

BETTY HUNG

Community Empowerment & Organizing Project

1997 Global Fellow

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Through community education, legal representation, policy advocacy, and partnerships with other community organizations, the Employment Law Unit seeks to affirm the rights of workers, and achieve dignity and respect for them in the workplace. The Unit operates several community-based walk-in clinics that assist workers with wage and hour claims, unemployment benefits appeals, and a variety of other employment-related issues.

PERSONAL BIO

A longtime social justice advocate with a focus on law and organizing, Betty Hung has worked on campaigns and initiatives in workers' rights, racial justice, immigrant rights, education equity, and gender justice. She has played an integral role in campaigns that have achieved victories, including: winning \$22 million in additional annual income for Los Angeles taxi workers; enacting landmark state legislation allocating \$240 million to increase diversity, equity, and inclusion in the K-to-University of California graduation pipeline; establishing protections for undocumented immigrant students in K-12 schools throughout California; defeating proposed legislation that would have required the equivalent of English-only business signs in a predominantly immigrant municipality; and passing state legislation to address racial profiling by law enforcement. Betty served on the legal team that litigated the El Monte Thai and Latino garment worker case and the legal team supporting the leadership of Dream Team LA in the successful campaign to win Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). Betty is the staff director at the UCLA Labor Center and serves on the boards of Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE), CLEAN Car Wash Worker Center, Economic Roundtable, LA Black Worker Center, and National Lawyers Guild-LA. Betty is a 1997 Echoing Green Fellow.

Organization/Fellow Location

Los Angeles, United States

Impact Location

North America

United States

Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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