



Pamana

50 Years of Service, Love, and Justice

Saturday, October 14, 2023
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Welcome

“ We’ve given to one of the major social movements that changed this nation, that our elderly uncles and fathers and grandfathers sacrificed so much so that workers today can have a living wage and better working conditions. And if we knew that, that could be so inspiring for all of us to think of the different things that we could do in our lives. No matter how humble, ordinary, or poor we are. ”

~ Dr. Dawn Bobulano Mabalon

Dearest FAJ Family,

On October 14th in honor of Filipino American History Month, Filipino Advocates for Justice commemorates a milestone anniversary with its first in-person gathering post pandemic, a much-anticipated event in San Leandro called: **Pamana: 50 Years of Service, Love and Justice!**

Pamana is a Tagalog word that means legacy, inheritance, and something that is passed onto future generations. In Dr. Mabalon’s words abound a promise and hope of a *pamana* we continue to fully realize. We are stewards of a rich, hard-fought history that our descendants will soon inherit, stories that must be preserved, heard and some still unwritten.

In FAA/FAJ’s 50-year legacy we’ve navigated tumultuous social and political landscapes by being both a beacon and safe harbor for the Filipino community in the East Bay. Each generation we’ve responded by first providing services, then expanding into organizing and advocacy, and further to integrated civic and voter engagement today. Despite being in a pandemic, FAJ grew in programming and services, budget and staff. Last year, we also formed our sibling 501c4 organization, FAJ Action Fund. While we are facing many challenges entering the 2024 election season, FAJ is boldly positioned to build and exercise power grounded in our social justice values.

Although we know there is much work to be done, today, we must celebrate.


While you enjoy our evening’s events, we invite you to connect with kapwa (*kin*), old and new friends, FAJ staff, board and alumni. Our movement is strong when our people are strong. Our power and potency is in the bonds of our relationships, resilience in our unity and how we care for each other in times of crisis AND abundance. This is how we made it to 50 and will make it to 50 more! Our hope is that FAJ continues to evolve to match the needs and dreams of our communities.

Mabuhay FAJ!

Maraming Salamat, thank you for being here and much love,


Geraldine Alcid
Executive Director




Geordee Mae Corpuz
Board President



Program

Performance by Ben Luis Band

Mistress of Ceremonies
Allyson Tintiangco-Cubales

Land Acknowledgement and Blessing

Opening Address
Geraldine Alcid, Executive Director

Honoring
Juniper Dorado, Zoe Dorado & Alessandra Mohar
Tennessee Representative Justin Jones
Malcom Amado Uno
Josie Camacho
Victor Uno

Current Organizing Campaign
Hayward City Council Member George Syrop

Closing Remarks
California Attorney General Rob Bonta

Fashion Performance by
Fashion by ChiChai and FAJ Youth Interns

Dance Party!
Music by DJ Poison

Let's celebrate our Pamana, commemorate 50 years, and connect with friends old & new!

Food by FAJ Board Member Dom Ainza and drinks by Otra Ronda
Photobooth and photo timeline of FAA/FAJ history

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HONOREES

FAJ Youth Leaders

JUNIPER, ZOE, AND ALLY

Tonight we honor three of FAJ's Youth Organizers Juniper Dorado, Zoe Dorado, and Alessandra "Ally" Mohar - who over the last 3 years of the COVID pandemic - helped youth in our program navigate the altered reality of distance learning and isolation to help them stay connected and engaged. These three leaders combined their organizer talents with empathy for their peers to inspire them to respond to the urgent issues surrounding them in spite of the historic lock-down.



Juniper Dorado

Collectively they helped to involve youth in passing Oakland's Measure QQ which allows 16-year-olds to vote in school board elections; making Oakland the largest jurisdiction to approve 16-year-old voting in any form. They organized FAJ's youth to turnout for Justice for Angelo Quinto, a police brutality case where Antioch police used a knee-to-neck restraint on Angelo causing his death. FAJ youth spoke out at state government meetings, hearings, and committees.

