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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Much has been written about the seemingly endless woes and challenges of 2020. Yet, there were also wins in 2020: Thousands exercised their First Amendment rights to show support for Black lives, our legislature passed bills protecting immigrant victims of crime and requiring data collection on racial disparities in the criminal legal system, we implemented a novel and massive election protection program, and our clients settled a lawsuit that promises to reform terrifying practices that trample the Fourth Amendment’s protections against unlawful search and seizure.

When COVID-19 upended normal routines, the ACLU of Utah disbanded our office and transitioned to working from home. We stay connected to each other and to Utahns contacting us for help using Zoom, Slack, Teams, and an array of virtual meeting spaces. We made other changes, too. We welcomed new staff members

that we have yet to sit with around a conference table. Our Community Block Party transformed into a virtual

celebration spotlighting musicians and poets alongside champions of civil rights. Via video technology we broadcast “Know Your Rights” and “Ask Me Anything” presentations to thousands of Utahns statewide. And through it all our phenomenal staff has managed growing workloads and unprecedented responsibilities at home. As this daunting year concludes, there is one certainty—the ACLU of Utah will remain steadfast in protecting and realizing your rights, regardless of the occupant of the White House or the statehouse.

Brittney Nystrom, Executive Director



The staff, consultants, and interns of the ACLU of Utah assembled for an online meeting on November 16, 2020.

ON THE COVER Original artwork “The Bears Ears Monarchs” by Utah-based artist Gilmore Scott. Using a palette of colors that are strong, bold and simple, Gil’s images and subjects are interpretations of how he views his Diné (Navajo) heritage. To learn more, visit his website at www.gscott-tru-arts.com

THE ACLU OF UTAH

The ACLU of Utah, chartered in 1958, operates through public education, legal advocacy, litigation, and lobbying at both the state and local levels to ensure the constitutional rights and freedoms of everyone living in or visiting Utah. Our Mission is to defend and promote the fundamental principles and values embodied in the Bill of Rights and the U.S. Constitution, including the freedom of speech and religion, and the right to privacy, equality, and due process for all Utahns.

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2020 BY THE NUMBERS

226
MEDIA
HITS
+ 5 op-eds

155 bills tracked and reviewed

30 bills testified on or amended

+3
NEW STAFF
MEMBERS

=

17
TOTAL
STAFF



11,656
FOLLOWERS



5,625
FOLLOWERS



3,644
FOLLOWERS

5,815
members

2,633
non-member
donors

494
NEW DONORS
IN 2020

1 Petition of Extraordinary Relief to the Utah Supreme Court

6 LAWSUITS IN ACTIVE LITIGATION OR RECENTLY RESOLVED

36 VIDEOS PRODUCED

15 REQUESTS FOR LEGAL OBSERVERS

52 PUBLIC SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

1,104

Requests for Assistance Received and Processed

MY DAY AS A POLL MONITOR IN SAN JUAN COUNTY



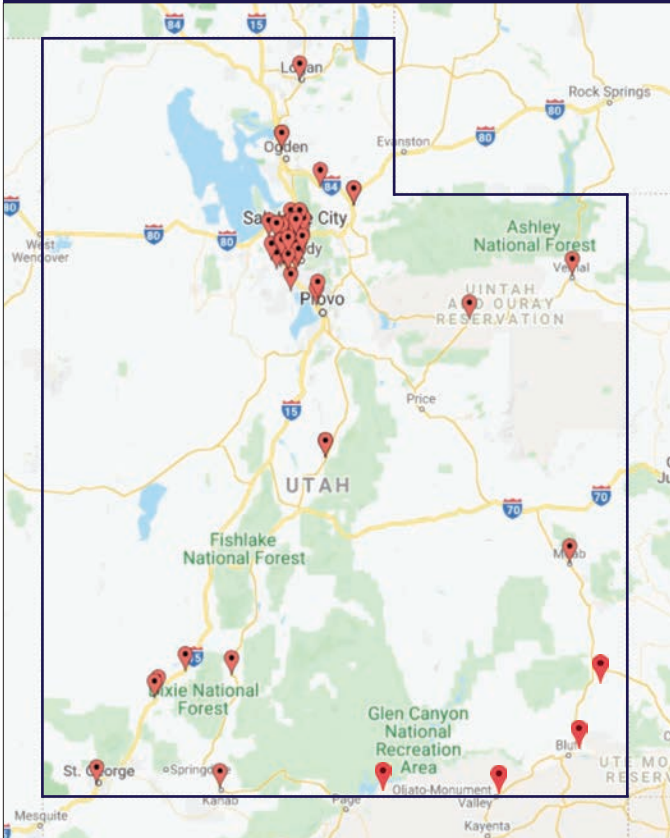
Malysa Egge, the ACLU of Utah's San Juan County Voter Protection Organizer

“Out here it means a lot to have a face-to-face conversation. Having in-person poll monitors at voting sites allows us to answer simple questions and reassure people about how to vote safely. I let people know that my only agenda is to help them vote—not to influence their vote for a candidate or party—just to vote. I helped people check their ballot content or status at official websites, and offered the use of a copy machine at my house to anyone who needed to photocopy their ID to register to vote. One person took me up on that offer, and that’s one more person who is now exercising their right to vote here.”

