

# ACCE ACTION IN 2020



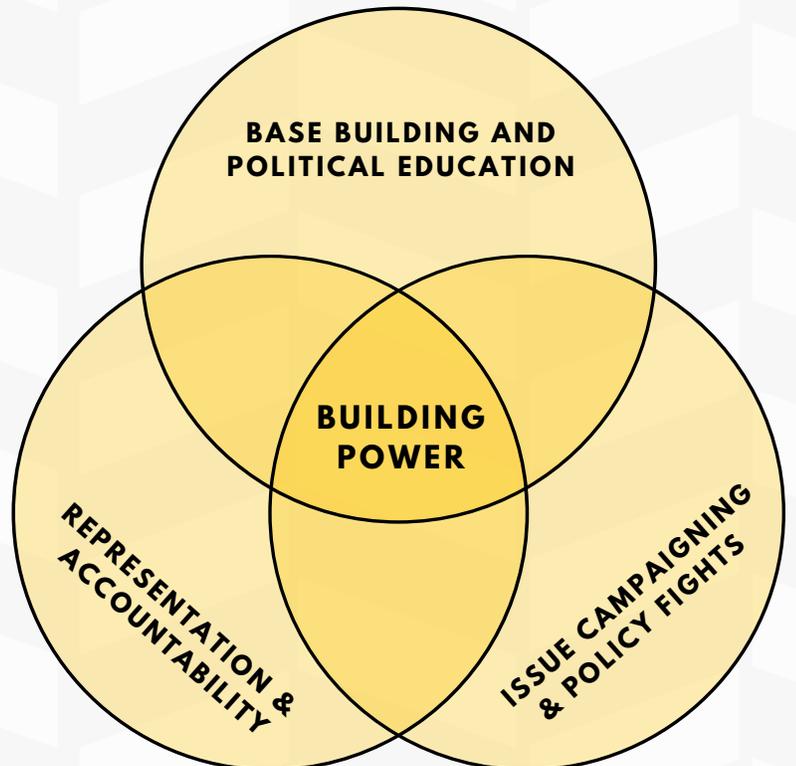
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# WHO WE ARE

The Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE Action) is a grassroots, member-led, statewide community organization working with more than 16,000 members across California. ACCE is dedicated to raising the voices of everyday Californians, neighborhood by neighborhood, to fight for the policies and programs we need to improve our communities and create a brighter future.

Change from the bottom up: We take seriously our commitment to ground-up organizing to build a strong people's movement that can create transformative community change. Our local neighborhood chapters and issue committees, led by ACCE Action member leaders, meet regularly to strategize and plan campaigns. Central to this work is the belief that there's power in numbers and in collective action - ACCE Action members and their allies frequently "take to the streets" with rallies, town halls, and other actions to make their voices heard.



# 2020 VOTER ENGAGEMENT

In 2020, ACCE Action's voter engagement programs filled 465 volunteer shifts and contacted 98,908 voters across multi-issue campaigns and electoral races, helping to pass progressive ballot measures, and to elect candidates that place people over corporate profit. **Of the dozens of candidates ACCE endorsed, the vast majority of them won!**

ACCE Action's endorsement process prioritized candidates who support rent control and have vowed to never take money from big real estate or corporate landlords. Additionally, several ballot initiatives ACCE worked on overwhelmingly succeeded including Measures U and X, two progressive revenue initiatives in Contra Costa, and defeating Measure A in Sacramento, an anti-democratic strong-mayor initiative.

At the statewide level, ACCE Action is also a part of the Million Voters Project (MVP) - an unprecedented collaboration of California's strongest community-based networks organizing to expand California's electorate and build our political power as the new California majority.