They also organized youth in support of California Proposition 15, the Schools and Communities First campaign to reform California's tax code in order to increase funding for local governments, school districts and community colleges. In addition to phone banks and other social media outreach they collected stories from students, educators, and other community stakeholders to mobilize voters through political education.

These youthful leaders are also creative, artistic, and accomplished in other ways. Juniper has developed curriculum and facilitated workshops for high schoolers that include Queerness in Pre-colonial Philippines, Burnout Culture, and Deep Ecology. Zoe is a poet, journalist, and musician. Her poem about Larry Itliong has been performed in numerous venues. In 2021, she was selected to be the first Youth Poet Laureate of Alameda County and in 2023, she was a runner-up for the first California Youth Poet Laureate. Ally is the recipient of the Soledad Fernandez Scholarship sponsored by the family of FAJ founder Cora Tellez and was an advocate for AB 490 which prohibits law enforcement from using carotid restraint chokehold methods like that used in the deaths of George Floyd and Angelo Quinto.



Ally Mohar

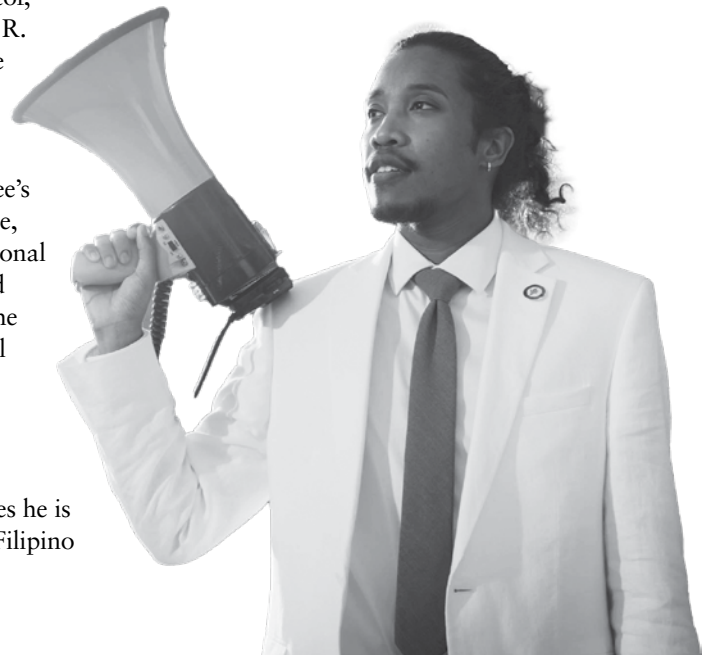


Zoe Dorado

Tennessee Representative

JUSTIN JONES

Justin Jones, with roots in Oakland, is a leader now and will be for several generations to come. Having been politicized early in his life by the murders of Oscar Grant and Trayvon Martin, Justin became an activist, organizer, legislator, minister, community leader, environmentalist, and gun violence prevention advocate. From Oakland Justin attended college then divinity school in Nashville, Tennessee. There he met his mentor, civil rights icon John Lewis and was the recipient of the John R. Lewis Scholarship for Social Activism. Justin was active in the Nashville student and civil rights movements for Justice for George Floyd, Black Lives Matter, and the removal of the bust of a KKK grand wizard, at the Tennessee state capitol. In 2022 Justin was elected to represent the people of Tennessee's District 52 on a platform of Medicaid expansion, racial justice, police accountability, and the Green New Deal. He made national news this year when Republican state representatives expelled him and another black representative (Justin Pearson) from the Tennessee legislature for joining protesters at the state Capitol who were demanding gun-control legislation in the wake of a deadly school mass shooting in Nashville that included the murders of 9 year-olds. The Nashville Metropolitan Council unanimously reinstated Jones and Pearson as duly appointed representatives of the House that expelled them. Justin believes he is an extension of a tradition of resistance that comes from his Filipino and Black lolas who ground and guide his work.



