

ACLU of Northern California **2011 YEAR IN REVIEW**

Free Speech ♦ Criminal Justice ♦ Replacing the Death Penalty ♦ National Security
Immigrants' Rights ♦ Students' Rights ♦ Reproductive Justice ♦ LGBT Equality
Educational Equity ♦ Technology & Civil Liberties ♦ Racial Justice

LEGACIES AND NEW BEGINNINGS

In addition to the breadth of work we do across Northern California, this year marked a new beginning: the heightened collaboration of the ACLU California affiliates as the "ACLU of California."

The ACLU of Southern California was founded in 1923 with the forceful advocacy of Upton Sinclair on Liberty Hill. A decade later, the ACLU of Northern California was founded during the 1934 general strike in San Francisco. Initially a chapter of the ACLU of Southern California that was started in 1933, the ACLU of San Diego and Imperial Counties became a free-standing affiliate in 1988.

For several decades, the three ACLU affiliates in California have jointly funded and supported our Legislative Office in Sacramento. The Sacramento Bee and California Watch recently ranked our legislative program as the #4 most effective lobbying operation in Sacramento, alongside groups with vastly larger budgets. Throughout these years we have collaborated in a number of other ways.

Building on this success, the ACLU of California is a new strategic partnership of the three California ACLU affiliates. Each affiliate retains its autonomy and its unique focus on its own region's needs. But increasingly, we will pool our resources, strategic thinking, and program strategies to generate the maximum civil liberties impact for the state and our communities. With over 100,000 members and 100 staff statewide, we see this collaboration in our work across the state:

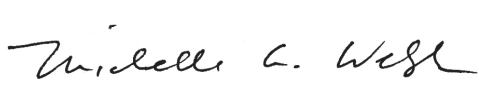
- Engaging our boards, staffs, and supporters statewide to become better informed of the civil liberties issues facing our state, from our border with Mexico to the border with Oregon.
- Working with college students as the next generation of civil liberties leaders through outreach to CSU, UC, community colleges and student associations statewide.
- Filing ambitious cases that require plaintiffs statewide and challenge state institutions.
- Advocating for county and state policy reforms, for example on criminal justice realignment, immigrants' rights, safe schools for LGBT youth, and access to reproductive services.
- Supporting ballot measures, such as our vigorous advocacy for the SAFE California Act to replace the death penalty with life without the possibility of parole.
- Providing resources to ACLU state offices nationwide, for example the new MiACLU bilingual website, www.miacclu.org, to better inform and engage the Latino community.

We are proud of our legacy and accomplishments as the ACLU of Northern California. And we are truly energized by the vision and possibilities of a coordinated, statewide strategy for the ACLU across California.

Yours,



Abdi Soltani, Executive Director



Michelle Welsh, Board Chair



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Community Engagement

The ACLU-NC opened its office in Fresno to anchor our work with civil liberties advocates in the Central Valley, one of the poorest regions in the country. Working with communities, we've helped convince county officials to put money into treatment and rehabilitation programs instead of expanding jails.



PHOTO BY LAURA SAPONARA

Freedom of Speech

Following the notorious 2011 pepper-spray attack by UC Davis campus police on nonviolent student protesters, the ACLU-NC filed a federal lawsuit against school officials seeking to determine why it happened and how future episodes can be prevented.



PHOTOS BY DAVID FELSEN

UC Davis students Fatima Sbeih, Sarena Grossjan, and David Buscho, who were pepper-sprayed during nonviolent protest.

Students' Rights

A report by the ACLU's California affiliates, *HELLO: Students have a right to privacy in their cell phones*, looked at search and seizure policies in nearly 200 California school districts. We sent it to every school superintendent in the state—and our phones haven't stopped ringing.

Death Penalty

The ACLU-NC garnered national and international headlines—including a segment on *The Colbert Report*—when we revealed that California corrections officials had engaged in a desperate global scramble to acquire lethal injection drugs. The disclosure prompted editorials calling for replacement of the death penalty with life imprisonment without parole.

National Security

Documents obtained through Freedom of Information Act requests revealed that Bay Area FBI agents have been illegally using community outreach programs to secretly collect intelligence about activities protected by the First Amendment. One particularly biased, misinformed FBI PowerPoint presentation on Muslims was quickly disavowed.



PHOTO BY RAMSEY EL-QARE

Ashwak Hauter of the Arab Resource and Organizing Center speaks in favor of restoring protections over local intelligence-gathering at a press conference at San Francisco City Hall.

