

Peninsula Interfaith Action

Issues and Accomplishments 1997-2007

In Order by YEAR

City/Region	Year	Issue	Accomplishment
Peninsula	2007	Youth Needs	Began training youth to organize for change in their communities.
Mountain View	2007	Teen Center	First public forum sponsored by youth in PIA. Over 250 Mountain View residents united to seek new teen center for city.
Pacifica	2007	Affordable Housing	Organized residents to increase affordable housing. City of Pacifica passed ordinance requiring 15% of new housing to be available at below market rates. Also convinced City of Pacifica to join the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust of San Mateo County.
Daly City	2007	Affordable Housing	Organized residents to increase affordable housing. City of Daly City passed ordinance requiring a percentage of new housing to be available at below market rates.
City of San Mateo	2007	Affordable Housing	Held 200 person action to seek increased number of units of affordable housing in the City of San Mateo. Influenced the creation of hundreds of units at the former Bay Meadows site.
San Mateo County	2007	Immigration	Gained commitment from county sheriff to remain independent of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) by gathering 200 people to meet with the county sheriff and the mayor of Redwood City about unfair practices of ICE.
Mountain View	2007	Immigration	Held public meeting attended by 600 people in response to arrest of youth minister because of his legal status.
Peninsula	2007	Immigration	Collaborated with six organizations in the PICO National Network and with a Spanish language media corporation to sponsor a project to help qualified immigrants throughout the Bay Area become active United States citizens.
Peninsula	2007	Immigration	Organized public response against raids by Immigration and Customs Enforcement and began seeking fair and humane immigration policies
Peninsula	2007	Multiculturalism	Multiculturalism improved within PIA through intensive training of PIA staff and our most active volunteer leaders. All Board meetings are now held bilingually in English and Spanish. Interpretation and translation guidelines were created and passed by PIA Board of Directors
United States	2007	Health Care Access for Children	Through PICO National Network, influenced Congress to pass an expanded reauthorization of the State Children's Health Insurance Program legislation
State of California	2007	Health Care Access for Children	Collaborated with local children's health initiatives to press state legislators to protect children's programs from budget cuts.
Santa Clara County	2007	Health Care Access for All	Held public meeting with over 500 people, in collaboration with sister our organization in San Jose, to gain commitments from Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors to expand health care services.
San Mateo County	2007	Health Care Access for All	Brought together 600 residents of Santa Clara and San Mateo counties in Redwood City to seek support from supervisors from both counties to improve access to health care for all residents of

			both counties.
San Mateo County	2007	Health Care Access for All	Worked with county healthcare system to raise the income level for people to qualify to participate in County healthcare.
San Mateo County	2007	Health Care Access for All	Led county to disband overly stringent WELL program and replace it with more efficient Access and Care for Everyone (ACE) program to serve more people.
Santa Clara County	2007	Health Care Access for All	Launched a county-wide Health Care Solutions Task Force.
East Palo Alto	2006	Youth Violence Prevention	Passed local tax measure to raise \$1.5 million for youth violence prevention in East Palo Alto
Daly City	2006	Affordable Housing	Held a 220-person action that gained vice mayor's support for developing an inclusionary zoning ordinance.
East Palo Alto	2006	Youth Violence	Turned out 500 residents to support placement of parcel tax on November ballot, with 50% of projected \$1.4 million allocated for programs that prevent youth violence.
Palo Alto and Mountain View	2006	Healthcare	Held 200 person forum for Russian émigrés resulting in improved medical interpretation services at three local medical centers.
San Mateo County	2006	Healthcare	As a result of PIA forum with 500 people, influenced County Board of Supervisors to establish and provide funding for a "Blue-Ribbon Committee" to develop system of healthcare coverage for 87,000 uninsured adults within one year.
Northern Santa Clara County	2006	Affordable Housing	Opportunity Center of the Midpeninsula opened with 89 units of low cost family housing and full range of services for people at risk, including on-site mental health services.
Statewide	2006	Healthcare	Held extensive voter education campaigns in PIA congregations to build support for Prop. 86 (Tobacco Tax/Children's Health Initiative). Registered voters and telephoned 4000 registered voters. Substantially raised level of awareness in public of need for healthcare solutions.
Statewide	2006	Healthcare	Collected signatures of 12,000 registered voters to help qualify the Tobacco Tax/Children's Health Initiative (Proposition 86) for the November.
East Palo Alto	2005	Economic Development: Grocery Store	Sponsored several community forums and prayer vigil in East Palo Alto which gained commitment from City Council to seek out a full service grocery store in prime location.
Foster City	2005	Affordable Housing	Held 100 person candidates' forum leading Foster City to set aside 30% of two housing projects for Below-Market Rate rents and to join the Housing Trust of San Mateo County.
Mountain View	2005	Youth Violence	Hosted a series of well-attended public forums to raise community awareness about causes of gang and youth violence.
Mountain View	2005	Education	Empowered Spanish-speaking immigrant parents to successfully speak out against closure of neighborhood Castro Elementary School.
Nationwide	2005	Affordable Housing and Healthcare	Sent delegation to Washington, DC to co-sponsor PICO National Network platform on national housing and healthcare policies to help local communities.
Pacifica	2005	Transportation	Worked through TRUST, a PIA youth organizing group, to raise awareness of the public transportation needs of youth.
Pacifica	2005	Economic Development	Helped establish economic development committee to improve West Sharp Park business district.