MALCOLM AMADO UNO

Amado Uno's first job after college was Youth Counselor for FAJ's AYPAL youth leadership development project. He wasn't here long before rocketing across the country to Washington D.C. to be the Executive Director of the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, where he helped train the next generation of AAPI union organizers. He then worked in the Obama Administration as Special Assistant to the U.S. Secretary of Labor before returning to the East Bay to be the Political Director for Asian Pacific Environmental Network (APEN). Among other things, he helped launch APEN Action and built one of the largest AAPI mass voter bases in the state.

Today, Amado is the director of the innovative Million Voters Project in California where he is helping to build one of the largest and most effective strategies to expand the electorate among previously marginalized communities, to mobilize them to the polls in support of a justice agenda that includes progressive revenue, minimum wage, workers' rights, environmental justice and candidate campaigns.

MVP works with 95 local affiliates (including FAJ) and thousands of grassroots leaders to lead year-round organizing for political power in communities most impacted by economic and social inequality. In the 2022 election cycle Amado led MVP's campaign to increase turnout among young, immigrant and BIPOC voters that reached over 140,000 voters in 8 languages including a digital campaign that engaged over 8 million people in 11 languages.



JOSIE CAMACHO

Josie Camacho rose from a rank and file clerical worker for the City of Oakland to be the first API woman Political/ Staff Director of the Alameda Labor Council in 2009 and then, just two years later, the first API woman Executive Secretary-Treasurer, the Labor Council's highest position. She held this position for 10 years until her retirement in 2018. Under her leadership the Alameda Labor Council grew from 100k to 135k union members.

Josie worked her way up the leadership ladder beginning first as an activist in SEIU local 790 (now SEIU 1021), where she learned to negotiate contracts and represent the interests of union members.

Over her 40 years in the labor movement she participated in and led organizing campaigns throughout the U.S. for home care workers, hospital workers, county employees, employees of nursing homes, law enforcement and other sectors. She made tremendous contributions to bringing thousands of workers, particularly workers of color, into the labor union movement.



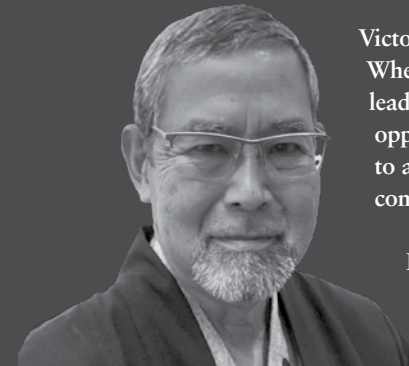
She was also a founding member of the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (AFL-CIO), which is the first national labor organization for Asian and Pacific Islander workers and she remains active in APALA's Alameda Chapter. She is a talented organizer of coalitions between labor and the broader community with a vision to organize and bring into the labor movement the growing numbers of Asian workers. Josie worked with FAJ in the campaign to name a middle school in Union City Iltiong-Vera Cruz Middle School.

VICTOR UNO

Victor Uno, at the age of 23, became an electrical worker apprentice and member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), local 595 in Oakland. The building trades of the 1970's were still largely closed to people of color. At his first union meeting the sergeant-at-arms tore up his dues receipt and refused to let him in. Someone in the background remarked "Are we letting Chinese in now?"

But Victor was undeterred. Believing that "we need a labor movement with social justice at its core" Victor became active in the Electrical Workers Minority Caucus (EWMC) that was started by African American members to address the union's inequalities. One of Victor's greatest honors was to serve as President of the EWMC. As Apprenticeship Director he opened up apprenticeship programs to women and people of color so they had access to economic opportunities.

In 2002, after 25 years of dedicated union activism, Victor was elected Business Manager of Local 595 - the first mainland Japanese American to hold this position. He was re-elected four more times. Twelve years later, he was appointed to be an IBEW International Representative.



