OPEN DOOR LEGAL ANNUAL REPORT 2020
To all those who support Open Door Legal:

I am a lifelong resident of Bayview/Hunters Point and have watched my community suffer for decades, although uniquely so in the past year. I have also been a client of Open Door Legal. My landlord subjected me to illegal rent raises two years in a row, to the point where I would have been forced to pay $1,000 more per month. As someone who has experienced lifelong trauma, and as a single parent at risk of losing housing for my children and me, I felt as though I had no choice but to comply. I went to the Housing Authority to get help but the stigma around Section 8 renters meant that I was treated like nothing and harassed. I didn't know how to navigate the legal system on my own.

I found Open Door Legal after the second illegal rent increase. They worked with me to get my rent lowered and to receive a settlement from the landlord. I have drawn strength and hope this year from watching this organization come together to rise up, fight racist oppression and injustice, and hold corrupt systems accountable. They are there to fight, and to advocate for us.

Because of my history of community organizing, I was also invited to serve on ODL’s board of directors. To me, this is an honor—I am a warrior, and it is a privilege to join ODL and to help those who don’t have the strength to keep fighting.

For those who are passionate about investing in communities of color, universal access to legal aid is critical and life-changing. There is so much work to be done but I believe wholly in our mission and have found hope in our community. Where justice flourishes, so can hope.

Thank you for helping hope to thrive.

Ieeshea Romero
Community Organizer
Open Door Legal Board Member
2020 client outcomes

- $2.7 million dollars won for our clients
- 93% of clients are people of color
- 169 people protected from homelessness
- 20% increase in caseload during the pandemic
- 79% of cases made an extreme impact on our clients' lives
- $5.0 million dollars worth of assets secured
When the novel coronavirus started to sweep the country, we knew that our clients—93% of whom are people of color—would likely need access to legal services more than ever. These are folks who are already impacted by institutionalized racism and structural inequalities, and now have disproportionately suffered and died as a result of Covid-19.

Monica, her children, and her husband had been living with extended family members in a small Ingleside apartment, and she was terrified when she found an eviction notice on the door one day. After being turned away from several other organizations, she found Open Door Legal. Our team worked with Monica to fight for time and money to make leaving and finding a better place possible. They moved in the spring. In June, both Monica and her husband became sick with Covid-19. Because they were in this new home, they were able to take turns isolating from their children, including their daughter, who has a chronic illness. “I can’t even imagine where I would be without Open Door Legal,” Monica said. “For 2021, I hope that my family, and other families in need across the city can finally have the stability they deserve.” We are so grateful for your support for families like Monica and thousands of others like her.
Financial snapshot

Statement of Activities in Fiscal Year 2020*

**REVENUE**

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Friends,

From all of us at Open Door Legal, we want to extend our deepest gratitude for your continued support of our mission to pioneer universal access to legal aid. 2020 was a year of great adversity, uncertainty, and loss, but we never gave up hope. We drew strength from the incredible grit, passion, and determination shown by our community of clients, staff, volunteers, and supporters. Thanks to you, this year we opened our 3,000th case. In total, in 2020 we helped over 800 people access justice and economic security in the midst of a global pandemic. We could not have accomplished all of this without you and are deeply, deeply appreciative of your support. Together, we will keep fighting until the law belongs to all of us.

Gratefully,

Adrian Tirtanadi and
Virginia Taylor
Open Door Legal Co-Founders
Here's to a 2021 full of hope