

Filipino Advocates for Justice
celebrates our 45th anniversary...



45 Years of Building Community

Friday, April 20th, 2018

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Dear FAJ Family,

Thank you for joining us tonight to celebrate Filipino Advocates for Justice's (FAJ) milestone anniversary - 45 years of immigrant and low-wage workers rights, youth development, and community-building. It's been 45 years of service and organizing to build our political power and the "home" we share with the Filipino and broader immigrant community in the East Bay. Tonight's event is not just a celebration, but a display of unity and strength of the Filipino community and our partners in fighting for social and economic justice.

In 1973, recent immigrants and young Filipinos founded FAJ (then FAA) to fight the discrimination, xenophobia, and racism our community faced. Incredibly, those issues are still at the forefront requiring our collective response and power. The current moment - framed by the actions of a racist, anti-immigrant administration -- calls all to engage to keep the gains we've long fought hard for, and guided by shared progressive values, move our justice agenda forward.

Last year, we've seen an awe-inspiring response of people civically engaged nationally and fighting back, the Filipino community and FAJ included. FAJ continues to serve and represent those most vulnerable in our community who have been shut out of the political process and have little or no say in the decision-making of harmful policies. Our services and programs serve youth, newly-arrived immigrants, low-wage workers, and working families - all often overlooked because they are either unable or ineligible to vote, yet hold tremendous leadership roles in activating our community. We honor the young people, tenants and caregivers emerging as leaders in our fight today and leaders who have come through in our history -- showing up for immigrant rights, tenant protections and to uphold and enforce domestic worker rights -- to build the *home* we all deserve.

In 45 years, many have shared in building FAJ as an institution in the Filipino community. In the spirit of gratitude, resistance and optimism, tonight's event will highlight FAJ's evolving civic engagement work and present tenant rights campaigns in Alameda and Union City. We invite you to reconnect with FAJ staff, board, volunteers and alumni. Welcome home!

Maraming Salamat and much love.



Nelson Layag
Board President
Filipino Advocates for Justice

Program

**Filipino Advocates for Justice
We Are Home: 45 Years of Building Community**

MC: Kimi Lee, Director of Bay Rising

“Welcome Home, Rachel”

Video sponsored by the Asian Pacific Fund

Featured Speaker

Malcom Amado Uno, Political Director for the Million Voter Project

Honoring

Alameda Renters Coalition
&
Urban Habitat

Soledad Fernandez Scholarship Recipient
Keziah Aurin

Dessert & Closing Remarks

Jump on the Dance Floor with FAJ Youth
Music by DJ RyChuu

For all to Enjoy:

Mingling with friends old & new
Connecting to FAJ past and present campaigns through digital timeline
Take a chance at our Mystery Wall Fundraiser, a prize every time!
Tags for the evening #filipinos4justice #FAJWeAreHome #FAJAnnualEvent
Eating, drinking, & welcome home!



Mistress of Ceremonies

Kimi Lee the Director of Bay Rising with over 25 years of organizing and alliance building experience. Kimi was the National Coordinator of the United Workers Congress, a strategic alliance to build power for excluded workers and their national independent worker alliances. She was also a Senior Fellow at the Movement Strategy Center, with a focus on building national strategic alliances and creating intersections for different social movements. She was the founder and Executive Director of the Garment Worker Center in Los Angeles and helped to establish MIWON, the Multi-ethnic Immigrant Workers Organizing Network. She helped to start Rice and Beans preschool cooperative for her children in East Oakland serving families of color who wanted to engage their young children in social justice issues. Born in San Francisco, Kimi grew up in Daly City and is currently on the Board of the Chinese Progressive Association.



Featured Speaker

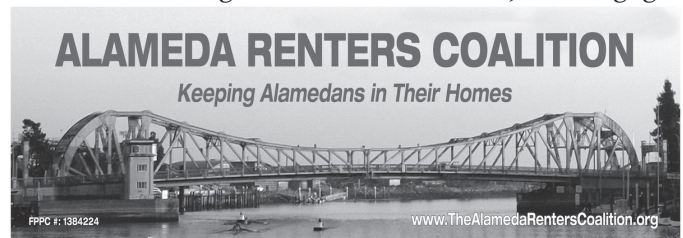
Malcolm Amado Uno is the Political Director for the Million Voter Project, a collaboration of California's strongest community-based networks striving to build the power necessary to protect progressive gains and continues to proactively fight for a justice agenda. Amado is also a Senior Advisor at the Asian Pacific Environmental Network (APEN) where he helps guide one of the most expansive API field programs in the state and country to advocate for environmental and economic justice.