Victor sought to steer the union beyond "bread and butter" issues like negotiating contracts. When the union needed to build a new facility for their apprenticeship program Victor helped lead the creation of the Zero Net Energy Center (ZNE Center). The ZNE is not only an opportunity for apprentices to gain cutting-edge sustainable technology careers, but contributes to addressing climate change. It has reduced energy use by 75% compared to similar sized commercial buildings.

In retirement Victor organizes for the Crystal City Pilgrimage Committee that advocates for justice for survivors and descendants of the WWII Crystal City Family Internment Camp.

Mistress of Ceremony

ALLYSON TINTIANGCO-CUBALES, PHD

Dr. Allyson Tintiango-Cubales is a Distinguished Professor in the College of Ethnic Studies who has been teaching at San Francisco State University since 2000. She has developed many successful educational projects, including Pin@y Educational Partnerships (PEP) and Community Responsive Education. She has also published many articles and books, including co-editing the first Filipina/x/o American Studies Encyclopedia, a curriculum for students at all levels. She also supports school districts, schools, and teachers in developing community responsive Ethnic Studies Programs.



FEATURED SPEAKERS

Hayward City Council Member

GEORGE SYROP

George Syrop (he/him) was born & raised in Hayward, and has lived most of his life throughout the East Bay on Ohlone Land.

In the wake of the George Floyd protests of 2020, George helped form the Hayward Community Coalition (HayCoCoa), which successfully organized to reform policing, prevent school closures, and improve tenant protections in his hometown.

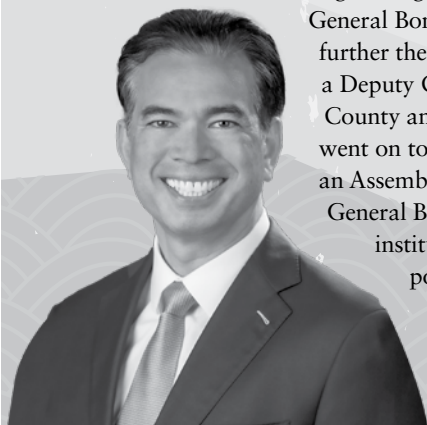
George became the youngest member elected to the Hayward City Council in 2022, where he proudly serves as the Council’s only renter and Asian American. He also serves as an advisor to the Friends of the Public Bank East Bay, which aims to democratize finance and unlock capital for underserved communities.



California Attorney General

ROB BONTA

On April 23, 2021, Rob Bonta was sworn in as the 34th Attorney General of the State of California, the first person of Filipino descent and the second Asian-American to occupy the position. Attorney General Bonta’s passion for justice and fairness was instilled in him by his parents, who served on the frontlines of some of America’s most important social justice movements. It’s why he decided to become a lawyer — to help right historic wrongs and fight for people who have been harmed. He worked his way through college and graduated with honors from Yale University and attended Yale Law School. Attorney General Bonta has led statewide fights for racial, economic, and environmental justice and worked to further the rights of immigrant families, renters, and working Californians. He previously worked as a Deputy City Attorney for the City and County of San Francisco, where he represented the City and County and its employees, and fought to protect Californians from exploitation and racial profiling. He went on to pursue elected office in Alameda County, first as an Alameda Council Member and later as an Assemblymember representing Oakland, Alameda, and San Leandro. In the State Assembly, Attorney General Bonta enacted nation-leading reforms to inject more justice and fairness into government and institutions. As the People’s Attorney, he sees seeking accountability from those who abuse their power and harm others as one of the most important functions of the job. He is married to Mia Bonta, and they are the proud parents of three children Reina, Iliana, and Andres, as well as their dog Legolas.

