



20 YEARS

**OF MOVEMENT BUILDING
AND FREEDOM FIGHTING**

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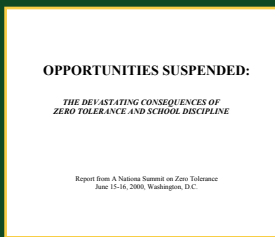
Advancement Project opened its doors for the first time in Washington, DC. Our work begins in the Mississippi Delta area with Southern Echo.



2000

JUNE

We publish our first study on the school-to-prison pipeline, “Opportunities Suspended: The Devastating Consequence of Zero Tolerance.”



We publish “Redistricting for Inclusive Democracy: A Survey of the Voting Rights Landscape and Strategies for Post -2000 Redistricting.”

We convene our first national summit on zero tolerance in schools at Harvard University with Rainbow PUSH Coalition and the Civil Rights Project.

NOVEMBER

Advancement Project begins to investigate claims of voter disenfranchisement following Bush-Gore. Our civil rights investigation into voting rights violations results in a front page New York Times article.

2001

JANUARY

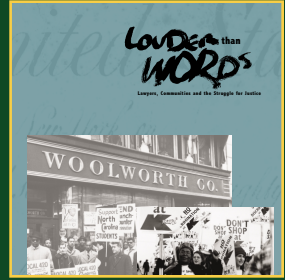
File lawsuit *NAACP v Harris* filed following the 2000 presidential election on behalf of Black voters who were not permitted to vote.

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MARCH

Rockefeller Foundation publishes a report by Advancement Project Co-Director Penda D. Hair, “Louder than Words: Lawyers, Communities, and the Struggle for Justice,” chronicling important developments in community-based racial justice lawyering.



DECEMBER

Miami-Dade Election Reform Coalition founded following Advancement Project convening of local partners focused on year-round voter protection.

2002

JANUARY

Florida officials agree to take concrete steps to improve Election Day practices in Advancement Project settlement agreements with Florida Secretary of State in *NAACP v Harris*.

Advancement Project co-sponsors “Federal Election Reform: Action and Reaction,” a forum on national election reform featuring lawmakers, scholars, election officials, and civil rights advocates.

JUNE

Advancement Project co-sponsors “Re-enfranchisement – The Conference,” a gathering focused on the restoration of voting rights for people with felony convictions.

SEPTEMBER

Advancement Project publishes “Re-enfranchisement! A Guide for Individual Restoration of Voting Rights in States that Permanently Disenfranchises Former Felons.”

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2003

Advancement Project releases “Derailed! The Schoolhouse to Jailhouse Track,” a report and website examining how zero tolerance policies push students from schools into the criminal justice system, featuring data from Baltimore, Chicago, and various Florida districts.



Advancement Project California Co-director Connie Rice selected by the Police Commission to lead a Blue Ribbon panel to investigate the Rampart Police Corruption Scandal in Los Angeles.

2004

Advancement Project files *Diaz v Hood* deeming 14,000 Florida voter applications complete despite insignificant data missing from forms. We also filed suits against Michigan Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land to stop a provisional ballot plan that would potentially disenfranchise voters.

We publish “Report to State and Local Election Officials on the Urgent Need for Instructions for Partisan Poll Watchers,” which gave recommendations for handling voters challenges on Election Day.

NOVEMBER

Advancement Project intervenes in *DNC v RNC* on behalf of an African-American Ohio voter who appeared on the Republican Party’s challenge list. Five days later, the court finds the RNC in violation of a consent decree.

Advancement Project files a lawsuit against Ohio Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell, seeking to strike down Ohio’s plans to refuse provisional ballots and require proof of identification for first-time voters to register by mail.

2005

Advancement Project testifies before the Election Assistance Commission on how to eliminate voting barriers in communities of color.

MARCH

Advancement Project, Padres y Jóvenes Unidos, Southwest Youth Collaborative, and the Children and Family Justice Center of NWU School of Law publish “Education on Lockdown: The Schoolhouse to Jailhouse Track,” documenting the nationwide trend towards using unnecessary zero tolerance policies in racially disparate ways.

APRIL

Advancement Project teams with Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition and others to successfully oppose judge’s demand that an indigenous Mexican mother take an English test or lose her child.

Work with the Alexandria United Taxicab Drivers Organization to win a struggle for fairer and more equitable rules for cab drivers in June;

We bring *David v Cobb* challenging burdensome check boxes on Florida registration forms. Make strides when a federal appeal court permits voters and voter registration groups to move forward in

We file lawsuits in New Orleans to advocate for those affected by the Hurricane Katrina natural disaster.