Malcolm Amado Uno is a Japanese American/Chamorro who hails from Oakland, where he and his partner are raising two future freedom fighters. His life's work is dedicated to building power for low-income communities of color, specifically within the Asian American and Pacific Islander community. As a former youth organizer with the AYPAL project, Amado is a proud alumnus of FAJ.



Honoring

Alameda Renters Coalition, founded in 2014, is a volunteer-led alliance of tenants, homeowners, small landlords, and local business owners advocating for deeper tenant protections to keep Alamedans in their homes. ARC envisions a diverse, inclusive, and stable city in which low-income, working-class, and middle-class residents can find and maintain safe, healthy, and affordable housing. To achieve this vision, ARC engages in community organizing, advocacy, direct service, and grassroots leadership development among our membership of tenants and allied property owners. Youth and their families from Filipino Advocates for Justice's after school leadership program (Bayanihan Youth Group) at Encinal High School were among the tenants threatened with eviction.



Urban Habitat is a policy advocacy organization working to advance equitable policies to create a just and connected Bay Area for low-income communities and communities of color. Urban Habitat is excited and humbled at the opportunity to work with Filipino Advocates for Justice to increase tenant protections in South Alameda County, alongside neighboring coalitions like RISE Fremont and The Hayward Collective. Through our collaboration, we have created an effective model on how to build a sub-regional housing justice movement that seeks to ensure that every resident has the right to an affordable, stable, and dignified home.



Scholarship Recipient

The Soledad Fernandez Scholarship is endowed by the Cora and Pablo Tellez family who were inspired by Soledad Fernandez's "zest for life and love for her family" among other qualities. Soledad "Tita" provided loving care for Cora and Pablo's infant son for which the Tellez family is eternally grateful. Tita was 74 years old when they met her. This year's recipient is:

Keziah Aurin is a graduating senior from Tennyson High School, in Hayward. She is an impressive student and academic. She is also the student body president of Tennyson High School and on the Hayward Youth Commission. Her organizing has also inspired fellow students to be active on important issues like LGBTQ rights, stricter gun control, better conditions, and a positive campus learning environment, as well as reducing food waste on campus. She helped start Right to Thrive, a club that raises awareness about marginalized and disadvantaged communities.

In the fall of 2018 Keziah will be attending UC Berkeley to major in political science. Further down the road she would like to be a legislator.



Food

Chef Dominic Ainza has gathered some of his chef compadres to serve creative and delicious small plates for the evening. Chef Dom is currently serving on FAJ's Board of Directors. Though he's a local award-winning chef, he humbly refers to himself as "just a cook." Dominic Ainza has an intensely creative passion for food and strong ambition to elevate the cuisine that is closest to his heart. "My approach to Filipino cuisine is to reinterpret classic dishes. Some call it the dreaded "F" word FUSION, but I want to change that to: FORWARD. If this is a movement, then we need to keep moving FORWARD. But it's very important to also look back. So when I create a new dish, my philosophy is very simple: DID I MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF WHAT THE DISH REPRESENTS?! If I can answer "YES", then I know I did my job as a chef representing my culture."



Music

DJ RyChuu is an up and coming open-format DJ and aspiring producer from Union City, CA. He gives you the satisfaction and the flow that music makes as it seers inside you. After listening to songs and how they flow together, RyChuu started to pick up the skill and try it on the controllers and turntables and now he is DJing for parties and much more!

DJ RyChuu has also been involved with FAJ for quite some time. After 6 years, RyChuu has helped the organization with fighting for social justice, housing crisis, the name change for AMS to IVCMS with Kevin Torion, Johnllen Crisostomo, and Nicky Castro, and help keep the community together.