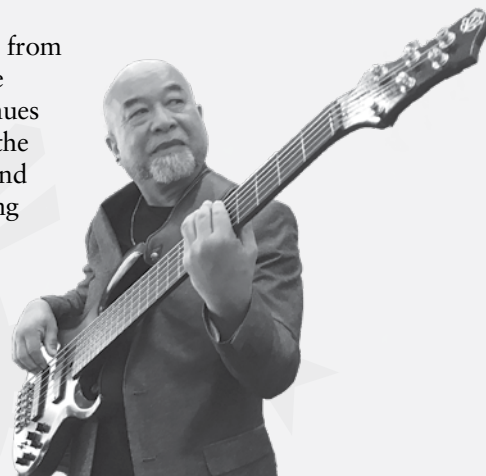


ENTERTAINMENT

BEN LUIS BAND

Ben Luis is a working musician whose musicality is a mixture of many styles from straight ahead jazz, Latin rhythms, to funk. He stays on the mainstream edge infusing his ideas and life experiences in his original compositions and at venues and events where music limitations co-exist with the crowd. Working from the bottom up has given Ben a greater passion to continue to choose his music and develop his style. After sixty-plus years as a musician, playing and performing his music is an ongoing, never ending, lifelong pursuit. Ben also developed and led a pre-apprenticeship program for FAJ in the 1990's.

Performing with Ben tonight are: Chris Planas (guitar, vocals), Vince Khoe (piano), Harold Ohashi (drums) and featuring Ann Marie Ceralvo on vocals.



FASHION BY CHICHA



ChiChai (she/her) is a multi-disciplinary artist, educator, and community-gatherer born and raised in Occupied Ohlone Land, also known as the Bay Area. She frees her Pinay roots from its history of colonial oppressions through her artwork. Being raised by nourishing yet firm and powerful women, her illustrations depict elements of nature as women spirits. She founded streetwear brand, Empire in the Air, and through fashion design, painting and mixed media, ChiChai aims to honor indigenous craftsmanship, the matriarch that has raised her, and Mama Earth. Her work is intersectional in its roots to nature, feminism, and the dismantling of colonial mindsets. You can catch her teaching art and how to use art as a tool for decolonizing to youth and adults. ChiChai received her MA in International Studies from University of San Francisco (2016), in which she was awarded Most Original Thesis for her master's thesis "Challenging Filipino Colonial Mentality through Philippine Art." She has taught youth for various nonprofits throughout the Bay Area, including Destiny Arts, Galing Bata, and Youth Art Exchange.

MUSIC BY DJ POISON

DJ Poison (he/him) has been passionate about the art of deejaying since he was in high-school, starting off his deejay journey with his inner circle of friends followed by a large influence from his kuya, DJ Halo. DJ Poison's stage name itself comes from his love of the song "Poison" by Bel Biv DeVoe. His music style gravitates towards hip hop, however, he is open to playing any style of music to get the party going as his past gigs vary from weddings and cotillions/debuts to church functions and house parties.



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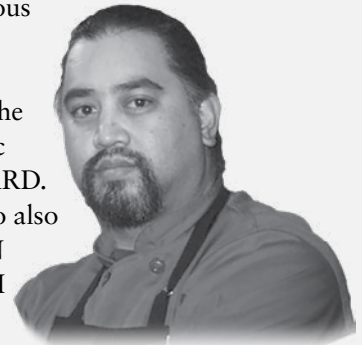


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FOOD & BEVERAGE

FOOD BY DOMINIC AINZA

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."



DESSERTS BY MARLEY'S TREATS



Marley's Treats is a cupcakery and treat shop that specializes in bringing Filipino flavors to American treats. Since 2010 Marley's treats has offered ube cupcakes, pandan milkshakes, ube rice crispy cereal ice cream sandwiches and ube cheesecakes topped with leche flan on their menu. Find them at their storefront in downtown Hayward or catch their food truck at various markets all over the bay. Follow them on instagram @MarleysTreats!

MOCKTAILS BY OTRA RONDA

At Otra Ronda, we are very passionate about bringing quality ingredients to your cocktails and presenting them in a way to surely impress your guests. From our handcrafted syrups to our freshly pressed juices, we make sure that we bring the best ingredients and garnishes for those insta-worthy cocktails of your choosing!