NOVEMBER

Advancement Project and others settle *Sylvester V Bossiere, et al.*, favorably, after challenging evictions of tenants from rental properties in Louisiana’s Orleans and Jefferson parishes without due process.

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2005

NOVEMBER

The first of six public hearings held in Florida on student discipline with the NAACP and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund following the arrest of five-year-old Ja'eisha Scott after she had a temper tantrum at a school.



File suit against Norfolk City Registrar for disenfranchising thousands of Virginia residents by refusing to process voter registration applications.

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2006

JANUARY

We win settlement in *Kirk v City of New Orleans*, requiring the city to notify residents whose homes were targeted for demolition.

FEBRUARY

Files *ACORN v Blanco*, a federal lawsuit seeking out of states satellite voting for displaced Katrina survivors.

MAY

Advancement Project and others challenge Florida law in *League of Women Voters v Browning* to end crippling fines imposed on voter registration groups.

JUNE

Advancement Project files *Anderson v Jackson* federal lawsuit seeking to return New Orleans public housing residents to their homes.

JULY

Publish "And Injustice for All: Workers' Lives in the Reconstruction of New Orleans," examining exploitation and discrimination targeted at workers of color in post-Katrina New Orleans.

2006

JULY

We receive SEIU's "Ambassadors for Justice Award" for our efforts and protecting Hurricane Katrina survivors.

Advancement Project works with Denver Public Schools in a proposal to secure a \$1 million grant to implement a progressive approach to school discipline.

AUGUST

Advancement Project files *ACORN v Cox* challenging a Georgia regulation that infringes voter registration groups' First Amendment rights.

SEPTEMBER

A federal district court blocks Georgia from enforcing burdensome regulations on third-party voter registration groups following the filing of *ACORN v Cox*.

Advancement Project board member Pam Martinez receives the Leadership for a Changing World Award from the Ford Foundation.

At the end of 2006, Advancement Project and others settle with the Maryland State Board of Elections over litigation challenging the state's no-match-no-vote requirement.

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2007

JANUARY

The release of "This is my Home," a documentary about the fight to protect public housing in New Orleans. Testifies on voting issues before Florida Senate Committee.

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2007

DECEMBER

We hold a protest in front of the Department of Housing and Urban Development opposing the demolition of New Orleans public housing.

FEBRUARY

Advancement Project Co-director Judith Browne Dianis testifies before U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the federal response to Hurricane Katrina.

Advancement Project staff testifies before Congressional subcommittee about voter registration and list maintenance
We win preliminary injunction in *NAACP Florida State Conference v Florida Secretary of State*, blocking continued use of Florida's no-match-no-vote laws.



2008

FEBRUARY

Advancement Project Co-director Judith Browne Dianis testifies before U.S. Senate Committee on voter caging.

MAY

We receive the 2008 Unity Globe Award from Rainbow PUSH Coalition for working to protect the rights of Hurricane Katrina survivors.

AUGUST

Based on input from Advancement Project and Open Society Institute-Baltimore, Baltimore City Public Schools begin approving new discipline codes based.

After five years of advocacy by Padres y Jovenes Unidos and Advancement Project, Denver Public Schools approved a new discipline code drafted by Advancement Project that focus on non-punitive discipline.

2008

SEPTEMBER

We file a successful federal lawsuit charging Michigan Secretary of State Terry Lynn Land with the legal purge practice that threatened tens of thousands of voters.

OCTOBER

We file suit against Colorado Secretary of State Mike Coffman, successfully charging he allowed illegal purge practices.

We filed suit against Virginia Governor Tim Kaine and election officials on behalf of the Virginia NAACP, charging that Virginia did not allocate polling place resources properly to ensure equal access to the ballot.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

We argue the case of *Anderson v Jackson* before the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, and our staff present before the House Committee on Homeland Security on protecting civil rights following natural disasters.

2009

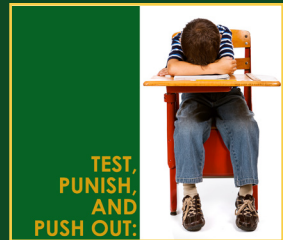
Advancement Project staff speaks at Dignity in Schools' first convening in Chicago, Illinois.

2010

Advancement Project hosts its first ActionCamp at Haley Farms, NC, to train youth of color and advocates on how to end the schoolhouse to jailhouse track.

