L.A. RISING: The 1992 Civil Unrest, the Arc of Social Justice Organizing, and the Lessons for Today’s Movement Building identifies ten lessons for movement building based on our interpretation of a twenty-year arc of social justice organizing in Los Angeles. Those conclusions were drawn from a sample of organizations and a subset of their work. We ask for your patience with our partial coverage – our sins of omission are not sins of commission – in both the report and the chart inside, which presents a matrix of key themes, organizations, and events. Time, space, and resources simply did not allow for full coverage of all the great work that has taken place in Los Angeles.

We ask for your assistance in filling the gaps by emailing information on your favorite “movement moment” to pere@dornsife.usc.edu. A better world is possible – and, with your help, so is a better chart.
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- Regional alliances: LA Metropolitan Alliance (1997), MiWON (1999)
- SEIU Local 434B organizes 74,000 homecare workers in LA County (1999)
- Labor leadership: M. Contreras elected secretary-treasurer of County Fed (1996)
- Statewide leadership: A. Villaraigosa elected Speaker of the CA Assembly (1998); J. Goldberg & G. Romero elected to CA State Assembly (2000)
- Ford Foundation launches its Community Organizing Initiative; L.A. chosen as one of 5 regions (2000-2007)

### Stepping Up: Movements and Power (2001-2005)

- New organizations: Garment Worker Center (2001); UCLA Downtown Labor Center opens (2002); ONE-LA (IAF affiliate) (2004); Organizations establish 501(c)(4)s: SCOPE (2002); CHIRLA (2004)
- Statewide alliances: California Alliance (now CA Calls, 2003), California Environmental Justice Alliance (2003), Mobilize the Immigrant Vote (2004), CLUE CA (2005)
- Citywide leadership: M. Janis appointed to CRA/LA Board of Commissioners (2002); A. Villaraigosa & M. Ludlow elected to City Council (2003); A. Villaraigosa elected as mayor (2005)
- Social Justice Infrastructure group forms with philanthropy members from across the nation to strategize how to support organizing (2001)
- L.A. draws support from major national foundations: Ford, Rockefeller, Public Welfare, Four Freedoms Fund, Marguerite Casey

### Securing Success: Impact and Scale (2006-2012)

- New organizations: ACCE (2010); Black Worker Center (2010)
- Regional alliances: GREEN LA (2005); LA Apollo Alliance (2006); Coalition for Clean and Safe Ports (2006)
- National alliances: Partnership for Working Families (2007); Right to the City alliance (2007); Transit Riders for Public Transportation (2009); Food Chain Workers Alliance (2009)
- Labor leadership: M.E. Durazo elected secretary-treasurer of the County Fed (2006)
- Local leadership: M. Ridley-Thomas elected to Board of Supervisors (2008); V. Narro appointed to CRA/LA Board of Commissioners (2011)
- State leadership: K. Bass becomes CA Assembly Speaker (2009)
- Large national foundations support organizing: Robert Wood Johnson, Kellogg, Atlantic Philanthropies
- Security guards (through the SEIU) win the right to organize and strengthen Black-Latino alliances (2006)
- Housing LA coalition wins a moratorium on condo conversions (2006)
- 500,000 march for Immigrant Rights (2006)
- CLEAN Carwash campaign’s first unionized carwash, supported by United Steelworkers & CLUE (2011)
- Truck drivers vote for union representation, first in 30 years at L.A. ports, supported by the Coalition for Clean & Safe Ports (2012)

### Classes
- SCAQMD for the disproportionate impact of pollution (2007)
- CBE files Title VI complaint against SCAQMD for the disproportionate pollution impacts of a car scrapping program near the Ports (1996)
- BRU wins Title VI Consent Decree, forcing MTA to prioritize bus service (1996-2006)
- Los Angeles Living Wage Ordinance passes led by LAANE (1997)
- Prop 21 helps kickstart a movement of youth supported by InnerCity Struggle and others (1999)
- LAANE negotiates first CBA at the Hollywood and Highland development (1998)
- The Progressive L.A. Network (PLAN) develops policy agenda (2001)
- “Staples Center CBA” for the LA Sports and Entertainment District, co-led by SAJE and LAANE (2001)
- CHIRLA, KRC, and others win in-state tuition for undocumented students (2001)
- Housing LA wins nation’s largest Housing Trust Fund (2002)

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