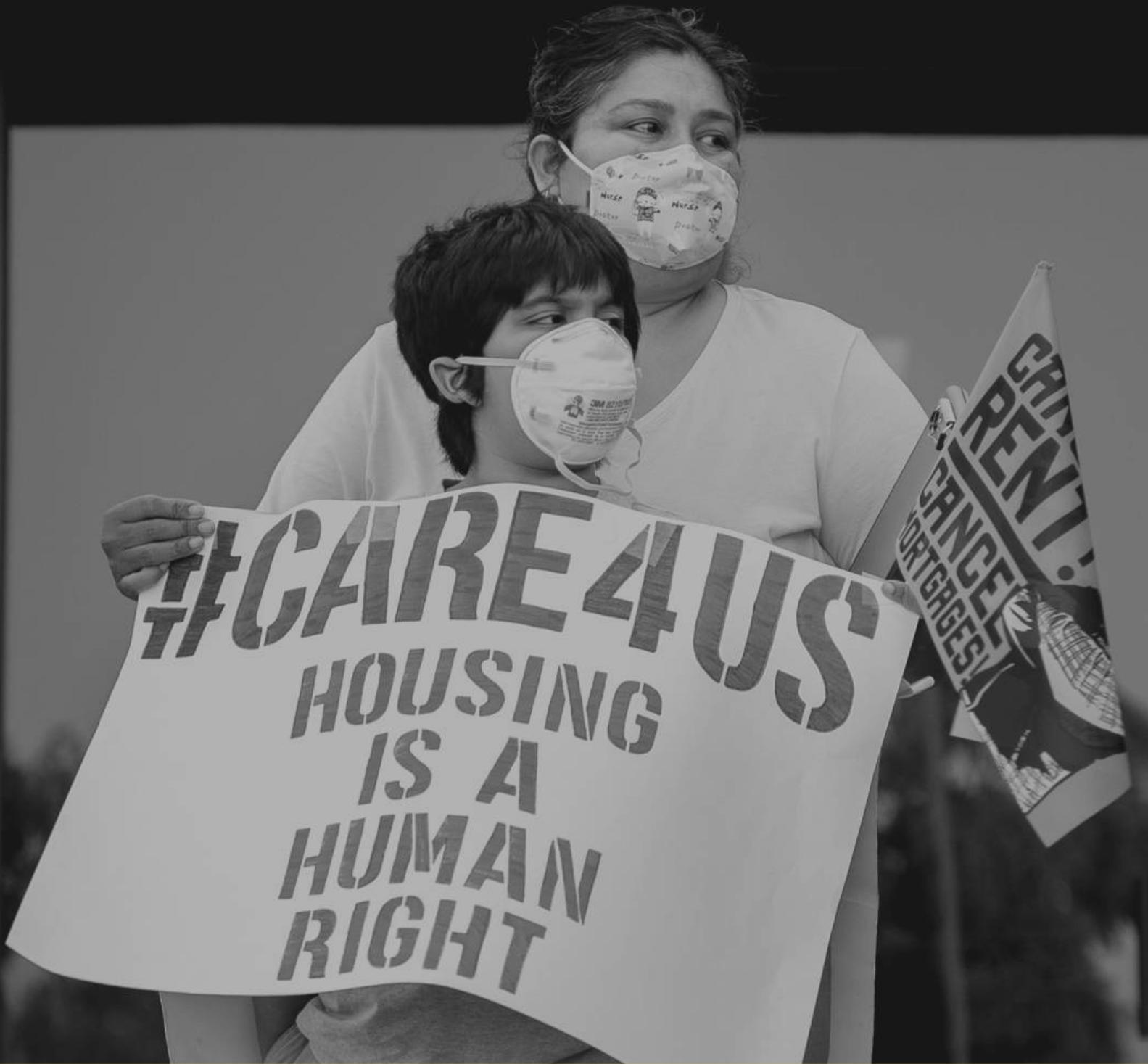
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## 2020 LEGISLATIVE WINS

In 2020, while millions of California renters lost their incomes and their ability to pay for their most basic needs, including rent, ACCE Action played a strong leadership role across the state in winning renter protections, eviction moratoriums, and pushing rent forgiveness legislation. In Los Angeles, Alameda, Contra Costa and Sacramento counties, ACCE helped pass county-wide eviction moratoriums and fought for the strongest possible protections. In Alameda County, the eviction moratorium we helped champion was termed the “strongest eviction moratorium” in the country - setting the precedent for other cities and counties to follow. Los Angeles ACCE also led the way on passing a suite of COVID-related housing justice policies including the longest lasting eviction moratorium in the state and protections from utility shut offs.



As California Judicial Council's moratorium on evictions (Rule 1) came to an end on September 1st, 2020, ACCE Action fought hard to win Assembly Bill 1436 which would have protected Californians from all police-enforced evictions due to unpaid rent during the pandemic. While AB 1436 did not ultimately pass, another bill AB 3088 which was not quite as strong did pass which still maintained some of the essential eviction protections we had been fighting for. In the remaining quarter of 2020, ACCE Action geared up for a large scale campaign to win eviction protections, rent forgiveness and support for struggling landlords in 2021 when AB 3088 protections expire.



“Through ACCE, I learned that I have power. I learned that there is power in numbers. I learned that when we lose our fear, they lose their power. I never thought I would be an activist before, but ACCE has made me a fighter - they helped me find my calling and I’m never going back.”

**PATRICIA MENDOZA, ACCE MEMBER SAN DIEGO**