JANUARY

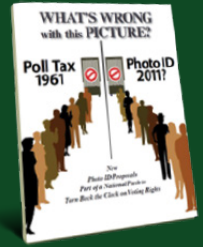
We release "Test, Punish, and Push Out: Zero Tolerance and High-stakes Testing Funnel Youth into the School-to-prison Pipeline."



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2011

Advancement Project releases the “What’s Wrong with this Picture” report, becoming the first organization to call attention to the pernicious voter ID strategies of Koch Brothers, etc.



Advancement Project and Power U Center for Social Change release “Telling it Like it is,” a comic book focusing on the school-to-prison pipeline.



2012

Applewhite v Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is filed over discriminatory voter ID laws passed in March. A preliminary injunction is issued in October in favor of Advancement Project, preventing Pennsylvania’s voter ID laws from being implemented for the November 2012 election.

MAY

Padres y Jovenes Unidos champion Smart School Discipline Bill which passes in Colorado legislature to form discipline practices throughout the state with Advancement Project guidance.

Our ActionCamp expands with Advancement Project hosting hundreds of advocates and youth leaders from Chicago, Los Angeles, North Carolina, and New York City.

Advancement Project launches a massive strategic communications program to offer message guidance and best practices for talking about, and engaging voters.

NOVEMBER

On Election Day, Advancement Project provides on the ground election monitoring support in nine states.

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DECEMBER

Advancement Project Co-director Judith Browne Dianis testifies during the first-ever hearing on the school-to-prison pipeline, headed by Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL).

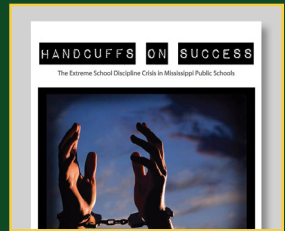
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2013

Advancement Project starts off the year conducting focus groups and polling about discipline and safety focusing on Baltimore County.

We join the Alliance for Educational Justice, Dignity in Schools Education Fund, and NAACP Legal Defense Fund to release “Police in Schools are Not the Answer to the Newtown Shooting,” focusing on the unintended consequences of implementing school-based police officers.

We release “Handcuffs on Success,” in conjunction with ACLU of Mississippi, the Mississippi State Conference of NAACP and the Mississippi Coalition for the Prevention of Schoolhouse to Jailhouse, focusing on the school-to-prison pipeline across the state of Mississippi.



FEBRUARY

Denver Public Schools and the Denver Police Department sign an intergovernmental agreement limiting the role of police in schools thanks to organizing by Padres y Jovenes Unidos and Advancement Project.

Advancement Project and our partners file *Jones v Deninger*, against the state of Wisconsin for the restrictive voter ID law.

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2013

FEBRUARY

Building on the success of previous ActionCamps, Advancement Project premiers ActionCamp 2.0 in New Orleans and Denver. We also work with partner organizations to participate in a Week of Action supporting “no peace with a piece.”

Advancement Project makes it possible to bring Desilene Victor, a 102-year-old Haitian immigrant and Miami resident to make a national appearance during President Obama's 2013 State of the Union. Victor stood in line for two days to make sure her vote was counted. President Obama referenced Victor in his speech when he focused on the right to vote.



JULY

Advancement Project hosts national convening, “We Can do Better,” to bring together key stakeholders and grassroots groups to focus on the issues of the school-to-prison pipeline and high-stakes testing.

JULY

We provide support to the Dream Defenders at #TakeoverFL, standing beside partners at the Florida State Capitol as they protest the murder of teen Trayvon Martin.

We file suit on behalf of partners, in *NC NAACP v McCrory*, against the state of North Carolina for their slate of regressive laws.

We argue the case of *LULAC v Deninger* (formerly *Jones v Deninger*) in Wisconsin Circuit Court.

2013

NOVEMBER

Along with Broward County, Florida civil rights leaders, educators, law enforcement and community members, Advancement Project helps create a collaborative agreement to keep children in the classroom and limit the role of police in schools.

Thanks to the work of grassroots groups, then Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell signs executive order granting automatic restoration of voting rights for persons with prior non-violent felony convictions. Advancement Project and partners continue campaign to ensure automatic rights restoration for all persons with prior felony convictions.

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2014

Advancement Project receives a decision and *Advancement Project v PennDOT* states that Pennsylvania license and ID data not public information. Later, the court orders a permanent injunction of Pennsylvania's onerous voter ID law in the same case.

Wisconsin's voter ID law was held unconstitutional by a federal judge after Advancement Project represents plaintiffs in the case contending the voter ID law places an outsized burden on minorities and the elderly.

