

# GRASSROOTS LEADERSHIP NETWORK OF MARIN

## ABOUT US

The Grassroots Leadership Network of Marin is dedicated to supporting grassroots leadership and promoting civic participation to eliminate poverty and improve the quality of life in under-represented communities.

## 2008 PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

### MEMBERSHIP

Our members are grassroots groups and organizations working in underserved and underrepresented communities. Membership benefits include capacity building trainings, technical support, and opportunities participate in issue-based grassroots action coalitions.

### EQUAL VOICES FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES CAMPAIGN 2008

Movement-building efforts to increase grassroots participation in public policy through civic engagement efforts, including voter registration and education drives, and facilitated group dialogues about public issues affecting underserved communities in order to update the 10-Point Grassroots Agenda created in 1998.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- **ANNUAL MARIN GRASSROOTS LEADERSHIP CONVENING**  
An annual gathering of community leaders aimed at creating effective collaborations to impact public policies and community development.
- **ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**  
The life and inspiration of Martin Luther King Jr. are celebrated in this Marin City community event featuring breakfast community forum, youth art & essay contest and awards, community leadership awards, multi-cultural talent performances, and much more.

### COALITION-BUILDING INITIATIVE

Technical support, including planning facilitation and online interactive project management system, are used to foster grassroots movement building. The following are some coalitions benefiting from this initiative:

- **TENANTS' VOICE COUNCIL**  
A diverse tenants-based team advocating for respect and development of tenants' rights in Marin.
- **BUILDING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP**  
An alliance of diverse stakeholders committed to advocate for environmental health and justice.
- **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT COALITION**  
A coalition of community-based organizations focused on promoting non-partisan voter registration and education as one of the first steps of grassroots civic engagement.

### GRASSROOTS EXPERTS BUREAU

The Grassroots Experts Bureau is made of a group of Bay Area leaders, knowledgeable about pressing social and environmental justice issues affecting our communities, such as health, environment, housing, civic engagement and leadership, to name a few. Each bureau member comes with a richness of experience and desire to share their knowledge.



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