FAJ History: Evolving a Social Justice Organization for the Filipino Community

On Filipino Advocates for Justice's (FAJ) 45th Anniversary - also the 50th Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's assassination - we remember again a quote Dr. King made famous:
"The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice."

In 1973, Filipinos for Affirmative Action (FAJ's original name) was born on the heels of the Civil Rights and 3rd World People's movements, as a growing number of immigrants arriving via the 1965 Immigration Act, who were subjected to racial discrimination and growing anti-immigrant sentiment. Forty-five years later our work is not done as racist and anti-immigrant forces - emboldened by the current administration - continue to be a barrier to the just and equal society Dr. King gave his life for.



Over the past 45 years FAJ's mission evolved from providing direct services in 1973 to empowering the Filipino community to play a role in the social and political changes needed to achieve a just and equitable country.

Growing Filipino Community

At the turn of the 20th century, migrants to the SF Bay Area included college students, military recruits, low-wage domestic and other service workers, and civilian employees of the Bay Area's many military bases. In the 1960's & 1970's, political upheaval and economic stagnation in the Philippines forced Filipinos to leave, triggering enormous growth of the Filipino community in the US and in the East Bay. That diaspora continues to this day.



When FAA was started in 1973 the number of Filipinos in the whole country was 343,060. By 2010, that population had grown a thousand-fold to nearly 3.5 million. In the last census the Filipino population in Alameda County alone was nearly 100,000. Our founders had no idea the Filipino population would explode to those levels over 40 years.

There have been many twists, turns and setbacks in FAJ's journey, but with community support FAJ has built an institution that continues to serve the most vulnerable in our community; develop leaders among immigrants, young people, and low-wage workers; and build power for the Filipino community. We have offices in Oakland and Union City from which we operate four core programs:



Youth Development:

Like the Filipino community in general, the welfare of youth has been a central focus of FAJ's work since our inception. FAJ's youth work began in Oakland in the early 1970's with the Pilipino Youth Development Corporation (PYDC) as a positive alternative to gang involvement, and in Union City in 1983. To help young people, particularly immigrant youth, successfully transition to young adults FAJ builds resiliency to risky behavior through prevention education, cultural grounding, and leadership development on issues impacting young people and their families. In the early 1990's we started providing in-school educational workshops in Union City to prevent HIV/AIDS, alcohol and other drug abuse, pregnancy, and violence. We later replicated the program in Pinole where it lasted nearly seven years.



FAJ's *after school leadership development program* has

impacted the lives of over 1000 youth through the youth-led Pilipino Youth Coalition (PYC) started in 1996 in Union City, AYPAL in Oakland, and the Bayanihan Youth Group (BYG) that started in 2013 in Alameda. The programs engaged young people in multiple issues that impact their lives and helped them organize towards viable solutions. Some of our leadership development programs' accomplishments are: persuaded the Union City City Council to adopt a Youth Policy; passed ballot measures in Oakland and Union City to set-aside funds for violence prevention resources; persuaded the Union City City Council to remodel and make operational a closed youth center. With a coalition of environmental stewards, we helped defeat a ballot measure aimed at developing protected open space in Union City's hills. We helped win the renaming of a Union City middle school to Larry Itliong/Philip Vera Cruz Middle School, (two amazing farmworker organizers). Most recently we helped build coalitions for rent control and just cause eviction in Alameda and Union City that won an eviction protection policy for renters in Union City and helped prevent the evictions of long-time tenants of an apartment complex in Alameda.



Workers Support & Empowerment

Filipino workers in low-wage jobs continue to be vulnerable to employer exploitation and abuse. When airport screeners - most of whom were Filipino in the S.F. Bay Area - were scapegoated for the September 11th attacks and fired from their jobs, FAJ helped organize a support network to get their jobs back. While we were not successful in overcoming the federalization of their jobs, we continued to support them as some moved into the care industry joining the growing number of Filipino immigrants finding work as caregivers. In the mid-2000s, FAJ pivoted the focus of our project to protecting the rights of caregivers. Through PAWIS, then Kapwa Ko, FAJ continued to provide know your rights (worker and health and safety) workshops, workplace leadership development and a connection to the larger movement for domestic workers' rights. We joined the National Domestic Worker Alliance (NDWA) and helped found the California Domestic Workers Coalition (CDWC) to campaign for a Domestic Worker Bill of Rights in CA that was won provisionally in 2013 and later made permanent in 2016. FAJ has also helped care givers win back nearly 1 million dollars in minimum and overtime wage violations, and through the campaign for a Bill of Rights, developed a core group of worker leaders among caregivers in Contra Costa and Alameda Counties.