Racial Justice

In California and throughout the nation, youth are being subjected to bias, harassment and discrimination in schools, the majority of them children of color. The ACLU-NC's Schools for All campaign is working with community groups and schools to address the problem, which is particularly acute in the Central Valley.

Immigrants' Rights

Our class-action lawsuit seeking to end the shackling of immigrant detainees with no criminal records moved forward when a judge refused to dismiss the case. We hope to see the last of shackling by the end of 2012.

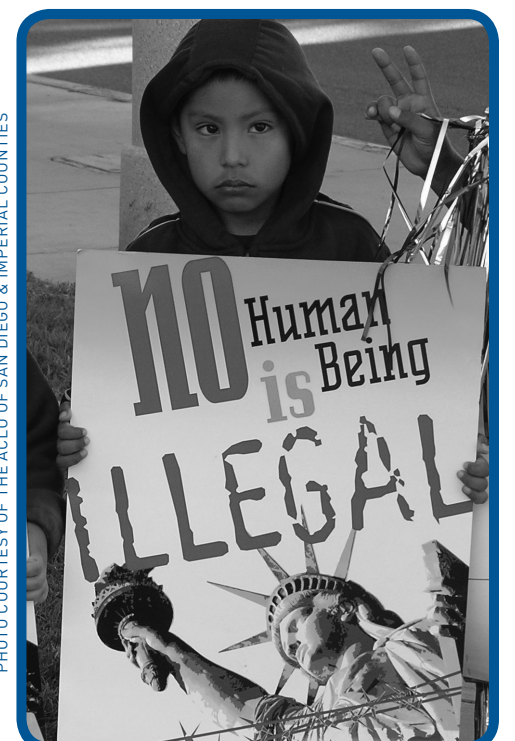


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Reproductive Justice

A report looking at school sex education instruction found that in some districts, sex education remains inaccurate, denying students crucial health information and violating state law. The ACLU-NC teamed up with parents in one Central Valley School District to end a biased program; we're now leveraging that victory elsewhere to ensure quality sex ed for all students.

LGBT

The ACLU's Don't Filter Me! campaign asks students to test whether LGBT-friendly web content—a frequent target of school censorship—is blocked by their schools' web browsers, and report them to us. To date we've convinced dozens of schools—including several in California—to stop using the biased filters.



Criminal Justice

An ACLU report, *California at the Crossroads*, found room for improvement in the state's "realignment" policy for reducing prison populations. We're advocating for sentencing reforms that would save taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars and

free up jail and prison space for those who have committed more serious crimes.

Educational Equity

An ACLU-NC lawsuit seeks to stop the state's shameful practice of charging students fees for books and other essential educational supplies, a violation of the state constitution's guarantee of free schooling. We're also supporting a bill that would ensure compliance with the law.



Students at Queer Youth Advocacy Day.

dotRights

ACLU-NC celebrated a dotRights victory with passage of the Reader Privacy Act, a landmark law to ensure that the government cannot access sensitive reading records—whether from a bookstore, the local library or your Kindle or iPad—without proper justification. Gov. Brown signed the law in October.

STAFF OF THE ACLU OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE OFFICE



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FINANCIAL REPORT

ACLU FOUNDATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

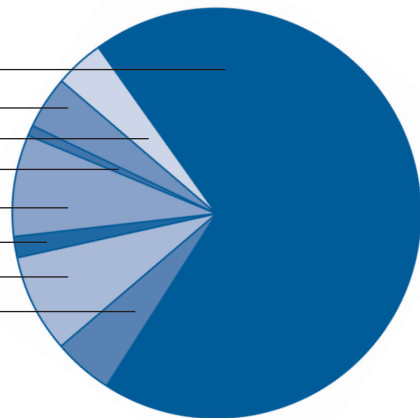
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SUPPORT AND REVENUE:

Individual Contributions:	\$ 7,124,344
Restricted Foundation Grants:	\$ 466,500
Bequest Contributions:	\$ 411,105
Court Awarded Attorney Fees:	\$ 12,300
In-Kind Legal Contributions:	\$ 835,736
Other Income:	\$ 150,017
Investment Income/(Loss):	\$ 814,930
Transfer to Reserves:	\$ 464,755
National ACLU share:*	(\$ 3,253,156)

