



INDUSTRIAL AREAS FOUNDATION

2017 IMPACT REPORT

The Industrial Areas Foundation, founded in 1940, by Saul Alinsky, is the nation's largest and longest-standing network of local faith and community based power organizations.

The IAF works with religious congregations, and other local institutions, to build broad-based non-partisan citizen power organizations which create new capacity in a community for leadership development, citizen-led action and relationships across lines that often divide our communities.

The IAF created the modern model of broad-based organizing and is widely recognized as having the strongest track record in the nation for citizen leadership development and for helping congregations and other institutions to act on their missions to achieve lasting change in the world.

The IAF, which includes Metro IAF and West/Southwest IAF, currently works with thousands of religious congregations, non-profits, civic organizations, unions, small businesses, healthcare institutions, schools and other educational institutions in more than sixty-five cities across the United States and in Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom and Germany.

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2017 KEY VICTORIES

1 - WASHINGTON

Secured action by the Spokane school board to strengthen its anti-bullying policies, and expand training for staff and parents in wake of 2016 elections.

2 - OREGON

With allies, secured unanimous passage of an emergency tenant relocation assistance ordinance, persuading an "on the fence" Commissioner to support the measure in Portland.

3 - CALIFORNIA

Launched a \$2 million program that will expand a \$500,000 Monterey County pilot project providing primary and preventive care services to low-income, undocumented families. • Won a mandatory mediation program for renters in an effort to address eviction threats in Marin County. • With allies, passed Measure H, a quarter cent sales tax, to fund critical services for homeless populations as well as homelessness prevention for those at risk in LA. • Won a unanimous City Council decision to ban new trash processing stations after fighting for better regulation of the waste management industry in Pomona.

4 - NEVADA

Removed 1,000 homebound seniors from Meals on Wheels waiting list by leveraging support from municipal and state government and the governor to increase state funding tenfold to \$3.4 million.

5 - ARIZONA

Supported passage of \$350 million in local K-12 budget overrides and school bond issues. Leveraged changes in state law to criminalize ingredients of SPICE, a synthetic marijuana with ill side effects.

6 - COLORADO

Dramatically improved academic test scores at North Elementary, from the lowest ranking in its district to the "most improved" in its district and one of the highest in the state.

7 - NEW MEXICO

Organized the largest forum for Albuquerque mayoral candidates during the runoff campaign and succeeded in leveraging bipartisan commitments in support of the construction of a behavioral mental health center.

8 - NEBRASKA

Increased funding for demolition of abandoned and condemned buildings in Omaha City Budget from \$250,000 in 2012 to \$1.1 million in 2018, decreasing backlog of abandoned houses from over 750 to less than 125.

9 - OKLAHOMA

Fought against a payday loan bill that threatened to triple the cap on small personal loans and boost the maximum interest rate to 204% per year. Publicly called on Governor Mary Fallin to veto the bill, and she did.

10 - TEXAS

Secured \$27 million in food aid for Houston Hurricane Harvey survivors, through D-SNAP program and protected thousands of renters from eviction. • Passed a \$5 million ACE grant through Texas legislature, funding high-wage, long-term job training. • Revised Chap 27 of the City of Dallas Housing code, strongest tenant protections in Texas. • Increased Bexar County and City of San Antonio entry wages to \$14.25 per hour. • North Texas negotiated the acceptance of parish ID's by three metro-area police departments • Leveraged \$2 million in USDA funding for colonia water infrastructure in El Paso area.

11 - IOWA

Won the creation of a housing trust fund that gave over \$300,000 for home repairs and won 51% affordable units in a planned development for 45 homes for local, working families in Ames, Iowa.

12 - LOUISIANA

Won changes to a corporate tax giveaway program, restoring control for school boards and local governments over \$2 billion of their own industrial property tax revenue. • Won a \$1 million state appropriation for a fresh food financing initiative, to bring grocery stores to "grocery gap" neighborhoods across Louisiana.

13 - WISCONSIN

Secured commitment from Milwaukee Police Chief to establish a new relationship with an immigrant community fearful to communicate with police.

