



Liberty Hill
Foundation



**IMPACT
REPORT
2017 - 2019**



**Connecting
Donor-Activists
& Philanthropic
Leaders
with the Most
Effective Community
Organizations
in Los Angeles as We
Pursue Our
Agenda for a Just
Future**

A Note From Shane

In 2018, Liberty Hill Foundation's Agenda for a Just Future began to make the mark we believed it could when a series of community partners, donor-activists, philanthropic leaders, and Liberty Hill staff conceived of the campaign in 2017. This campaign is driving significant improvements in the lives of Angelenos and will play a critical role in making Los Angeles the model of a just and equitable city.



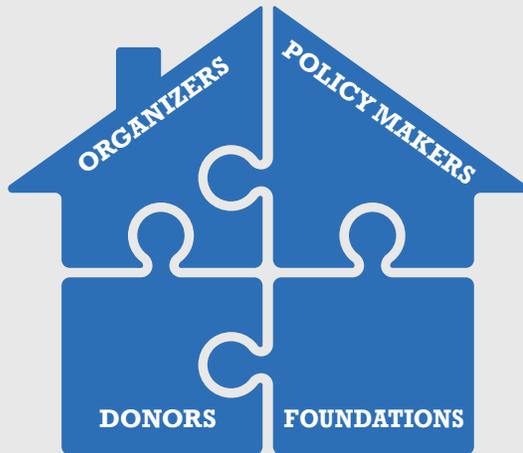
The victories we have already won, and those that are on the horizon, reflect the theory of change that Liberty Hill has embraced and championed for decades: get the most out of everyone involved in the pursuit of social justice. The organizations we fund are leading the work with brilliant strategy and a powerful ground game. The individual donors and foundations supporting our work are not just providing financial support, they are our advisors and advocates. The government policymakers are our partners in creating innovative policies. And everyone in the Liberty Hill ecosystem is a potential leader, which is why we provided education and leadership training to more than 1,000 organizational partners and community activists in 2018.

For over 40 years, Liberty Hill has developed a uniquely effective model of grantmaking and changemaking. By working closely with both donors and grantees, and crafting strategically focused campaigns, Liberty Hill has become the home for progressive philanthropy in Los Angeles and the cornerstone of social justice work in L.A.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shane Murphy Goldsmith".

Shane Murphy Goldsmith
President & CEO, Liberty Hill Foundation

JOINING FORCES TO BUILD THE HOME...



...FOR PROGRESSIVE PHILANTHROPY IN L.A.

BY THE END OF 2018, WE LEVERAGED...

- \$1.2M from donor-activists to raise...
- \$5.2M from foundations and government
- Resulting in \$6.4M for *Agenda for a Just Future*

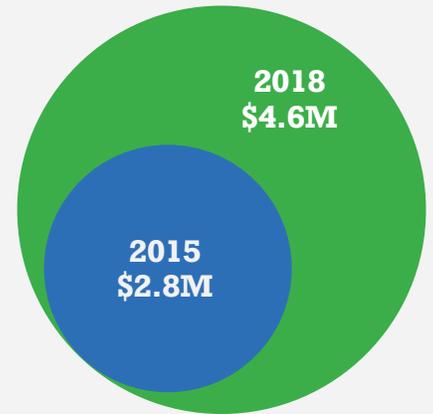


TRAINING LEADERS

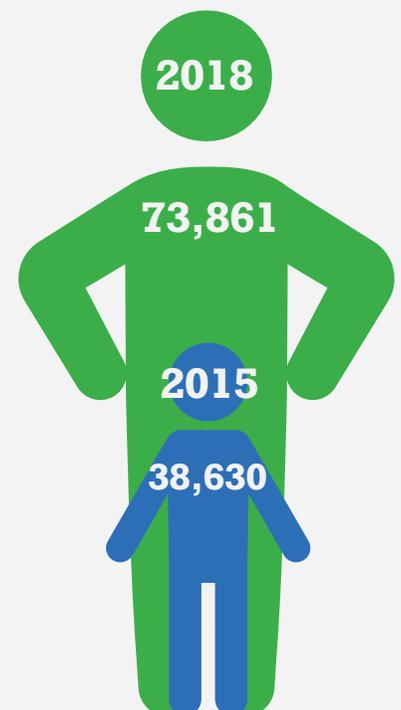


In 2018, we provided comprehensive training to **193 individuals**, representing **31 organizations**. We engaged a total of **1,069 organizers and activists** from **160 organizations** in our public events and convenings.