Otra Ronda

2023 Soledad Fernandez Scholarship Recipient

ANNELISSE CABRERA

Annelisse Cabrera, a recent graduate of James Logan High School, is the 2023 recipient of the Soledad Fernandez Scholarship sponsored by the Cora and Pablo Tellez family. Annelisse is the first person in her family to attend a 4-year college and plans to study nursing and business. Among other things, Annelisse was active in a local chapter of Alliance for Girls that led a campaign called #NotOneMoreGirl aimed at ending sexual harassment on public transportation in the Bay Area.



“ Do not get lost in a sea of despair. Be hopeful, be optimistic. Our struggle is not the struggle of a day, a week, a month, or a year, it is the struggle of a lifetime. Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble.
~ John Lewis ”



FAJ's Pamana to the community is rooted in:

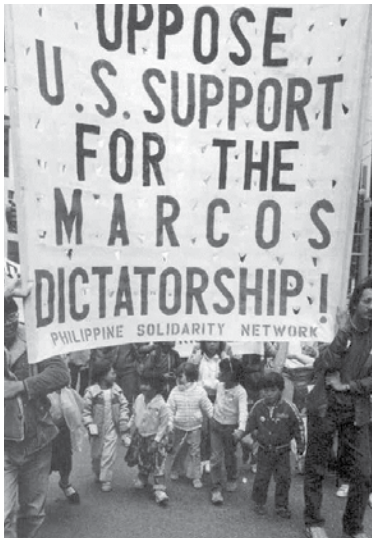
BAYANIHAN, *the spirit of cooperation and communal unity*

KAPWA, *interconnected-ness experienced in community*

MAKIBAKA, *people coming together for change through struggle*

» These three Tagalog words embody the spirit and values that have guided Filipino Advocates for Justice (FAJ) since its inception in 1973. As it reaches its 50th anniversary, the focus remains on building and sustaining an empowered Filipino American community. Through the years, FAJ has navigated numerous social and political landscapes and emerged stronger in its mission of organizing its constituents, providing

service, and advocating for policies that promote social and economic justice and equity for all. Because of the leadership of the Black, Brown and Indigenous community and people of color during the Civil Rights and Third World Liberation Front movements, our long-standing community organizations were born FAJ, AHS, ALC, CAA, CPA, Family Bridges, etc.



» The 1965 Immigration Act equalized immigration quotas and ushered a time of rapid growth in the Filipino community despite their long history in the US. The 70s were also a period of upheaval in the Philippines. With the imposition of Martial Law in 1972, thousands of Filipinos sought to escape the

Marcos regime. Political asylum seekers and exiles joined the ranks of Filipino Americans feeling the impact of the injustices that befell people of color in the US.

» Originally incorporated in 1973 as Filipinos for Affirmative Action (FAA) - grown from the Filipino Immigrant Services project sponsored by the International Institute of the East Bay - it set up services like youth development, employment assistance and immigration services. The growing anti-immigrant attacks and intensifying need to defend affirmative action prompted students and leaders to come together and organize to protect and advance rights of the growing Filipino immigrant population.



» Each decade we have witnessed the urgency to fight for democracy, to protect and incrementally advance rights. This was manifested by the passing of the 1978 Prop 13 which resulted in the slashing of financial resources to the newly formed immigrant centered service organizations; the movement for

immigration reform and then implementation of the Immigrations Reform and Control Act (IRCA) of 1986; Prop 187 (1994) which sought to deny public services to undocumented immigrants (parts of which were overturned by the courts); Prop 209 (1996) to ban affirmative action in CA; and Prop 227 (1998) or the "English Only" measure (which was defeated)



