

Friends.

Over the course of my ten years of service on the EBCLC board, it has been a privilege to watch the organization grow in stature and prominence to become a national example of holistic service delivery, community-centered policy advocacy, and exceptional clinical legal education. Governmental, academic and philanthropic leaders continue to look to EBCLC for expertise on policy, on innovative service delivery models, and on convening cross-sector collaborations.

EBCLC's growth and expansion is timely. The crush of injustice right now can be overwhelming, but we keep fighting. We open our doors every day to welcome clients at risk of being displaced from their homes, schools, and community. We keep fighting for access to justice, for an equitable community, for a community where everyone belongs.



The stakes are high, and our resolve is solid. 2020 will bring a new chapter of leadership to EBCLC. At the start of the year, we will welcome Zoë Polk to be the organization's fourth executive director in its 31-year history.

Since 2011, Zoë has been the Deputy Director and Lead Policy Advisor at the San Francisco Human Rights Commission, one of the most prominent municipal civil rights organizations in the United States. In that capacity, Zoë advised the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, and more than 80 City departments on how to implement a systemic pivot from race-neutral policies that have failed Black and Brown communities to strategies that prioritize racial equity.

As we welcome our new leader, our longstanding values will continue to guide everything we do. EBCLC's mission—to promote justice and build a community that is more secure, productive, healthy, and hopeful—has remained unchanged since the organization's creation in 1988, and is reaffirmed through its continuing work.

Today, this mission is more urgent than ever. The urgency also requires deep reflection on how we do our best to deliver the promise of that mission as our shared future unfolds.

Please know how grateful we are for your partnership and solidarity.

Michael Ng, Chair **EBCLC Board of Directors**



SOCIAL JUSTICE BY-THE-NUMBERS

Here's what we achieved together in 2019.

HOUSING

3,495 threats to housing security met

with robust advocacy



125 client-partners supported in forming businesses, non-profits, and movements



228 trap-doors to the prison pipeline slammed shut

HEALTH & WELFARE



438 medical challenges addressed with legal solutions



\$3,190,556 of debt discharged and returned to clients' pockets



134 principled law and social work students trained to pick up the mantle of justice



1,364 barriers to employment, civic participation, and successful reentry removed

IMMIGRATION



1,425 next steps taken towards permanent security



\$1,724 in your bank account protected from debt collectors thanks to SB-616's statewide levy reform

HOW EBCLC BUILT SECURITY FOR OUR COMMUNITY THIS YEAR

As the Bay Area struggled with an escalating housing and homelessness crisis, we answered a rallying cry from activists and advocates: Housing is a Human Right. But the human right to "housing" goes far beyond our basic need for shelter. Our blueprint to build the Beloved Community starts with our commitment to true security, equity, and belonging; through schools that allow children to feel safe and thrive, meaningful work opportunities, and relief from displacement, deportation, and debt. In partnership with our supporters and allies, we made great strides towards building this community in 2019:

- With rents rising everywhere, we ramped up our protections of people in rent-controlled housing. Parents of newborns on fixed incomes, seniors taking on custody of grandkids, domestic violence survivors, and elders with dementia all came to us facing targeted landlord harassment and discriminatory eviction this year, and we successfully defended their right to keep a home for their families.
- Hateful rhetoric and fear-mongering executive orders have deterred undocumented people from seeking the legal help they need- and most can't afford to hire attorneys to help with the complex process of filing for immigration remedies. To overcome these barriers, we're meeting families where they are — at schools, campuses, and health centers — and providing children and young adults from kindergarten to college with legal protection through DACA, asylum, U-visas, and more.
- The same incarcerated firefighters protecting California from natural disasters are almost always blocked from entering this career after their release from prison. We drafted AB-1211 to reform occupational licensing laws in our state and help formerly incarcerated people pursue familysustaining careers as firefighters or EMTs, and we're gearing up to get it over the finish line next year.





Nora Wallace, student, and Hewot Shankute, Community Economic Justice Clinic Staff Attorney and Clinical Supervisor, talk to community members at a town hall discussion. Photo credit: Brittany Hosea-Small



- After three years of tenacious advocacy in the California legislature, we passed SB-616, setting aside \$1,724 in each person's account that can't be touched by a debt collector's levy to prevent families from experiencing financial crises.
- When parents of sick kids, seniors with disabilities, and transgender people needing treatment were denied their public benefits, we stood by their side. Our successful appeals brought in thousands of dollars in back-pay and stable, ongoing income to take families from crisis to security and health.
- We know that strapping ankle monitors on kids just makes them more likely to get stuck in jail, isolates them from their school friends, and creates rifts within their families. That's why we hosted the first-ever convening on GPS monitoring of youth to discuss the real effects of this dangerous surveillance technology and strategize the next steps in abolishing it.
- As movement lawyers walking in step with our neighbors, we provided technical assistance to the community organizers leading campaigns for change. Through research, legal consultations, and base-mobilization, we built capacity for principled activists fighting on the frontlines for affordable housing, equitable schools, and restorative justice.