Advancement Project puts in practice its movement lawyering skills providing campaign, organizing, legal, and communications support after cops kill Mike Brown in Ferguson, Missouri.

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2015

Continuing our efforts to equip student organizers with tools to become empowered, Advancement Project holds its ActionCamp in Florida in partnership with Gay Straight Alliance Network, adding an LGBTQ lens to our training framework.

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2016

Collects stories from students to show firsthand accounts of school conditions to amplify the voices of students and parents in the debate over public education reform for "I Dream a School" campaign.

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2016

With A&E, we produce “Classroom Divided” episodes to be a part of cable television network’s larger “America Divided” series. Jesse Williams investigates Florida schools with our partner, Dream Defenders.

Voting rights communications project uplifts 18-24-year-old voters of color, birthing the Organize, Protest, Vote logo. Works with national ally Race Forward and SRB Communications to hold focus groups of young voters and produce messaging points for #WeBuiltThis campaign.



Advancement Project wins suit to strike down several provisions of North Carolina’s monster voter suppression law that presented a number of barriers for people – especially communities of color – to exercise their right to vote.

Provides on the ground rapid response support in Louisiana after cops murder Alton Sterling.

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Holds emergency meeting to bring together racial justice organizations to connect and strategize around the results of the 2016 presidential election.

2017

Advancement Project successfully files litigation, *NAACP v. Missouri*, challenging implementation of the state’s photo ID law.

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Professional football player and advocate Colin Kaepernick donates \$10,000 to Advancement Project as a part of his \$1 million pledge to fund racial justice movement. It is matched by our board member, actor and activist, Jesse Williams.



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2018

Advancement Project submits a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to ICE regarding collaboration with local law enforcement in selected counties in Virginia and the creation of the Victims of Immigration Crime Engagement (VOICE) Office.

Launches Formation, a multiracial grassroots network of organizations led by impacted people. The network creates intentional space to build trust, uplift each community's unique needs, form strategies, and share lessons learned.

MARCH

In response to the Parkland, Florida, school shooting, Advancement Project and our partners participate in the March for Our Lives to lift up the voices and concerns of Black and Brown students amid calls for increasing police in response to school shootings. We release an ActionKit and launch a petition against Florida's governor who signed legislation to arm teachers and put more guns in schools.

MAY

Our board member, Jesse Williams, and our Executive Director write "Starbucks' Incident Proves 'Whites Only' Spaces Still Exist," an opinion editorial for CNN. While then-Starbucks Executive Chairman, Howard Schultz is being interviewed on CNN regarding the anti-bias training, the interviewer asked him directly about our perspective.

JUNE

In a 5-4 decision, the Supreme Court rules in *APRI v Husted* that Ohio may continue its troubling practice of purging voters due to "inactivity." Justice Sonia Sotomayor directly cites Advancement Project's amicus brief in her dissent. First, during oral arguments, Justice Sotomayor asked a line of questions that highlighted a number of past practices that might have discouraged marginalized voters from voting and referred to a few policy decisions discussed in our amicus brief. Then, in her dissent, she directly cites our amicus brief to reinforce the themes of her text with facts and figures we had included.

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2018

Files *LWV & APRI v. Ashcroft*, a federal challenge to Missouri's failures under the National Voter Registration Act to properly update voter registrations. Following a successful preliminary injunction in federal court and a significant discovery process, we are in the final stages of settlement negotiations to resolve Missouri's NVRA compliance failures and implement new policies to ensure voters' registrations are updated.

JULY

Works in Philadelphia with our grassroots partner Juntos, to successfully advocate for the city to stop sharing its local arrest database with ICE. Days later, the mayor announces on Twitter that the city of Philadelphia ends the city's contract with the Preliminary Arraignment Reporting System.

AUGUST

Supports Action St. Louis and other grassroots groups on their campaign to force prosecutor Bob McCullough out of office with the #ByeBob campaign.

ActionCamp 2018: Policing Race, sees more than 120 youth activists from over 40 organizations at a two-day long convening to dive deeper into the interconnectedness of policing, immigration enforcement and school militarization that prohibits our communities from living free and safe.



In August, we hold an event open to the public on Martha's Vineyard on the topic of rising up against racism, criminalization, and barriers to the ballot box with panelists Melissa Harris-Perry, Adrienne Shropshire and our Executive Director Judith Browne Dianis.

Following the release of movie, "The Hate U Give," Advancement Project buys out movie theatres across the country to promote the power in young people leading the movement.