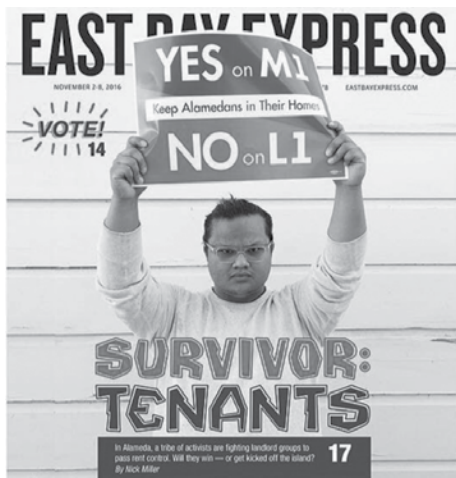
» FAJ has had to expand to meet the emerging needs of the community it serves, branching out from direct services into grassroots organizing and advocacy. FAJ has provided direct services to thousands and activated hundreds of leaders who built their awareness and capacity through campaigns such as fighting for Filipino WWII veterans denied their dignity and service; securing \$500,000 allocation towards violence prevention services for Union City youth in the 90's; and organizing to change the name of Alvarado Middle School to Itliong/Vera Cruz Middle School, in honor of the Filipino farmworker heroes.





» In response to post-9/11 scapegoating of immigrant workers, FAA founded PAWIS (Pilipino Association of Workers and Immigrants) in 2002 to serve and advocate for fired airport screeners and then for the growing numbers of domestic workers in the SF Bay Area. FAJ also helped found the California Domestic Workers Coalition in 2013 which began advocating for greater labor protections for domestic/caregiver workers with the state's Domestic Worker Bill of Rights. It expanded to assist with wage theft cases and set up education and outreach efforts.

» The affordable housing crisis affected FAJ's youth leaders and elder caregivers both in Union City and Alameda where they were being priced out. In Union City, FAJ helped the successful effort to win a just cause



eviction policy. In Alameda, FAJ helped protect the Bay View Apartment tenants from eviction; then helped win a just cause eviction policy in 2017 and rent control in 2019.

» In the 2000s, FAJ recognized its position and responsibility in the social justice movement ecosystem, and that it needed to develop leadership internally while externally exploring other vehicles to build power,

naming a shift into integrated civic engagement and electoral organizing through broader coalitions. FAJ's greatest legacy is nurturing resilient leaders who use their voice to change conditions for themselves and their communities. Realizing that participants in its programs held intersectional identities —as youth, immigrants, tenants, low-wage workers, domestic/care workers, elders, and/or queer people—Filipinos for Affirmative Action changed its name to Filipino Advocates for Justice in 2010 to reflect its broader mission and vision.



What's at stake today?

» FAJ's programs and services are offered at no-cost and are culturally affirming spaces where communities beyond Filipinos are engaged in its wellness workshops and support groups including TAYO, Queer Collective and Kapwa Ko Wellness, mental health counseling, mutual aid distribution, workforce development trainings (CPR, First Aid) and skills-training on outreach and canvassing. It runs youth in-school risk reduction and prevention education programs in Union City and Fremont; multiple after-school youth leadership development groups in Union City and Oakland; and a 7-week summer leadership development training series.



» For over a decade FAJ has been part of a growing network of organizations building the political power of communities of color in CA joining the steering committees of PowerCA (formerly Mobilize the Immigrant Vote), AAPI FORCE and Bay Rising. FAJ is DOJ-accredited and helps immigrants apply for citizenship and seeks to engage the 800,000 Filipinos in California eligible to register to vote.



» 2020 cleared the deck, FAJ's model of "services to organizing" felt insufficient to the changing conditions. They were facing a pandemic, anti-Asian violence, economic, housing and environmental collapse, and a hostile political landscape with the Trump administration. Despite this, FAJ raised and distributed \$200,000 in direct cash assistance for COVID relief. At the height of the pandemic, FAJ leaders created a strategic compass, a roadmap to building long-term power in the Filipino community. They emerged with eyes set on becoming a visible anchor for thriving Filipino communities, one that centers transformative change (individual and collective) by championing working-class and cross-racial solidarity, intergenerational wellness and healing, and the liberation and self-determination for all BIPOC communities.



» In 2021 through virtual phone banking, FAJ reached over 37,000 community members and voters statewide around COVID vaccination and to advocate for fair tax reform, housing legislation and equitable redistricting.

In 2022 FAJ started FAJ Action Fund, its 501c4 sibling organization, another vehicle for long-term power-building they will continue to develop.

