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# YEAR IN REVIEW TEN HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2022



After the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, we rallied with people across the state against forced pregnancy and in support of abortion access.



We rallied with partners in Austin on the steps of the State Capitol in support of trans youth and their families.



Executive Director Oni Blair spoke with Pulitzer Prize-winning author Nikole Hannah-Jones about the history of enslaved people in the U.S. and current efforts by Texas politicians to censor it.



**Cover:** The fight for our rights starts at home in historically disenfranchised neighborhoods like Houston's Third Ward. The ACLU of Texas partnered with Third Ward native Onaje Barnes and local artist Mathieu Jean Baptiste to create a voting rights mural, which we unveiled at a block party celebrating community and democracy.

- We created an online **Students' Rights Hub** to equip students, families, and advocates with a wide range of materials to advocate for an honest, inclusive education in welcoming schools.
- We continue to represent three **Indigenous students** and nine **transgender students** facing discrimination in Texas schools. We successfully pressured Katy ISD to remove a web filter blocking critical resources for LGBTQIA+ students and persuaded Cypress-Fairbanks ISD to update the academic records of a transgender student.
- In collaboration with partners, we won three injunctions blocking the State of Texas from investigating parents who support their **transgender children** with medically necessary healthcare.
- We worked with partners to file complaints with the U.S. Department of Justice against state officials for **racial profiling and biased policing** under the State's migrant arrest program, known as Operation Lone Star. The federal government is now probing discrimination claims for civil rights violations.
- In partnership with the Southern Border Communities Coalition, we secured a commitment from the **U.S. Customs and Border Protection** to disband their unauthorized Critical Incident Teams by the end of this fiscal year. The investigation report from El Paso that we obtained and released exposed the agency's role in fatal encounters, including a vehicle pursuit that killed our client's son.
- Over one hundred new abortion advocates from across the state completed our **Texas Abortion Access Network** training. Nearly 500 graduates now conduct "actions for abortion" like tabling for abortion funds, planning local protests, and testifying at city councils and courts.
- Working with local partners, we helped pass policies **decriminalizing abortion** in Austin, Dallas, Denton, and San Antonio. Houston City Council made a formal statement of support for abortion access, and we continue our advocacy in El Paso.
- We challenged the State's racially gerrymandered **electoral maps** in court on behalf of Asian American Pacific Islanders and civic groups and leaders.
- We represented **Hervis Rogers**, a man unfairly charged with two counts of illegal voting in the 2020 presidential election. A district court judge dismissed his case after a separate ruling found that Attorney General Ken Paxton lacks authority to prosecute election-related crimes.
- We launched an **election protection campaign** for the midterm elections to ensure eligible Texas voters knew how to vote and that their ballots were counted. We recruited hundreds of volunteer poll monitors, shared "Know Your Rights" information with millions of Texans through social media, and helped staff a nonpartisan voter protection hotline.



Local organizers joined our legal team as we sought to protect the health and safety of people detained in Dallas County Jail during the pandemic.



We partnered with Woori Juntos to provide a bilingual English-Korean "Know Your Rights" training on voting rights in Houston.



For Dia de los Muertos, our volunteers raised awareness about the growing number of people killed by U.S. Customs and Border Protection and Border Patrol agents.

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