Immigrant Services & Defense

The number of foreign-born Filipinos in the US is still larger than the number of US born Filipinos even though we have been migrating and immigrating to the US in significant numbers for more than a hundred years. Consequently, immigrant rights and the successful integration of immigrants continue to be vital to our community's stability. For the past four decades FAJ has consistently supported and advocated for legalization programs like amnesty and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), and against the criminalization of migrants and immigrants through raids, deportations, detention centers (and their privatization), as well as the militarization of our border to the South.



Since the late 1970's FAJ has served the immigrant population in multiple ways. Following the passage of the Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA) of 1986, we helped undocumented apply for legalization under the law's landmark amnesty program. In the wake of the Welfare Reform and Immigration Reform bills of 1996, FAJ partnered with other organizations to offer naturalization



services for qualified legal permanent residents whose access to public programs were in jeopardy. In 1998 FAJ expanded our immigration services to assist with family petitions. Following President Obama's Executive Order, FAJ did outreach and education to applicants for the DACA program. And we continue to offer naturalization services in partnership with the Asian American Naturalization Coalition and the East Bay Naturalization collaborative. Citizenship is the best defense against ICE harassment and the threat of deportation.



Community Empowerment / Civic Engagement

Over the past 45 years FAJ has worked tirelessly to protect the gains of the Civil Rights and 3rd World People's movements by lifting and organizing the Filipino community's voice on issues critical to our communities health and stability. While our base is among Filipinos, our campaigns benefit all immigrant and low-income and communities of color. In every instance we worked in coalition with the broader social justice movement to win change. As a byproduct, the political power of the Filipino community continues to grow.

In the late 1970s, FAJ cut our political teeth on a national campaign to exonerate nurses Narciso / Perez who were scapegoated for deaths at the hospital where they worked. We fought to protect affirmative action in CA from organized forces out to dismantle the progress that was being made to integrate institutions of higher education. In Alameda County, FAJ helped build a labor/community coalition to prevent the implementation of Prop 13, which would result in the loss of jobs and services on multiple levels.



In the 1980's we fought for fair and just federal immigration reform based on human rights by advocating for amnesty and working to stop the criminalization of immigrants. We helped fight growing xenophobia at the state and local level by organizing immigrant parents to win bilingual education in the Oakland Unified School District and by opposing an English-only initiative on the CA ballot. We also helped organize parents in Union City (mostly immigrants) to reform harsh expulsion and suspension policies that were disproportionately impacting students of color. Parents won reforms that dramatically lowered suspension and expulsion rates in the New Haven Unified School District in the immediate following years.



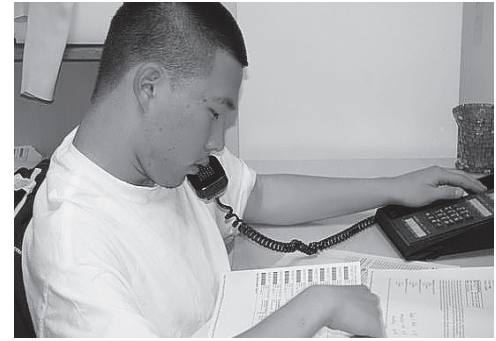
The virulent anti-immigrant hysteria in CA of the 1980's spread to national legislation in the 1990's even as California's initiative process produced more attacks on immigrant rights with Prop 187 that sought to further marginalize immigrants and the undocumented and Prop 209 another attack on affirmative action. FAJ joined coalitions to fight Prop 187 and Prop 209 each time aiming to raise consciousness in the Filipino community to stand with progressives to protect the rights of immigrants and preserve programs that were opening doors for low income and communities of color on college campuses.

