



2019 ANNUAL REPORT



Sustainable
Economies
Law Center

LEGAL SERVICES

Provided multilingual legal services and workshops to **48 immigrant entrepreneurs and cooperatives**.

Launched [Law for Economic Democracy](#), an online network of nearly 200 legal and tax professionals supporting economic democracy.

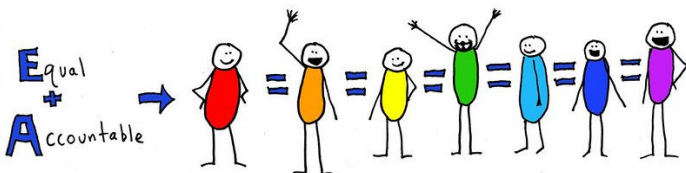


Launched our **Virtual Legal Cafe** program to increase access to our legal services, and advised more than **200 clients** at our **Resilient Communities Legal Cafes**.

RESEARCH & EDUCATION

Convened **14 economic justice attorneys** from across the US and Puerto Rico for 8 days of intensive training, networking, and community building.

Hosted a 3-day gathering, the [Nonprofit Democracy Network: Tools for Collective Self-Governance](#) to help **30 social justice organizations** become more effective, accountable, and equitable.



Reached more than 2,000 folks through our book clubs, **Think Outside the Boss Workshops**, and Legal Cafe Teach-Ins, trainings, and presentations.

Mentored **9 summer interns**, who worked on unique projects, and participated in our [Solidarity Economies Tour](#), a 1-day adventure visiting Bay Area coops.

Sold out our 2nd Annual [Social Enterprise Seminar](#), an all-day training for legal professionals who serve the needs of local sustainable economies.

Worked with Sogorea Te Land Trust, POCSHN, and others to organize the [Bay Area Land Justice Convening](#) to seed a 100-year vision for Bay Area land justice.

Supported the Initiative for Energy Justice's [Energy Justice Strategy and Policy Workshop](#) to develop an agenda to advance local & state policies for equitable clean energy.

Provided legal research to support Democracy Collaborative's advocacy for [democratic ownership of pharmaceutical development and distribution](#) in the US.

INCUBATION & FISCAL SPONSORSHIP

We continue to give legal support to our incubated projects, the [East Bay Permanent Real Estate Cooperative](#) and [People Power Solar Cooperative](#) and share resources for others to **replicate these models**. We have also sponsored and incubated new projects, such as:

1) [The Next Egg](#), a resource and community for people who want to channel their retirement savings out of Wall Street and into life-sustaining enterprises in our communities.



2) [Cooperative Professionals Guild](#), a home for lawyers and accountants who specialize in cooperative business models.

3) [Minnow](#), a people of color-led project to shift California farmland off the speculative market and to farmers of color and to indigenous governance.

ADVOCACY

Hosted **6 Compost Policy Parties** where to advocate for healthy soil and convened 29 organizations [to sign onto a cartoon letter](#) to state regulators to preserve a diverse, community-scale composting sector.

Mobilized the Bay Area's worker cooperative community to convince the [City of Santa Clara](#) and the [City of Berkeley to commit \\$100,000 to worker cooperative development](#).

Hosted Policy Cafes on topics such as [Intro to Local Ballot Initiatives](#) and [How to Run for Oakland City Council](#).



THANK YOU!

We're 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.