Total: **\$ 7,026,531**

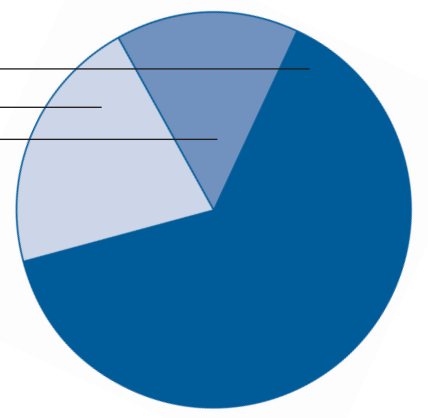
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EXPENSES:

Program Services:	\$ 4,573,476
Fundraising:	\$ 1,434,542
Management and General:	\$ 1,018,513

Total: **\$ 7,026,531**



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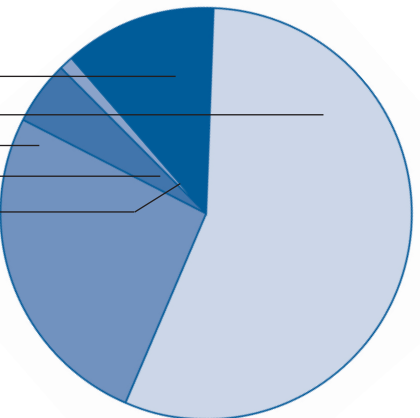
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SUPPORT AND REVENUE:

Public Contributions:	\$ 472,743
Membership dues:	\$ 2,145,105
Bequests:	\$ 998,861
Reimbursement for Legis. Ofc:	\$ 197,107
Investment Income and Other:	\$ 2,355
National ACLU share*	(\$ 2,038,052)
Transfer to Reserves:	(\$ 232,547)

Total: **\$ 1,545,572**

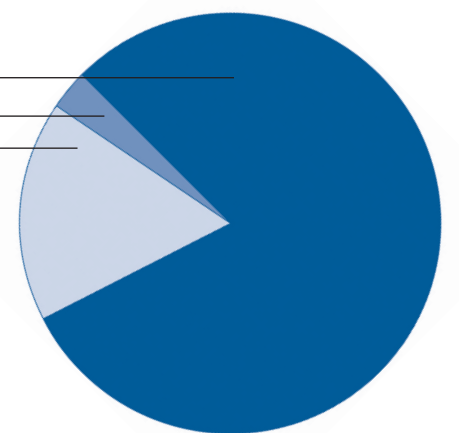
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EXPENSES:

Program Services:	\$ 1,247,465
Fundraising:	\$ 37,009
Management and General:	\$ 261,098

Total: **\$ 1,545,572**



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CASH OR CREDIT CARDS: The organization is pleased to accept your donation, or your monthly, quarterly or annual pledge via cash, check or credit card (Visa or Mastercard) at any time. Gifts may be made via mail or online at www.aclunc.org.

WORKPLACE GIVING/PAYROLL DEDUCTION: You may choose to designate the ACLU Foundation through your workplace giving campaign or via United Way Donor Option.

GIFTS OF STOCK OR SECURITIES: Making a gift of appreciated stock, securities or mutual fund shares can be very advantageous from a tax point of view. Call the Development Department for information for the easiest ways to transfer stock ownership.

INSURANCE AND RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS: You may designate the ACLU or ACLU Foundation as beneficiary of your life insurance policy, IRA plan or pension.

BEQUESTS: In your will or revocable living trust, you may designate the ACLU or ACLU Foundation as beneficiary of part or all of your estate.

GIFT ANNUITIES: You may use cash or securities to make a gift to the ACLU Foundation and receive fixed annual payments (a portion of which can be tax-exempt) for life and a substantial tax deduction.

CHARITABLE TRUSTS: You can establish a charitable trust which benefits the ACLU Foundation while providing tax advantages and a variety of financial planning options for you and your family.

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SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY: If you act now and name the ACLU to receive a gift through your estate, or if you establish a life income gift such as a gift annuity or a charitable remainder trust, your legacy gift may qualify us for up to a \$10,000 cash match today from our generous challenge donor, The LuEsther T. Mertz Charitable Trust. For information about the Legacy Challenge or about other estate planning opportunities, contact our Planned Giving Officer, Susanna Chase, at (415) 621-2493 or schase@aclunc.org.

For more information on ways to support the ACLU, contact Director of Development Cheri Bryant (415) 621-2493.