» Today, the rising cost of living and widening wealth gap in the Bay Area continue to impact the health of community members. Families are moving further away from where they work. We have not yet recovered from the pandemic further compounding mental health. From youth to elders, there has been an unprecedented need to address trauma, stress, anxiety, depression exacerbated by difficulties in meeting basic needs (ie: housing, healthcare, food).



» So much social movement work is done at the cost of the health and wholeness of the people on the frontline. As FAJ's staff was facing unprecedented amounts of stress and grief while serving a community with extreme needs, FAJ leadership recognized the need for a radical shift that centers mental health and healing in how their staff approaches their work. The pandemic taught us quite literally that one's health is tied to the health of others. Similarly, our healing and well-being are intertwined to how we organize moving forward.



Long-term FAJ seeks to build a powerful social justice movement to end racism and make democracy a reality for all where Filipinos are active participants in social and political transformation.

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Congratulations, FAJ, on your 50th Anniversary!

Thank you for your community leadership and service -- upholding human rights, fighting for social justice, and standing in solidarity with diverse communities in the East Bay and beyond...

We are happy to salute the honorees, Josie Camacho & Victor Uno (former KDP members) as well as Amado Uno, Alessandra Mohar, Juniper Dorado, & Zoe Dorado

We also give a shout out to Lillian Galedo, former KDP member and FAJ's Executive Director, 1980-2017!



Members of the former KDP (Katipunan ng mga Demokratikang Pilipino - Union of Democratic Filipinos) have been proud to accompany FAJ through the years as staff, Board members and active supporters.

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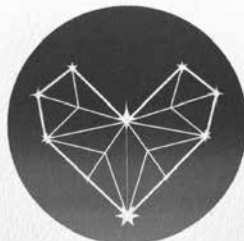
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Pamana: 50 Years of Service, Love & Justice!

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- Juniper Dorado
- Zoe Dorado
- Alessandra Mohar
- Amado Uno
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THE FILIPINO VETERANS RECOGNITION
AND EDUCATION PROJECT

Congratulations to the Filipino Advocates for Justice on your milestone event. We share your mission of service, love, and justice.

Maj. Gen. Antonio Taguba (Ret), Chairman

When FilVetREP was formed in 2014, its three goals were (1) secure U.S. recognition of the 260,000 Filipino World War II veterans who served under the American flag and, (2) establish a national education program to create greater awareness of their service and sacrifice, and (3) repeal the Rescission Act of 1946.

FilVetREP achieved its first goal on October 2017 when Congress awarded the **Congressional Gold Medal (CGM)**. More than 3,000 medals have been awarded since then to living veterans and surviving family members.



FilVetREP's second goal was completed on August 2023 with the production of ***Duty to Country – Under One Flag*** (dutytocountry.org). This interactive online program brings to life US – Philippine relations since 1898 to present. It contains a digital exhibition of US -Philippine history with a curriculum replete with 10 lesson plans, 14 explainers, multiple illustrations, several short videos, 30 profile cards, and a 200-page graphic novel. This incredible achievement will be available and accessible, and free to teachers and schools in seven states, to educational and cultural institutions, and to the public at large.

Last year, FilVetREP began planning a campaign to **repeal the Rescission Act of 1946**. This law basically erased from American history the service and sacrifice of 200,000 Filipino World War II veterans, stripping them of their rightful benefits. Repealing the Rescission Act is about restoring their dignity and honor.

Join us in this national campaign to undo this historic wrong and close a dark chapter in U.S. history once and for all. We need to accomplish this mission and end 77 years of despair and dishonor.

For more information about Filipino WWII veterans and how to get involved, visit www.filvetrep.org or Filipino Veterans Recognition and Education Project on Facebook or Twitter.



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for Justice** on
50 Years of service in
the community.



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Salamat FAJ for
leading with
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with love and gratitude:
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**Congratulations Filipino
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Your 50th Anniversary!**

**Special Thanks to Lillian
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**Best Wishes from
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