14 - ILLINOIS

Pushed Chicago Police Department to create an approved gun dealer list. • Won commitments to establish 24/7 mental health crisis treatment in Kane and Lake Counties and increased officers trained in Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) by 30% in the Chicago metropolitan area.

15 - MISSISSIPPI

Prevented a hostile takeover of the Jackson Public School System by the state of Mississippi, reaching a compromise with Gov. Phil Bryant to develop the Better Together Commission and a totally new School Board.

16 - OHIO

Won creation of the Civil Rights Division in Cuyahoga County to investigate allegations of violations of civil rights and to designate an independent prosecutor in cases of use of deadly force by law enforcement. Both initiatives are fully operational. • Won commitment to create a Crisis Stabilization Center in Cleveland.

17 - NEW YORK

Won a commitment from NYPD Commissioner O'Neill to hold gun manufacturer "Glock" accountable in its dealings with gun dealers that supply weapons to murderers. • Won action from New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) to fix deplorable conditions in thousands of public housing units and initiated campaign to build 15,000 senior housing units in NYC to free up existing units for younger families. • Initiated discussions with top leaders of the three largest hospital chains on Long Island about expanding medication-assisted opioid treatment.

18 - MASSACHUSETTS

Criminal justice reform platform fully incorporated into legislative bill pushed through by State Senate President Rosenberg and signed into law in 2018. • Won \$6 million from Boston developer for creation of citywide homeownership fund and historic preservation.

19 - CONNECTICUT

Won commitment to equip all patrol officers in Bridgeport with body cameras. Won a fight to revoke the liquor license of local pizza bar known for shootings and sexual assaults in Hamden.

20 - NEW JERSEY

Campaign focused on slum landlord resulted in 1,750+ housing & health code violations addressed and contributed to the sale of their properties. • Won a commitment from Jersey City mayoral candidates to use 200 acres of land for affordable housing.

21 - MARYLAND

Secured 463 jobs for unemployed and returning citizens through the Turnaround Tuesday jobs movement in Baltimore. • Secured over \$2 million in funding from the Howard County Council to restore 87 paraprofessional positions cut over the last 3 years. • Forced a landlord to remediate and prevent mold by replacing 1,950 windows in a rental complex where most of the residents are undocumented. • Secured \$10 million for Baltimore City Schools to close the funding gap and a \$10 million commitment from the Mayor to fully fund after-school programs.

22 - WASHINGTON, D.C.

Fought to raise wages, health care and retirement for 225 workers of the privatized DC Streetcar and DC Circulator bus. • Won 518 new affordable housing units in downtown DC.

23 - VIRGINIA

Held the largest assembly of the election season with 1,565 leaders with both Virginia gubernatorial Candidates and organized one of the largest non-partisan GOTV campaigns in VA, increasing voter turnout between 24% and 39% in six low-voting precincts.

24. NORTH CAROLINA

Negotiated with District Attorney to create a new deferral program that could save unlicensed, but safe Orange County immigrant drivers over \$100,000 in court fees and fines per year • Won an agreement to construct at least 500 units of affordable housing on public land and in close proximity to future transit development in downtown Durham.

COLLECTIVE IMPACT & INNOVATIONS HIGHLIGHTS

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Leveraged \$16.4 million from local, state, and federal sources for workforce development/labor market intermediary strategies to move 3,000 low-income persons into jobs that pay a family wage with benefits and a career path in TX, AZ, IA, MS and LA.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING:

Built, repaired and preserved 12,273 affordable homes and apartments and won commitments to build thousands more, including over \$407 million in dedicated affordable housing funding in NYC, NJ, MA, MD, DC, IL, OH, NC, TX and VA.

IMMIGRANT LEADERSHIP:

Building immigrant leadership in TX, CA, AZ and NV through the *Recognizing the Stranger Strategy*, a bilingual, multi-year effort to create broad support for immigrant communities and their allies, focusing on formation in local congregations and the need for national immigration reform.

STRONGER LOCAL UNIONS

Trained thousands of Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) local leaders and state and local teacher association leaders across the country to develop and expand their union membership, correctly anticipating the Janus Supreme Court decision intended to weaken unions.



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