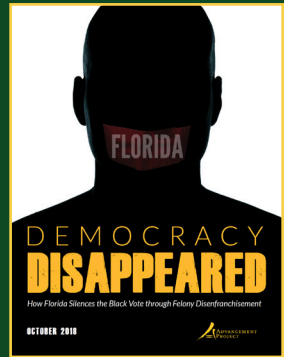
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SEPTEMBER

We officially launch a national campaign to remove police from schools with the release of our report, “We Came to Learn: A Call to Action for Police Free Schools.” The report details the harmful impact of police in schools on Black and Brown youth, including incidents of excessive use of force.

OCTOBER

In Florida, we release “Democracy Disappeared: How Florida Silences the Black Vote through Felony Disenfranchisement,” on the heels of the November 2018 election which maps the location of Returning Citizens in 10 counties and the socio-economic status of their communities demonstrating that felon disenfranchisement correlates with poverty, unemployment and low educational attainment in Black neighborhoods.



NOVEMBER

During Election Day, Advancement Project participates in Election Protection in key states and, ultimately files two cases to combat real-time voter suppression on Election night in St. Charles, Missouri and Fulton County, Georgia directing election officials not to require photo IDs at polling sites and extending hours of several polling locations, respectively.

With VOTE in Louisiana, scores an historic victory with the passage of HB 265, a rights-restoration bill that reduces the time that voting rights are suspended for as it relates to people on probation and parole for felony convictions. In addition to serving as counsel during the oral arguments in *VOTE v Louisiana*, Advancement Project develops a communications strategy that included the creation of a video of VOTE's Executive Director, Norris Henderson and national media outreach including placement in SB Nation and HuffPost.

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JANUARY

Files suit in federal court in the District of Columbia under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to ensure transparency and gather information surrounding the 2017 Visa Sanctions against Cambodia, Eritrea, Sierra Leone, and Guinea.

Re-release "Democracy Disappeared" report with an update and reboot as "Democracy Rising: The End of Florida's History of Felony Disenfranchisement and Launch of a New Age of Empowerment." The report is used as a tool to engage and register Returning Citizens following the November 2018 passage of Amendment 4 in Florida.

Immigrant rights and reproductive justice activist, Alejandra Pablos, who has been targeted by this administration due to her active dissent and protest of immigration reform is ordered in December 2018 to be deported to Mexico. We help her write and place a piece in Elle magazine in January.

MARCH

We host a convening in Florida for 40 attendees representing over 20 organizations to strategize around the newly passed Amendment 4 and how the movement can support rights restoration efforts in Florida. At the convening, we discuss the wording of the amendment, key definitions, and ways to encourage civic participation and robust voter registration efforts.

Continue our partnership with the National Education Association, the nation's largest teachers' union, and the Community Justice for Youth Institute, an internationally renowned restorative justice organization, to offer four-day trainings in circle keeping. Through that work we train teams of educators and community members in an indigenous practice that builds strong relationships in school communities to minimize harm. To date, we have trained over 500 educators and community members in 23 states.

JANUARY-JUNE

Supports the #ClosetheWorkhouse campaign in St. Louis, Missouri. The Workhouse, a remnant of Jim Crow that forced inmates into hard labor in lieu of payment of fines and bail, houses almost 1,000 people, 95% of whom are there pre-trial because they cannot afford bail. There are

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eight times more Black detainees than there are white detainees, even though only 47% of St. Louis City's population is Black. The average stay is almost 300 days. With co-counsels ArchCity Defenders, Georgetown Law, and Civil Rights Corps, we file and win a lawsuit alleging that the city and courts are running an illegal cash bail scheme that resulted in the unlawful detention of hundreds of poor people and Black people. We experience a major victory in the campaign when a federal judge issued a preliminary injunction requiring bail hearings to determine ability to pay bail to every person arrested within 48 hours of their arrest and a hearing within one week to all those who are currently being held in jail awaiting trial. Ben & Jerry's co-founder Ben Cohen offers a statement on the win and the need to Close the Workhouse during a press conference on the steps of St. Louis City Hall.

AUGUST

Recognizing the fifth year since the murder of Mike Brown, Advancement Project and Ferguson Collaborative release "The Genius of Ordinary People: How the Ferguson Collaborative Became the Voice of the Community," a report highlighting activists successfully working since 2014 to change policing practices and rise to positions of authority.

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Launches our very own Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream flavor, Justice ReMix'd. The flavor can be found in grocery stores and Ben & Jerry's scoop shops, with a portion of the proceeds supporting Advancement Project National Office.

OCTOBER

Celebrates 20th anniversary with supporters, friends and partners.



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