INCREASING SOCIAL JUSTICE GRANTMAKING



GROWING GRANTEE MEMBERSHIP



Los Angeles Ranks #1 (And This Must Change)

- L.A. has more kids on probation, arrested, and incarcerated than anywhere in the U.S.



- L.A. has more homeless people living on the streets than anywhere in the country and the nation's most unaffordable housing market.



- In L.A., more people die prematurely from air pollution than anywhere in the U.S., and L.A. is the largest urban oil field in the country.



"I support Liberty Hill because Liberty Hill transformed me from a cause-related donor to an educated and engaged philanthropist, and as a result, philanthropy in Los Angeles is younger, browner and born from the same lived experiences as the leaders on the front lines disrupting injustice and driving social change. Liberty Hill does more than fund social justice: we model it."

- Kaci Patterson

Agenda for a Just Future

MEASURABLE GOALS...

In 2017, Liberty Hill launched the *Agenda for a Just Future* to fight for our youth, our health, and our homes with three focused campaigns.

End Youth Incarceration As We Know It

We can achieve this by implementing arrest diversion programs, closing unnecessary youth detention facilities, and reinvesting in opportunities for low income youth of color.

- Reduce the number of youth arrests by 50%
- Close half of L.A. County camps and halls
- Invest in a new youth development system, including diversion, alternatives to incarceration, and a path forward to successful futures for all

Fight For A Roof Over Every Head

This campaign is increasing access to affordable housing, allowing residents to stay in the neighborhoods they know and love, and improving tenants' rights.

- Support the emergence of a new tenants' rights movement throughout L.A. County
- Win rent control in six local jurisdictions
- Expand eviction protections and stabilize rents statewide

Eliminate Neighborhood Oil Drilling

Liberty Hill and our partners are fighting to protect residents in low income communities of color from the health hazards of urban oil drilling.

- Win legislation creating a buffer zone between oil sites and homes and schools

Though there are no easy wins in the fight for justice, we refuse to accept the conventional wisdom that they are intractable problems. This excuse appears any time people challenge institutional failures that traverse issues of race and class.

We believe that through the leadership of Liberty Hill and our partners, we can stop incarcerating kids, fight for adequate affordable housing for every resident, and end the oil drilling that sickens the region's poorest communities.

...MEASURABLE CHANGE

Liberty Hill Foundation focuses on making measurable change in Los Angeles. It is not enough to support righteous points of view; we look for evidence of success to ensure that we are funding effective organizing.

VICTORY

\$84 million directed to youth diversion and development programs in L.A. County and statewide

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10,000
Kids will receive youth development services to prevent arrest and help them fulfill their potential



VICTORY

L.A. County Board of Supervisors enacts rent freeze

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Stabilized rent for
200,000
lower-income Angelenos



VICTORY

Announced closure of Jefferson oil drilling site

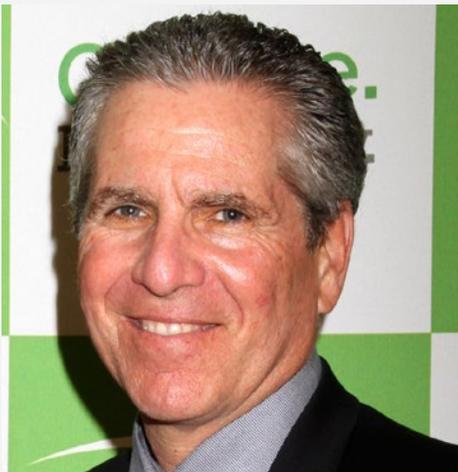
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Improved health and safety for more than
50,000
area residents