San Mateo County	2005	Affordable Housing	Helped influence five additional cities to join the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART) bringing total members to 16 out of the 19 cities in Santa Clara County.
Mountain View	2004	Employment	Formed organizing committee at Day Worker Center to create economic opportunities for underemployed and unemployed immigrants.
San Mateo County	2004	Healthcare	Organized action and coalition to pressure State of California to secure \$4 million for healthcare in county, preventing closure of the Health Plan of San Mateo, a public healthcare plan which serves more than 50,000 low-income people.
Statewide	2004	Healthcare	Part of successful statewide effort to get State of California to initiate legislation that will insure all children in the state.
Daly City	2003	Public Safety	Increased public safety by getting a curb painted near a dangerous exit, implementing “traffic calming” to slow traffic down on busy residential streets, and installing stop signs and painting loading/unloading zones near a day care center.
East Palo Alto	2003	Affordable Housing and Public Safety	Pushed to make housing issues of overcrowding and secondary dwelling units a top priority for City Council. Gained media support and turned attention to code enforcement for converted garages.
East Palo Alto	2003	Full Service Grocery Store	Advanced supermarket issue on City Council agenda. Selected supermarket developer and chose development site.
Mountain View	2003	Education	100 Castro Elementary School parents attended a Mountain View-Whisman School Board meeting to express dissatisfaction with the academic level of their children. This led to significant changes in the way English is taught at the school.
Pacifica	2003	Youth Organizing	Rallied city support and raised funds to hire a youth organizer to teach organizing and leadership skills to youth.
Palo Alto	2003	Affordable Housing	Held action attended by 200 people to win the creation of an Affordable Housing Task Force sponsored by the city. The Task Force will come to the city with recommendations on how to increase affordable housing.
Palo Alto	2003	Homeless Services	Secured \$2 million from Santa Clara County for the Opportunity Center which serves homeless people.
Sunnyvale	2003	Affordable Housing	Led City Council to increased Below-Market Rate housing from 10% to 12.5%. Secured affordable housing development to serve 18 additional individuals.
Sunnyvale	2003	Health Care--Dental	Gained commitment from county supervisor to install full-service dental clinic at the new Fair Oaks County Clinic. Working on expanding the services, staff and space for the planned dental clinic. Established relationship with county supervisors, community health agencies, and the Health Trust.
East Palo Alto	2002	Affordable Housing	Turned out 200 people to gain agreement from City Council to insure construction of 39 low-income units at Nugent Square, increase the Below-Market Rate ordinance to require 20% of units to be affordable, and allocate \$1 million of new Hotel Tax revenues to affordable housing.