Thank you for all of the ways you've built a Beloved Community with us.

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Sharon Djemal, Consumer Justice Clinic Director, advises student.

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Your dedicated financial support has enabled EBCLC to continue to experience steady growth and sustain a strong stance against unprecedented political, economic, and social attacks on our communities.

Thanks to multiyear funding commitments from key institutional funders, as well as from our individual donors, we have been able to continue our defense of human dignity and a community where everyone belongs. From helping families remain housed to finding relief for undocumented community members to securing transformative policy reforms that will benefit Californians for generations to come, we remain firm in our commitment to serving our community and seeding the field of law, public policy, and advocacy with principled new leaders.

EBCLC needs to remain well-resourced to stay the course over the long haul. In the years ahead, we will look back with pride on our collective efforts, when together we threw our all into the fight to defend our values of justice, equity, diversity, and inclusivity.

You have the sincere gratitude of all of us at EBCLC for your steadfast investment in our work.

The graphs that follow reflect data from our most recent audited financial statements for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.



Left: Manny Cruz, Legal Services Receptionist, Angela Smith, Director of Operations, and Tamura Rosby, Administrative Assistant, greet Troy Bassett, Finance Manager. Right: Donzahniya Pitre, Administrative Assistant, helps clients by phone.

Photo credit: Bethanie Hines

Statement of Financial Position

| Assets | FY2019 | FY2018 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Current Assets | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$1,125,310 | \$1,102,892 |
| Cash held in trust | \$516,849 | \$379,699 |
| Investments | \$1,609,792 | \$1,551,746 |
| Grants and pledges receivable | \$953,337 | \$766,203 |
| Prepaid Expenses | \$70,878 | \$116,488 |
| Total Current Assets | \$4,276,166 | \$3,917,028 |
| Property and equipment, net | \$1,635,678 | \$1,686,902 |
| Deposits | \$29,328 | \$31,302 |
| Total Assets | \$5,941,172 | \$5,635,232 |
| Liabilities and Net Assets | | |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | \$183,923 | \$167,424 |
| Accrued vacation | \$300,110 | \$258,056 |
| Deferred revenue | \$199,232 | \$213,436 |
| Client trust accounts | \$516,849 | \$379,699 |
| Total Liabilities | \$1,200,114 | \$1,018,615 |
| Net assets | | |
| Without donor restrictions | \$3,967,635 | \$3,682,662 |
| With donor restrictions | \$773,423 | \$933,955 |
| Total Net Assets | \$4,741,058 | \$4,616,617 |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets | \$5,941,172 | \$5,635,232 |





Pedro Viramontes, Housing Clinic Staff Attorney and Clinical Supervisor, and Meghan Gordon, Housing Clinic Director, in Alameda County housing court on settlement day. Photo credit: Adriana Oyarzun Photography.

| Statement of Activities | Without Donor Restrictions | With Donor Restrictions | Total |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| Support and Revenue | | | |
| Support | | | |
| Government Awards | \$2,813,127 | | \$2,813,127 |
| Foundation and community grants | \$74,000 | \$1,793,721 | \$1,867,721 |
| Contributions | \$1,860,513 | \$447,303 | \$2,307,816 |
| Special event, net | \$212,244 | | \$212,244 |
| Total Support | \$4,959,884 | \$2,241,024 | \$7,200,908 |
| Revenue | | | |
| Affiliation Agreement | \$1,011,627 | | \$1,011,627 |
| Attorney fees and costs | \$150,191 | | \$150,191 |
| Investment activity, net | \$58,035 | | \$58,035 |
| Other | \$19,253 | | \$19,253 |
| Total Revenue | \$1,239,106 | | \$1,239,106 |
| Support provided by expiring time and purpose restrictions | \$2,401,556 | -\$2,401,556 | |
| Total Support and Revenue | \$8,600,546 | -\$160,532 | \$8,440,014 |
| Expenses | | | |
| Program | \$6,582,928 | | \$6,582,928 |
| Management and general | \$1,121,222 | | \$1,121,222 |
| Fundraising | \$611,423 | | \$611,423 |
| Total Expenses | \$8,315,573 | | \$8,315,573 |
| Change in Net Assets | \$284,973 | -\$160,532 | \$124,441 |
| Net Assets, beginning of year | \$3,682,662 | \$933,955 | \$4,616,617 |
| Net Assets, end of year | \$3,967,635 | \$773,423 | \$4,741,058 |