In an attempt to organize at the national level FAJ helped form Filipino Civil Rights Advocates (FiLCRA) in 1991, a national Filipino civil rights organization that continued until the early 2000's. FiLCRA organized national conferences to educate the Filipino community about the major civil rights issues of the day and participate in the national campaign for full recognition and equal benefits for Filipino World War II Veterans.



When we joined Mobilize the Immigrant Vote (MIV) in

the mid-2000's FAJ was provided an opportunity to get beyond political education to actually mobilizing the growing Filipino electorate to vote. With MIV's support we began building our capacity to do our own voter identification, more targeted education and mobilization. We continue to increase our capacity through partnership with AAPI Civic Engagement Fund (AAPI CEF) collaborative, AAPIs for Civic Empowerment, and our local partners advocating for rent control and just cause eviction in Union City and Alameda. We mobilized thousands of Filipinos to vote in the 2008, 2012, and 2016 elections.



In 2016, a profile we compiled of Filipino registered voters in Northern California, revealed that there were more than 360,000 Filipino registered voters in CA and that nearly 50% of Filipinos eligible to register are not yet registered to vote.

Our civic engagement work has also expanded to building local coalitions to win rent control and just cause eviction in Union City and Alameda in response to a region-wide crisis of affordable housing that has forced families in our base to live in fear of dislocation.



Taken together FAJ's core programs continue to evolve into an integrated civic engagement model that provides a path for the most vulnerable in our community - historically dis-enfranchised from decision-making and the political process - to engage in the building of the future we all deserve.

Today, California is a beacon for immigrant rights and a leader in the resistance against incredibly racist and inhumane immigration policies. Many of our current elected officials and activists were young people, 15 to 20 years ago, in the streets and on college campuses defending the rights of immigrants and protecting affirmative action. FAJ is proud to have played a part in the resistance against xenophobia and racism of right-wing administrations of that period, that helped produce today's leaders. In California, we can see that the struggles we fought over the past four decades has born fruit.



FAJ's founders had no idea that FAJ (then FAA) would still be operational in 2018. For that longevity we have to thank all of you who helped us build a social justice institution for the Filipino community. With continued support from our community and partners we aim to play a role in building the arch of justice for another 45 years.

Check out our living timeline at: tinyurl.com/FAJtimeline

MABUHAY ANG FAJ!



2017-2018 Year At-a-Glance

This past year was an exciting period of growth, increased financial stability, and a successful leadership transition for FAJ. The backdrop, however, was of increasing racism, violence, and a resurgence of anti-immigrant hate nationally. Locally, the regional housing crisis persists as a source of instability for low and moderate-income families. Like so many other individuals and organizations guided by progressive values, FAJ met these attacks by joining the growing resistance - *We Say Fight Back*.

Youth Development

Union City

Leadership Development: With organizing partners Congregations Organizing for Renewal (COR) and Urban Habitat we expanded our tenant organizing to win just cause for evictions, protections from harassment, and protections for immigrant renters. The youth in our afterschool project - Pilipino Youth Coalition (PYC) were busy working on immigrant defense, organizing two immigrant rights forums to support those affected by the DACA rescission, and worked with the Union City Human Relations Commission to adopt a compassionate (sanctuary) resolution.



We continue to carry out advocacy training, education, and awareness-raising activities around issues affecting AAPI boys and men of color through CHARGE, a statewide collaborative. In November coalition members presented a report on AAPI youth needs and policy recommendations to the Select Committee on Asian Pacific Islander Affairs of the California State Senate and the California Asian and Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus in Sacramento.

Last summer we launched an internship project focused on the continued development of a community garden adjacent to our Union City office. FACES (Filipino American Coalition for Environmental Solidarity) co-sponsored the project. In return FAJ hosted FACES' biennial event to showcase the collective efforts to maintain the community garden.



Prevention Education: We welcomed an additional Youth Counselor and re-instated our program at Cesar Chavez Middle School, while continuing our programs at James Logan High and Itliong-Vera Cruz Middle Schools. Qualitative data from a post program survey shows a significant impact on program participants. 95% committed to reduce or abstain from alcohol or other drugs. 100% committed to abstinence from sex or to practice safer sex. 95% of participants demonstrate increased knowledge about mental health. All have increased the time spent in positive activities (e.g. hobbies, sports, faith, leadership, community and/or employment). These outcomes lead to long-term resilience against risky behavior, increased help-seeking behavior, and leadership among their peers. Many of the participants in our in-school programs also become active in our after school leadership development and community organizing program, Pilipino Youth Coalition (PYC). And many older youth return to provide positive modeling and mentorship for younger participants. With organizing partners COR and Urban Habitat we expanded our tenant organizing.