East Palo Alto	2002	Full Service Grocery Store	Gained agreement from city council to initiate a planning process for a full service grocery store.
Palo Alto	2002	Renter Protection	Held a 400-person action which led to the City Council passing an ordinance making mediation mandatory between landlords and tenants when rent increases occur.
San Mateo	2002	Affordable Housing	Turned out 200 for a community action which resulted in the city proposing to raise their Below Market Rate standard to 15% and to conduct a nexus study towards adopting a jobs/housing impact fee.
San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties	2002 - 2004	Public Service Recognition	Organized annual Community Heroes' Luncheon to recognize both local and regional heroes. Raised \$70,000 in 2004 with 375 in attendance. Helped develop and enhance relationships between the public-, private- and faith-sectors.
San Mateo County and Santa Clara Counties	2002	Affordable Housing	Turned out 1,600 people for an action at Fox Theater in Redwood City. Won \$3 million from San Mateo County to start an affordable housing trust fund (now known as the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust). Won \$18 million commitment to affordable housing in Santa Clara County.
State Wide (PICO California Project)	2002	Health, Education and Housing	Very active with the statewide California Project that won several victories including: after-school academic enrichment funding, teacher home visit funding, expansion of Healthy Families, increased clinic funding, and creation of Proposition 46 as a \$2.1 billion Affordable Housing Bond which passed on California's November 2002 ballot.
Sunnyvale, Mountain View and Palo Alto	2002	Health Care--Dental	Organized 400-person action in support of oral health for low income working families. Expanded existing county mobile dental clinic services to double the number served.
Mountain View	2001	Affordable Housing	Won adoption of a jobs/housing linkage fee of \$6 to \$12 per sq. foot. This "impact fee" may generate up to \$1 million annually.
Palo Alto	2001	Affordable Housing	Held a 300-person candidates' action which led to adopting very strong provisions: a 15% to 20% Below-Market Rate and a \$15 per sq. foot jobs/housing impact fee.
East Palo Alto	2000	Affordable Housing	Saved the Runnymede Garden Apartments, a 78-unit HUD seniors' project, from being converted to market rate units.
East Palo Alto	2000	Affordable Housing	Reduced huge planned rent increases by 50% for 88 units, housing 300 people, in the O'Keefe Street apartments allowing low-income renters to retain their housing.
Mountain View	2000	Education	Won approval for Charter High School to benefit at-risk and minority youth.
Palo Alto	2000	Education	Established a Homework Center at Jordan Middle School in Palo Alto, which serves East Palo Alto youth.
Palo Alto	2000	Affordable Housing	PIA leaders played a critical and central role in gaining a commitment from the City of Palo Alto to build affordable homes on Ramona Street. The resulting 53 units of housing opened to low-income families in March 2005.
Palo Alto	2000	Homeless Services	Central to the purchase of a \$1.2 million parcel of land for the construction of a multi-service day facility and transition housing complex with 95 units. Now a \$21 million project called the Opportunity Center.

San Mateo	2000	Affordable Housing	Influenced the San Mateo City Council to approve a city redevelopment subsidy of \$3.2 million for 44 units of affordable housing called Willow Glen.
San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties	2000	Affordable Housing	Rallied over 1,000 people at forum gaining commitments from San Mateo and Santa Clara County Supervisors to PIA's Affordable Housing Platform. Platform established regional standards for local revenue sources and city land-use policies.
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East Palo Alto	1999	Education	Secured commitments from the school district to launch an after school enrichment program at Edison McNair Charter Elementary school and brought law enforcement agencies in to run gang prevention programs there.
Mountain View	1999	Education	PIA-organized parents won a parenting program oriented to immigrant, Latino, and other minority families.
San Mateo	1999	Homeless Services	Organized opposition to the anti-shelter ordinance which led to the founding of the Interfaith Hospitality Network.
San Mateo	1998	Education	Opened Homework Central homework center serving three public elementary schools, about 60 students per year
East Palo Alto	1998	Public Safety	Ensured drug house closure and enforcement.
Mountain View	1998	Affordable Housing	Obtained passage of Below-Market Rate Housing Ordinance.
Palo Alto	1998	Homeless Services	Held 250-person action that led to creation of on-going citizen's committee (Community Working Group) to establish a permanent multi-service day center for homeless people.
San Mateo	1998	Education	Founded three homework centers in San Mateo. Still operating in PIA member congregation's facilities.
East Palo Alto	1997	Public Safety	Won safety and policing covenants with Police and Sheriff's Departments.
Palo Alto	1997	Education	Established Ripples tutoring project at Fairmeadow Elementary School in south Palo Alto.
Redwood City	1997	Student Transportation	Caused San Mateo County public transportation agency to cut proposed Youth Fare increase by 50%.
Palo Alto	1996	Education	First PIA action. 200 people attended to win enhanced community service learning programs in high schools.