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EXPERIENCE

Coalition Director, Alameda Labor Council, AFL-CIO. January 2006 – March 2008

Political Organizer. January 2004-6

Managed labor collaborations and community coalitions as staff liaison for 130+ affiliated unions, representing more than 100,000 working families in Alameda County (fourteen cities including Oakland, Berkeley, Emeryville, and unincorporated areas). Activities included hundreds of actions, picket lines, and rallies, involving thousands of union members and community allies in support of contract campaigns.

POLICY/LEGISLATION CAMPAIGNS.

- Coordinated successful campaign to pass a Community Impact Report ordinance at the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, regulating developments of large retail stores in the County.
- Coordinated successful campaign to pass a Living Wage ordinance in the City of San Leandro
- Project management and coordination with Community Benefits coalition to successfully win local hire, union jobs, apprenticeship programs, and low-income affordable housing at City of Oakland's largest redevelopment project, Oak to Ninth.
- Support and coordination of Coalition for Clean, Safe Ports campaign at the Port of Oakland to raise issue of air emission reduction, local hire, small business support, and right to organize opportunities for 2,500 low wage truck drivers and community residents.
- Support and coordination of securing union jobs, affordable housing, environmental cleanup, and historic/cultural preservation at City of Oakland's 2nd largest redevelopment project, 16th and Wood Street Train Station (West Oakland).

POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS.

- Coordination, staffing, strategy development and organizing for electoral campaigns in eight elections, from volunteer recruitment for the 20th State Assembly race (South Alameda County, Alberto Torrico), to precinct targeting in the Oakland City Council special elections to the Dellums Mayoral race and field mobilization for Sandre Swanson Assembly race.
- Managed three political campaign school trainings with more than 150 diverse labor unions, community allies, and political party representatives and leaders
- Helped successfully establish, coordinate, and staff multiple electoral coalitions, including 2004 Presidential general (West Oakland Votes!), 2006 State Gubernatorial Primary & General (Oakland Mayoral/Oakland City Council), 2005 CA Special Election (Alliance for a Better California, Alameda).

Research & Organizing Consultant, 2002 – 2004

- *Center for Third World Organizing (CTWO)* – Research, development, and drafting of a national report on youth organizing in United States; assisted with grant development projects, salary scale reports, and organizer trainings;
- *Applied Research Center (ARC)* – Assistant researcher on project focusing on new grassroots, community organizing formations throughout the United States that engage in State intervention strategies & electoral politics;
- *Low Income Families' Empowerment Through Education (LIFETIME)*- guided organizing of “End Poverty, not Welfare” campaign, including development and facilitation of action trainings for welfare moms/dads regarding state budget cuts to Cal WORKS.

Executive Director- Chinese Progressive Association (SF), 2000 –2002

Led and managed 35 yr old, SF Chinatown based, 1,000+ dues paying member organization, with \$500,000 annual budget that included 5 full time staff and 10 paid interns; directed programs on housing, youth leadership, worker center, and women's leadership. Successfully established worker center for low wage, Chinese immigrant electronic assembly workers during and after 9/11, leading campaign to win over \$250,000 in back wages for 200 workers.

Project Director, Lead Organizer- Communities for a Better Environment (CBE), 1992– 2000

Staffed 30 yr old, statewide environmental justice, membership-based organizing and advocacy non-profit: developed, implemented, and monitored successful direct action SF Bay area organizing campaigns to reduce toxic pollution, provide multilingual fish health warnings and outreach. Recruited and developed leaders from more than 10,000 dues paying members, forming CBE's first environmental justice organizing project - - SAFER! -- staffing its campaigns as organizer, lead organizer, project director. Established CBE's first elected project board, resulting in grassroots, racially diverse membership representation on the statewide board of directors.

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, Oberlin College, Ohio, 1992. Cumulative GPA: 3.58

Double Major: (1) *History* (Asian/American and Third World)

(2) *Chinese Language & Literature. (Mandarin)*

Includes semesters at Yunnan University, China and Taipei Language Institute, Taiwan.

Woodrow Wilson Fellow, Public Policy Institute. University of California, Berkeley, 1991.

TRAINING PROGRAMS

- Graduate, Rockwood Leadership Program: Sonoma, CA. Spring, 2007
- Graduate, Action Research Training (ART), ARC, Oakland, CA. 1995
- Graduate, Community Partnership Program, CTWO, Oakland, CA. 1993
- Graduate, Movement Activist Apprenticeship Program (MAAP), CTWO. Intern site: PUEBLO, Oakland, CA. 1992

RESEARCH/ WRITINGS

(partial listing)

West Oakland Votes 2004 Election, with Alameda Labor Council, 2004

Movement Formations, with Applied Research Center, for Ford Foundation, 2003

Evaluation of Youth Development Strategies, with CTWO, for Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2002

PRESENTATIONS/ TRAININGS/ CONFERENCES

(partial listing)

West Region Labor Council, AFL-CIO Conference: Panel presentation, On-Line Advocacy strategies, 2006
California Labor Federation, Legislative Conference. Panel presentation, Community Impact Reports, 2005
San Francisco Labor Council, Rank-n-File Union Leadership School: Training -Coalition building strategies
Congresswoman Barbara Lee (9th District) Town hall on new national priorities. Panel present, Labor issue
2006 State Primary, Ron Dellums for Mayor. Training- GOTV coordination and precinct walk dispatch
Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance – UCLA Labor Institute: presentation to rank-n-file API union,
members on coalition building and political campaigns, 2007

VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

(partial listing)

Executive Board member, APALA, Alameda County Chapter, 2007- present

Rank-n-file member, CWA 39521/TNG, AFL-CIO, 2004- present

Core Group Affiliate representative, Youth Leadership Development Campaign,

Southwest Network for Economic and Environmental Justice, 1999

Co-chair, Board of Directors, Chinese Progressive Association, San Francisco, 1997-1999

Member, Californians for Justice, 1996- present

Member, National Organizers Alliance, 1996- 2004

Core Volunteer, Garment Workers Justice Campaign, AIWA, 1993-5

Member, Asian Pacific Environmental Network, 1993- present

Core Volunteer, Workplace Literacy Teacher, Asian Immigrant Women's Advocates, 1992-3

Member, People United for a Better Oakland, 1992-2004