Alameda

Following the 2016 election, young people have become increasingly aware of threats to immigrant families, threats of losing their homes, as well as the dark cloud hanging over public education itself. Bayanihan Youth Group (BYG) at Encinal High School in Alameda offers a safe, non-judgmental space for young people to develop critical thinking through open discussions about current pressing issues. Cultural practices, like kapwa and bayanihan, are methods BYG employs to foster resilience, radical healing, and



collective action.

BYG holds peer-led spaces to dialog about Filipinx/API LGBTQ folks, Filipina/API Women, and Filipino/API Men. BYG participants attended social justice conferences to expand their exposure to progressive ideas. In 2017, BYG mobilized youth to participate in campaigns against evictions, for tenants' rights, for black lives, immigrant protections, domestic workers rights and gun control regulations. We conducted organizer trainings that included phone/text and door-to-door canvassing and peer-led voter registration drives. BYG youth helped win just cause eviction in Alameda . . . only to see it repealed by the City Council months later. BYG also planned the annual Pilipino Culture Night (PCN) at Encinal High where they performed traditional dances, songs, and spoken word.



BYG alum regularly return to mentor the next cohort of participants infusing our meetings with energy and their evolving perspectives as young adults.

Immigrant Services & Defense

We believe that citizenship is an effective way to defend our community against the attacks on immigrants. In 2017, we increased our capacity to provide naturalization services by joining the Asian American Naturalization Coalition with Korean Resource Center (lead) and Korean Community Center of the East Bay. We also joined the East Bay Naturalization Collaborative. Given the toxic environment for immigrants, we reached more than 1000 individuals through more than 50 workshops that included Know Your immigrant Rights (KYR) information, naturalization requirements, and the benefits of citizenship. Immigrants who have been legal permanent residents for more than 20 years - now fearful about the current political situation - are applying for citizenship. We helped more than 60 individuals complete their applications and apply for a fee waiver. We agree with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg who said at a recent swearing-in ceremony, "We are a nation made strong by people like you."



This year, FAJ joined ACILEP (Alameda County Immigrant and Legal Education Partnership) to expand our capacity to provide KYR information and refer immigrants in need of legal support to a broad network of pro bono immigration attorneys.

Civic Engagement

Tenant organizing: With a major housing crisis weighing down the Bay Area region and increasing anxiety about the threat of eviction, tenant rights movements are emerging even in cities that have historically gone without rudimentary renter protections. This past year we invested time in connecting with more than 150 tenants in Alameda and Union City, urging elected officials to be more pro-active in solving the housing crisis, as well as supporting state and local initiatives for rent control, just cause evictions and other solutions. The potential for change is building as more tenants speak their truths and organize locally for tenants rights and rent stabilization.

We also supported Oakland's Stay the Right Way Coalition to stop the construction of a new A's stadium next to Laney College, Lake Merritt, and Chinatown. The A's relocation to this spot would have prompted more gentrification and the displaced of families from relatively affordable housing stock. The community campaign won!



Voter Engagement: Our tenant organizing work is one arm of

a larger civic engagement agenda. In 2017, we prepared to grow our base and capacity for the important 2018 mid-term elections, by engaging our base in DACA and rent control field campaigns. This engagement included calling over 1500 registered voters, running a successful intergenerational team of canvassers, and a successful campaign for just cause in Union City.

We are indebted to our civic engagement partners who provide access to Filipino voter data, train, coach and support our staff and channel resources to us to grow our voter registration, education and mobilization work. Thanks to Mobilize the Immigrant Vote and YVOTE; AAPI Civic Engagement Fund (AAPI CEF); AAPIs for Civic Empowerment; the RISE Coalition (Fremont/Union City/Hayward); and Alameda Renters Coalition.



