with prior drug-related convictions from receiving state benefits, including job training, food assistance and other basic needs. The ACLU SoCal, along with a coalition of groups, worked to overturn that punitive measure that unfairly imposed a lifetime penalty on some.

APR.
2015

RACIAL & ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Since adopting an Economic Bill of Rights in 1983, the ACLU SoCal has been a champion of the right of every person to be assured a basic standard of living. Our advocacy has pushed city and county officials to establish essential rights for workers, including support for a living wage and paid sick days for all workers. And we remain committed to securing the expansion of healthcare coverage for working families, as well as helping remove barriers to employment that leave individuals struggling to escape poverty.

The ACLU SoCal and its partners join in launching Make It Fair CA, a campaign aimed at making commercial property taxes fair by reassessing the property at current market value so that communities can raise the revenue needed to fully fund schools and strengthen public services.

MAY
2015

The ACLU SoCal and its partners successfully work to achieve a change in the minimum wage paid to hundreds of thousands of workers across the region. In a historic vote, the Los Angeles City Council boosts the basic wage paid hourly workers to \$15 by 2020. County officials are poised to adopt a similar plan.

JUNE
2015

The Healthy Workplace Healthy Family Act of 2014 takes effect. The law, which passed with support from the ACLU SoCal and its partners, will ensure that individuals who work at least 30 days a year will be able to take at least three paid sick days a year after 90 days on the job.

JUNE
2015

VOTING RIGHTS

The Rev. George Lee and Lamar Smith are not as known as Medgar Evers, James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, Michael Schwerner, or Viola Liuzzo. But they and hundreds of others gave their lives to secure the vote for disenfranchised African-Americans in the South. Those unceasing murders and the savage attack on peaceful marchers for voting rights in Selma, Alabama gave President Lyndon B. Johnson the momentum he needed to win passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

But two years ago, the U.S. Supreme Court gutted that act in *Shelby County v. Holder* by eliminating the requirement that nine states and jurisdictions with histories of discrimination, mainly in the South, get federal approval before changing their election laws.

Fast on the heels of that decision came scurrilous voter ID laws aimed at combating a problem that did not exist. It looked like poll taxes, literacy tests and racial gerrymandering by another name.

The ACLU has been fighting this rollback of voting rights across the country. Here in California, the ACLU SoCal is working to strengthen and expand the right to vote.

Anaheim voters pass two ballot measures changing city council elections from at-large to districts, ensuring that all voters in the city have a voice at city hall. The ACLU SoCal had sued the city for violating the California Voting Rights Act.

NOV.
2014

Like Anaheim, the City of Fullerton agrees to submit to voters a district-based system for electing its city council as part of a settlement of an ACLU SoCal lawsuit also charging that existing at-large elections violated the California Voting Rights Act.

JUL.
2015

Secretary of State Alex Padilla restores voting rights to the formerly incarcerated by dropping an appeal of a decision in a lawsuit brought by the ACLU SoCal and its partners on behalf of three individuals who had lost their right to vote.

AUG.
2015



President Johnson considered the landmark Voting Rights Act of 1965 his greatest legislative achievement. That achievement's 50th anniversary is bittersweet now that the Supreme Court has eviscerated the law by removing the "pre-clearance" requirement for changes to election laws, unleashing a tide of voter suppression.

AUG.
2015

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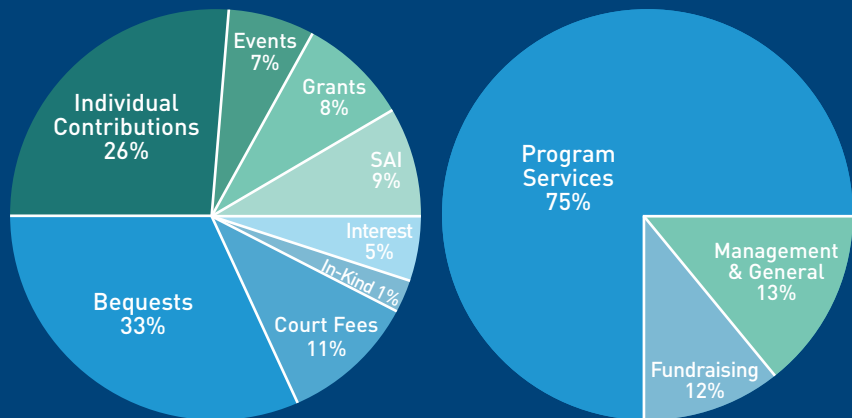
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EXPENSES

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	TOTAL	PERCENT
Individual Contributions	2,716,687	26%
Events	679,977	7%
Foundation Grants*	859,509	8%
ACLU Strategic Affiliate Initiative Grant	897,861	9%
Bequests**	3,400,369	33%
Court Awarded Fees	1,181,958	11%
Interest & Other***	537,093	5%
In-Kind Legal Contributions	145,878	1%

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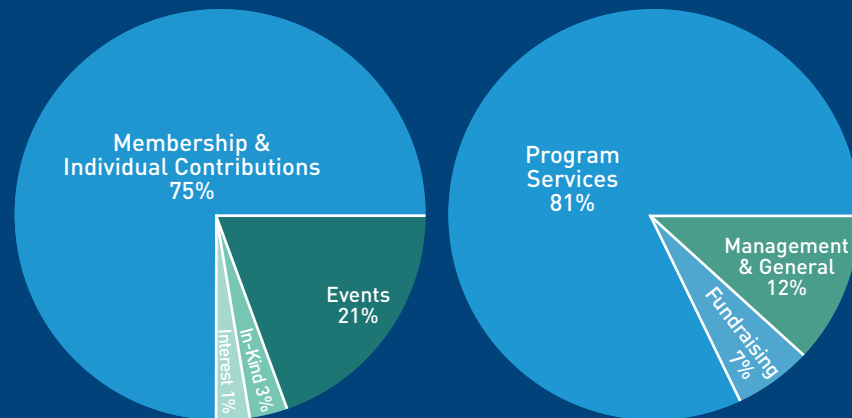
	TOTAL	PERCENT
Program Services	4,453,353	75%
Management & General Operations	741,110	13%
Fundraising	711,122	12%

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	TOTAL	PERCENT
Membership & Individual Contributions*	740,087	75%
Events	206,241	21%
Interest & Other	5,788	1%
In-Kind Legal Contributions	32,229	3%

EXPENSES

	TOTAL	PERCENT
Program Services	1,072,248	81%
Management & General Operations	163,392	12%
Fundraising	95,075	7%

FOOTNOTE:

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The Constitution and Bill of Rights set the ground rules for individual liberty, which include the freedoms of speech, association and religion, freedom of the press, and the right to privacy, to equal protection of the laws and to due process of law.

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OUR WORK CAN BE CATEGORIZED AS FOLLOWS:

FIRST AMENDMENT

The rights of free speech, free association, and assembly, freedom of the press and religious freedom, including the strict separation of church and state.

EQUAL PROTECTION

The right not to be discriminated against on the basis of certain classifications, such as race, sex, gender, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, age, disability, etc.

DUE PROCESS

The right to be treated fairly, including fair procedures when facing accusations of criminal conduct or other serious accusations that can lead to results like loss of employment, exclusion from school, denial of housing, cut-off of certain benefits or various punitive measures taken by the government.

PRIVACY

The right to a zone of personal privacy and autonomy.

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