

## BIO OF EQUITY IS JUSTICE COALITION

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Advancement Project is honoring the Equity Is Justice Coalition, with the Champion for Equity Award in recognition of their dedication to igniting social transformation through groundbreaking LAUSD policy wins.

The Coalition was composed of Community Coalition, Inner City Struggle, United Teachers of Los Angeles, and countless other allies who partnered with Advancement Project to win \$837 million of Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) funds for L.A. Unified School District's highest need students and schools in June 2014.

LCFF provides additional resources specifically for foster youth, English learners, and low-income students. LCFF allows school districts to allocate the funds within state identified priorities. This was the first opportunity in a long time to increase funding to the highest-need schools.

We are proud to partner with such impactful community-based organizations and labor to secure critical funding for students who need it the most. Each member of the Coalition brought something special to the table, whether it was educated and mobilized parents and student leaders, influence with board members and other decision-makers, or cutting-edge data and research. As a team, we accomplished much more than we ever could have as separate organizations.

Accepting the Champion for Equity Award are:

- Maria Brenes, Executive Director, Inner City Struggle
- Alex Caputo-Pearl, President, United Teachers of Los Angeles
- Alberto Retana, Executive Vice President, Community Coalition