



APEN

ASIAN PACIFIC
ENVIRONMENTAL
NETWORK

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



Credit: Brooke Anderson

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-DIRECTORS

In 2022, our communities came together and demanded justice. With your help, we won real changes for neighborhoods like ours throughout California and the world.

In Oakland and Richmond, we turned out for ballot measures that will support small businesses, invest in community resilience, and keep people in their homes. Across the state, thousands of people rallied in Sacramento and Richmond, emailed state regulators and called the Governor, winning a climate blueprint for California that will **stop the expansion of dirty gas power plants**, create targets for **more mass transit for all**, and plan for a **coordinated phaseout of oil extraction and refining in California**.

Frontline communities across California will benefit from **billions of dollars** in new state and federal budget investments to create resilience hubs and healthy and resilient homes – including a \$2 million federal investment in Lincoln Recreation Center, right here in Oakland Chinatown.

How did we do it? **Deep, grassroots organizing and leadership development** in California's working-class Asian immigrant and refugee neighborhoods – made possible by donors and supporters like you. We held our **first ever** APEN Academy 301 in Oakland this year – the third step of our organizing and political education academy that trains members to organize their communities for change. At the same time, we are expanding to a new base in Los Angeles and growing our power with young people and working-age adults in Richmond.

This year, APEN underwent some big internal changes, including transitioning to a Co-Director model, adopting a new staff structure, and announcing our launch in Los Angeles – all while running big, ambitious external campaigns. In 2023, we will be turning our focus toward refining our new structures and developing the organizing infrastructure we need to win big in 2024.

We know you'll be with us every step of the way. Thank you so much for your support.

Christine and Vivian

MOVEMENT VICTORIES



- \$2 million in funding for Lincoln Recreation Center in Chinatown and \$170 million in additional funding for resilience hubs where our communities can access resources before, during and after disaster strikes
- Stopped the expansion of dirty gas plants, instead investing in offshore wind
- Won ballot measures in Oakland and Richmond to keep renters in their homes, protect small businesses and create fairer elections
- Won a multi-agency commitment toward a phaseout of oil extraction and refining



OUR VOICES



"I started going to Asian Pacific Environmental Network meetings with my mom. My mom always says that she escaped war to find a better life, but the pollution here brings its own challenges. It has meant a lot to me to be a part of the network. We've

been able to share our experiences with other [frontline] communities."

—Brandy Khansouvang



Credit: Richmond LAND

BY THE NUMBERS

Credit: Joyce Xi, Survival Media



10,000

10,000 letters sent to California's top air regulators demanding a future beyond oil



750

750 people mobilized to marches and rallies in Richmond, Sacramento, and virtually

Credit: Joyce Xi, Survival Media



15

2 APEN Academies training 15 community leaders



1,200

Talked to 1,200 voters in the Los Angeles area about the issues that matter most to them

OUR VOICES



“It was in Southern California where I learned to organize, as a youth organizer in Long Beach ... and it is to Southern California that I am now returning, to raise my daughter, plant my roots and to lead APEN on this next step of our journey.”

—Seng So,
LA Lead Organizer



IN THE NEWS

“No time for inaction’: how a California refinery disaster created a generation of activists” — The Guardian

The fire in 2012 was one of those “enough is enough” moments. Several environmental justice organizations got together and formed a coalition. We’ve created a mutual aid network; we’ve developed a cooperatively owned business incubator; there are cooperatively owned structures for housing so people can afford to stay here. —Katherine Ramos, Richmond Our Power Coalition

“Oakland’s Chinatown is worried about climate change. Big plans are afoot to adapt” — SF Chronicle

The idea, said Shina Robinson — policy coordinator at Asian Pacific Environmental Network in Chinatown, one of the organizations planning the new hub — is “investing in community centers that are trusted, so people don’t have to leave the place where they know they feel safe.”

“Commentary: California isn’t the solar leader it should be — especially in frontline communities” — Energy News Network

California can’t win the fight against climate change by keeping over half the state on the sidelines with policies that make being wealthy and white a requirement for clean energy access.

“Facing criticism, state amps up its climate change blueprint” — CalMatters

Responding to concerns of Gov. Gavin Newsom and environmentalists, the California Air Resources Board has bolstered its climate roadmap with several new strategies, including offshore wind development, climate-friendly housing construction, cleaner aviation fuels and reducing miles traveled.

THANK YOU

Thousands of people supported our work by donating, volunteering or taking action this year – more than we can name here. Below are some of our generous funders and financial supporters.

Major Funders

11th Hour Project
AAPI Civic Engagement Fund
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Millikan Fund at the East Bay
Community Foundation
Unitarian Universalist Veatch
Program at Shelter Rock
WE LEAD at Tides Foundation
Women's Foundation California

2021 AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

ASSETS	2021	2020
Cash and cash equivalents	5,672,233	3,318,276
Accounts receivable	100,323	193,182
Contributions receivable	6,740,505	1,654,069
Prepaid expenses and deposits	103,638	114,547
Property and equipment, net	16,399	20,360
Total Assets	12,633,098	5,300,434

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES	2021	2020
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	379,707	87,229
Accrued vacation	112,784	116,909
Deferred lease obligation	30,003	20,095
Total Liabilities	522,494	224,233

NET ASSETS	2021	2020
Without donor restrictions	3,375,001	2,221,095
With donor restrictions	8,735,603	2,855,106
Total Net Assets	12,110,604	5,076,201
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	12,633,098	5,300,434

In 2021, APEN received significant pass-through funding to be regranted to other organizations, including funds from the Bezos Earth Fund and funds to be regranted to our fiscally sponsored organization AYPAL, the California Green New Deal Coalition, and others.

Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended December 31, 2021 (With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2020)

SUPPORT AND REVENUE		
SUPPORT	2021	2020
Foundation and corporate grants	5,750,681	4,553,594
Individual contributions	5,182,381	110,566
Government	88,155	84,189
In kind support - goods	4,720	-
Total Support	11,025,937	4,748,349
REVENUE	2021	2020
Consulting and contract revenue	414,802	275,028
Interest and dividends	3,108	4,974
Other	679	9,516
Total Revenue	418,589	289,518
Paycheck Protection Program	-	447,301
Support provided by expiring time and purpose restrictions	-	-
Total Support and Revenue	11,444,526	5,485,168
EXPENSES	2021	2020
Program	3,533,157	3,085,960
Management and general	391,301	364,487
Fundraising	485,665	446,685
Total Expenses	4,410,123	3,897,132
Change in Net Assets	7,034,403	1,588,036
Net Assets, beginning of year	5,076,201	3,488,165
Net Assets, end of year	12,110,604	5,076,201

GIVE

Our grassroots organizing in California's working-class Asian immigrant and refugee communities is only possible because of donors like you. Give now to support our work in 2023 at **apen.us/donate**.





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