A LOOK BACK AT THE FIRST 18 MONTHS OF AGENDA FOR A JUST FUTURE

Liberty Hill and our community partners have made incredible strides with our Agenda for a Just Future campaigns. The Agenda for a Just Future seed money provided by Liberty Hill Foundation's donor-activists and foundation partners has spurred significant improvements in Los Angeles and generated exponentially more resources dedicated to achieving the Agenda's goals.



"We give because Liberty Hill gets in the face of L.A.'s and California's movers and shakers as an organization with constituents to consider and with some damn good ideas, and we are willing to stand as a lightning rod for all who might be inclined to join the fight."

- Dan Attias

OTHER VICTORIES...

Our Campaign to End Youth Incarceration As We Know It Has Delivered!

- Establishment of the L.A. County Division of Youth Diversion and Development
- Won \$26.1 million to implement countywide pre-arrest diversion programs over the next four years
- Creation of the statewide Youth Reinvestment Fund, which will provide \$37.3 million to youth diversion programs
- Launched a public-private partnership between Liberty Hill Foundation, California Community Foundation, and the County Probation Department to shift funding from punishment to prevention
- The Obama Foundation joined forces with us, resulting in \$1 million to support our campaign

Our Campaign to Fight For A Roof Over Every Head Has Delivered!

- Won an L.A. County rent freeze, protecting over 200,000 residents from unfair evictions and limiting rent increases to 3%
- Fueled rent control ballot initiatives locally and statewide
- Tripled our grantmaking budget for housing organizations and tenant organizing
- Helped seed new tenants' rights organizations in Glendale, Inglewood, Long Beach, Pomona, and Pasadena

As a Strategic Partner of the STAND-L.A. Coalition, Our Campaign to End Neighborhood Drilling Has Delivered!

- The Jefferson Drill Site has announced plans to close
- Introduced city legislation and won key policymaker support for a 2,500 foot buffer zone between oil drilling and homes and schools
- Culver City is studying how to phase out a portion of the Inglewood Oil Field under its jurisdiction
- The California Democratic Party adopted a resolution to support a 2,500 foot buffer zone statewide

... & CONTINUED SUCCESS

Empowering Vulnerable Angelenos

- Provided \$90,000 in Emergency Grants in response to the federal *immigrant family separation policies*, in partnership with First 5 LA
- Trained 25 youth leaders in our *Queer Justice Youth Leadership Program*, in partnership with Genders and Sexualities Alliance Network
- Our queer youth leaders advocated for and won a vote by the L.A. County Board of Supervisors to *improve services for LGBTQ+ youth*

Supporting Economic and Environmental Justice

- Liberty Hill is a leading partner in the creation of *L.A. County's first ever Sustainability Plan*; we engaged hundreds of Angelenos in workshops to create the plan in partnership with county government
- Our long-time grantees fought for and won city legislation to legalize street vending for tens of thousands of vendors, *mostly immigrants and people of color*

Developing Leaders through the Wally Marks Leadership Institute (WMLI)

- We provided strategic and technical training and coaching to leaders of 31 Los Angeles area organizations
- Participants in the Institute's *Commissions Training Program* were appointed to the L.A. County Human Relations Commission and the L.A. County Beach Commission
- We helped five community advocates get appointed to the county's Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council



We know that organizational infrastructure is critical to long-term success. But we had never invested in our own internal infrastructure. A small group of our generous and visionary donors who understood the power of a strong foundation, contributed \$1.8 million for our Legacy Campaign. This allowed us to invest in our fundraising, communications, and other infrastructure. The Legacy Campaign paved the way for the Agenda for a Just Future and all of the success found in our Impact Report.

To those who supported our Legacy Campaign: Thank you for strengthening Liberty Hill for years to come.

– Shane Murphy Goldsmith



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