

2020 EBASE IMPACTS

YOUR support moved essential service workers, Black folks, immigrants, and low-income people of color forward during this challenging year. Though 2020 has been filled with crises, it also brought together people in massive numbers to drive progressive change in the East Bay and beyond. Thank you for being a part of our movement for dignity and justice.



Protecting Essential Service Workers

As COVID-19 turned our lives upside down, our community finally recognized how essential service workers are to our health and survival. This includes front line delivery people, grocery clerks, restaurant and hospitality workers, ride-share drivers, janitors, warehouse workers, and security officers. These workers—who are predominantly people of color— fought for dignity at work while risking their health and their families’ health to do their jobs. Together, we won emergency paid sick leave for all Oakland workers. We also won a policy so hospitality workers have a right to return to their jobs when it’s safe.



Defending Housing as a Human Right

For too many of our neighbors, safe, affordable housing is not guaranteed, leaving them vulnerable to COVID. In Contra Costa County, the pandemic spurred a campaign led by EBASE’s Raise the Roof Coalition that resulted in eviction moratoriums in six cities as well as the County. At the same time, there is the potential for mass evictions for Concord renters who are facing unfair (but legal) rent increases. In response, EBASE launched a Tenant Organizing Pilot to build the leadership of tenant leaders and boost County-wide advocacy for tenant services and protections.



Uniting All Faiths for Black Lives

Faith leaders, connected through Faith Alliance for a Moral Economy (FAME), came together to urge leaders to defund the police & invest in community, as well as defend democracy & count every vote. In the wake of the uprisings to defend Black lives, FAME organized 200 faith leaders to stand with Black leaders in defiance of an unjust curfew imposed by Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf. After the election, faith leaders held reflection space and training at a Bay Rising Count Every Vote event. There, community members put forth a vision to not only defend our democracy, but make it thrive for all.

EBASE, our partners, and supporters like you committed like never before to justice, liberation, and love.

2020 has been the most challenging year of our lives. Through crisis after crisis, we have risen to every challenge. We've fought hard because everything that we care about has been on the line: our families, our community, our vision for equity and justice, and our lives. We are thankful that you have come together to win key protections for workers and tenants, while standing up for Black lives and fighting against xenophobia. Love has driven people in massive numbers to engage, organize, and take action like never before. Our work is paying off. Our movement for equity and justice has been a driver of progressive change in the Bay Area, California, and this country.



Photos by Brooke Anderson

EBASE and our coalition partners in the streets, coming together and taking action like never before. Front page photos: essential worker caravan for emergency paid sick leave; Concord tenants at Clayton Crossing; and FAME interfaith contingent at the sit-in to resist Mayor Schaff's curfew. Back page top row: Dr. Steven Pitts at the essential worker caravan for emergency paid sick leave; Concord tenants at Clayton Crossing "halloween house of horrors" action. Middle row: essential worker car caravan; sit-in to resist Mayor Schaff's curfew; and another essential worker. Bottom row: sit-in to resist Mayor Schaff's curfew; EBASE Board Co-Chair, Rev. Sandhya Jha at the Count Every Vote interfaith tent; and May Day Concord housing action.