Workers Support & Empowerment

We believe that citizenship is an effective way to defend our community against the attacks on immigrants. In The care industry is to today’s Filipino community, what the agricultural industry was for the Filipino community of the 1920’s, 1930’s & 1940’s. Thousands of Filipinos provide care to the elderly and disabled in California.

In 2017 we grew our caregiver support group, Kapwa Ko, to West Contra Costa County. We added 100 new caregiver contacts. Kapwa Ko provides peer support to caregivers doing very difficult, under-valued work and participates in campaigns that advance the rights and welfare of domestic workers. Despite how difficult it is for caregivers to get time off for monthly meetings, member leaders have bravely stepped forward to share testimony or emcee an event.



We continue to help lead the California Domestic Workers Coalition (CDWC), which recently launched a campaign to pass AB2314. AB2314 will establish a program within the California Department of Labor Standards Enforcement to promote the implementation of labor standards for the domestic work industry. Stay tuned, we will need all the support we can get to pass our bill!

2018 will be yet another busy year building leadership among immigrants, low wage workers, and young people as we help grow the resistance to attacks on low and moderate-income immigrant and communities of color. FAJ is prepared for the fight back. We are registering more voters for a very important electoral season and mobilizing voters to the polls to promote their interests. We intend in making progress in addressing the housing crisis through campaigns for rent control and just cause eviction. We will win resources to protect and enforce the labor rights and dignity of domestic workers. And, we will connect our community to a broad coalition of civil rights organizations intent on a fair and accurate 2020 census.



Keep track of our progress at filipinos4justice.org. Follow us on Social media. Call us at 510-465-9876 when you need us.

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Alameda Renters Coalition, AAPI Civic Engagement Fund, AAPI Boys & Men of Color Collaborative, AAPIs for Civic Empowerment, Asian American Naturalization Coalition, California Domestic Workers Coalition, Congregations Organizing for Renewal, East Bay Naturalization Collaborative, Mobilize the Immigrant Vote, Filipino American Coalition for Environmental Solidarity, National Network for Immigrant & Refugee Rights, National Domestic Workers Alliance, the RISE Coalition (Fremont/Union City/Hayward), and Urban Habitat

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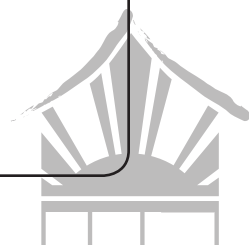
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-Congresswoman Barbara Lee

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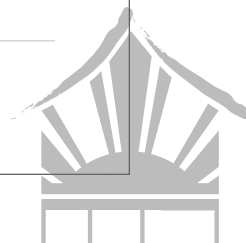
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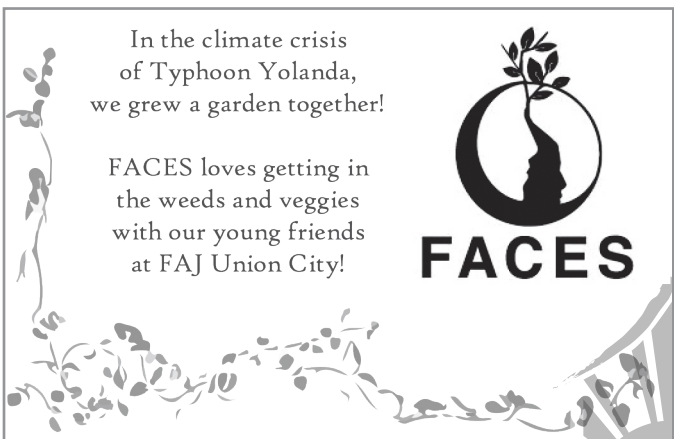
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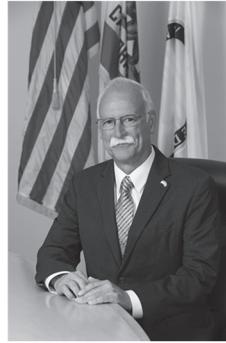
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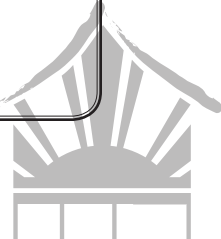
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