

2018 Annual Report



The economy is PEOPLE POWERED!



#CommunityResilience #PeoplePoweredEconomies #NowWeOwn

RESEARCH & EDUCATION

Convened **17 economic justice attorneys** from across the U.S. and Puerto Rico for four days of legal training, networking, and community building.

Convened 20+ organizations building grassroots-led **community-owned energy** projects around the U.S.

Used cartoons to make legal forms more accessible.



Celebrated our 3 staff members who became lawyers this year **without going to law school** after 4+ years of apprenticing with our staff attorneys. (Congrats Yassi, Chris, & Christina!)

Experimented with **self-directed 401(k)s** to unlock retirement savings and invest in local economies.

Hosted **10 teach-ins** at our Resilient Communities Legal Cafes on topics ranging from *Cooperative Conversions* to *Rebuilding a Farm Commons*.

Hosted our 1st Annual Social Enterprise Seminar, an **all-day training for legal professionals** who serve the needs of local sustainable economies.

Sold out our workshops and webinars on **housing, farmland, and worker self-directed nonprofits**.

LEGAL SERVICES

Provided multilingual legal services and workshops to **30 immigrant entrepreneurs and cooperatives**.



Helped California FarmLink get a permit to make a **direct public offering (DPO)** so that everyday people can invest in their farmland fund!

Gave legal advice to our **1,000th client** at our Resilient Communities Legal Cafe, our award-winning walk-in legal clinic for cooperatives, grassroots groups, micro-enterprises, and more!

INCUBATION

Incubated two *Permanent Cooperatives*:

1) East Bay Permanent Real Estate Cooperative builds collective wealth among historically disenfranchised Black, Indigenous, and POC communities by bringing everyday people together to organize, finance, acquire, and co-steward land and housing on their own terms.

2) People Power Solar Cooperative engages folks to organize, finance, and steward solar projects for community ownership and democratic control.

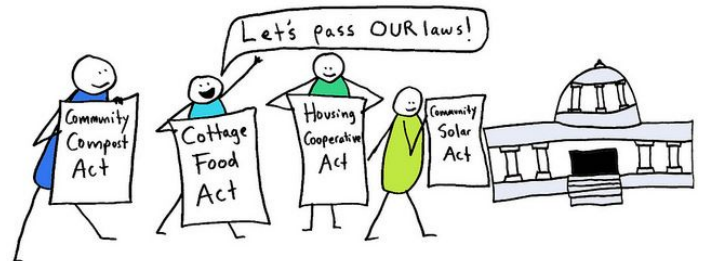
Launched both cooperatives by drafting their legal documents, raising funding for their operations, and organizing a **sold-out launch party!**

ADVOCACY

Joined community groups in **successfully advocating** for the California Public Utilities Commission to adopt three new programs to **expand solar in California's most pollution-burdened neighborhoods**.

Hosted **25 Policy Cafes, Compost Policy Parties, and Worker Cooperative Policy Brigade gatherings** where community members brought their policy ideas to life, including through a Berkeley policy to support worker coops and state compost regulations!

Advocated to **democratize the homemade food sector!**



Advocated for East Bay Community Energy, Alameda County's community choice energy service provider, to adopt a Local Development Business Plan that promotes **local renewables** and community benefits.

Advocated for anti-displacement measures that incentivize **permanent affordability and community ownership of housing**.

THANK YOU!

There's so much more! We are a people-powered organization and we couldn't have done any of this without all those who volunteer, donate, and lift us up! Thank you! Learn more and donate at www.theselc.org/donate.