Vigilance at the polls

On November 3, 150 poll monitors organized by the ACLU of Utah spread across the state to observe voting at 75 polling locations in 14 counties. This unprecedented in-person monitoring effort, combined with dozens of phone calls to our Election Protection hotline, helped identify and resolve more than 1,000 questions and concerns on Election Day in Utah.

ACLU poll monitors were present at these 75 voting locations.



COUNTY	SITES
Cache	1
Duchesne	1
Garfield	1
Iron	4
Kane	1
Morgan	1
Salt Lake	51
San Juan	4
Sanpete	1
Summit	2
Uintah	1
Utah	4
Washington	1
Weber	2



THANK YOU!

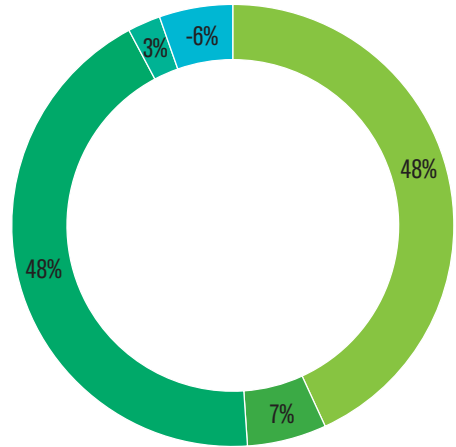
The ACLU of Utah's work is possible because of the **8,438 individuals** in Utah who supported us this last year: New Members, Monthly Sustainers, and Long-time Donors.

Your continued support will ensure the ACLU of Utah is able to maintain the fight for constitutional rights and freedoms for everyone living in or visiting Utah.

FINANCIALS

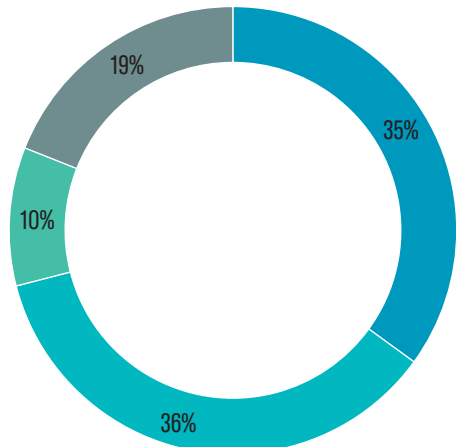
Data for Fiscal Year 2020: April 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020

SUPPORT & REVENUE



- Individual Donations & Events (48%)
- Grants & Bequests (7%)
- ACLU National Support (48%)
- In-Kind Donations (3%)
- Investment Income & Value Change (-6%)

EXPENSES



- Public Outreach & Education (35%)
- Legal & Advocacy (36%)
- Events & Fundraising (10%)
- Management & General (19%)

Financial data is unaudited and may be incomplete

JOIN THE ACLU OF UTAH MOVEMENT

VOLUNTEER

- The ACLU provides multiple opportunities throughout the year to volunteer, both in-person and virtually.
- Visit www.acluutah.org/volunteer-or-intern to check out our current volunteer opportunities and other ways to stay engaged.

GIVE

- Make a donation to the ACLU of Utah to ensure that we can continue to advance and protect rights throughout the state.
- Looking for a unique holiday gift? Help defend people's constitutional rights by providing an ACLU gift membership to a friend or loved one.
- You can also make an honorary gift as a tribute or memorial to a friend or loved one.
- To give by mail, please make checks payable to *ACLU of Utah* and send to 355 North 300 West, Salt Lake City, UT 84103.
- You can also contact Erin Hurtado at 801-871-0331 or visit <http://action.aclu.org/give/support-aclu-utah>

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WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED IN 2020

The ACLU of Utah operates through **public education, legal advocacy, litigation, and lobbying** to ensure the constitutional rights and freedoms of everyone living in or visiting Utah.



EDUCATION

- Produced eight election-focused "Ask Me Anything" videos
- Deployed legal observer teams to 15 rallies and protests
- Recognized four outstanding high school students with 2020 Youth Activist Scholarships
- Pushed back against state-backed privacy intrusions from facial recognition scans to wireless checkpoints at state borders
- Organized vigils across the state to highlight the dangers faced by people incarcerated during a pandemic
- Convinced health departments in three counties to improve language translation services after deadly COVID-19 outbreaks

LEGAL ADVOCACY

- Secured a \$137,000 settlement for the Yañez family after they experienced a violent home raid by state parole officers
- Filed a lawsuit on behalf of 59-year-old Black woman to challenge a racially-biased traffic stop in Murray
- Filed a Petition for Extraordinary Relief to the Utah Supreme Court to address the impact of COVID-19 in Utah's jails and prisons
- Continued our lawsuit against Utah's 18-week abortion ban after a hiatus caused by a U.S. Supreme Court case
- Overcame legal challenges in both our gang injunction lawsuit and litigation against federal agents for raids on a family's home
- Published research on how local law enforcement cooperates with federal immigration detention and deportation efforts
- Updated "Know Your Rights" guides for Utah teachers & students

LEGISLATIVE

- Passed Smart Justice legislation to 1) track racial impacts of decisions by prosecutor offices, and, 2) reform Utah's bail system
- Blocked new abortion restrictions like a mandatory ultrasound bill
- Promoted legislation to boost public transparency for jail records
- Helped pass legislation to protect immigrant victims of crime and to allow in-person voting during the recent election
- Advocated for police reform at local and state-level discussions