

**ARMENIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF AMERICA
GLENDALE**

2017



ANNUAL REPORT

EDUCATE. MOTIVATE. ACTIVATE.



WHO WE ARE

The Armenian National Committee of America - Glendale is the largest and most influential grassroots public affairs organization devoted to advancing issues of concern to the Armenian-American community. For over 50 years, ANCA Glendale has served to educate, motivate, and activate the Armenian American community on a wide range of issues, while advocating for the social, economic, cultural, and political rights of the city's Armenian American community and promoting increased civic participation at the grassroots and public policy levels.

Whether the focus is bridging city institutions and elected officials with their constituents, empowering our community by registering voters through our HyeVotes initiative, the drive for recognition, restitution and justice for the Armenian Genocide, educating the public on local, state, and federal legislation effecting their daily lives or advocating for the legitimate right of self-determination for the people of Artsakh, the ANCA Glendale is a robust force in advancing the Armenian Cause.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS



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CHAIR'S MESSAGE



Throughout the past year ANCA – Glendale made Armenian American interests an effective part of the political dialogue. We worked extensively with elected officials to promote diversity, proper representation, and cultural sensitivity in city institutions while pursuing sound policies that effect the daily lives of all Glendalians.

Among many accomplishments, perhaps our most significant was the special emphasis we placed on engaging the Armenian American community in the democratic process and mobilizing voters for the 2017 Glendale Municipal Elections. Our strong on-the-ground efforts resulted in a record breaking turnout of Armenian-American voters at the ballot box who elected 100% of our endorsed candidates into office.

2017 also witnessed a wide range of activities to educate, motivate, and activate our community including our sponsorship of Camp Darfur Genocide education exhibits in Glendale high schools in commemoration of the Armenian Genocide; honoring members of the Glendale community during our annual Award and Appreciation Dinner; relaunching our internship program; hosting community forums on issues like affordable housing; organizing our annual blood drive; serving on city committees; and successfully advocating to overturn a decision by the Americana at Brand who refused to provide advertisement space for the Armenian Genocide documentary film, Architects of Denial.

We know that none of this would be possible without our generous donors, committed partners and sea of volunteers who dedicate countless hours of their time to advancing our collective cause. As we forge ahead into 2018, we invite you to join us in our efforts in strengthening our partnerships, building on our grassroots advocacy efforts, and bringing positive change to the lives of all Glendalians. Thanks for joining us in this important work and for making the ANCA the leading voice of our community.

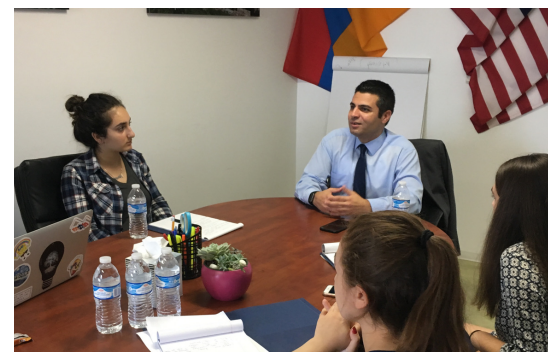
Yours Truly,

Artin Manoukian | Chair

MEETINGS WITH OUR OFFICIALS

At the forefront of our efforts is to ensure that issues of importance to our community and for the betterment of our city are properly addressed by our state and local elected officials, college and school board members, and department heads.

Over the course of the past year, ANCA Glendale met with every one of our representatives and leaders to bring sound policies to our local government and to address issues impacting the diverse communities in our city - ranging from affordable and low income housing, and proper representation in city institutions, to green space, development, and outreach to families with language barriers.





GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY

When Caruso Affiliated, owner of the Americana at Brand refused to sell billboard space for the Armenian Genocide documentary film, *Architects of Denial*, by calling it "too political", ANCA Glendale launched a campaign to end Americana's gag rule and mobilized the community through action alerts, email campaigns, social media, and partnerships with other community based organizations. Our efforts resulted in The Americana at Brand and the Caruso team apologizing and reaffirming their commitment to preventing Armenian Genocide denial and working with ANCA Glendale to further the Armenian American community's interests and needs in Glendale.



ANCA Glendale Press Conference



MAKING OUR VOICE HEARD THROUGH HYE VOTES

Building on our strong foundation kicked off over two decades ago to engage the Armenian-American community of Glendale in the democratic process by voting, ANCA Glendale shifted into high gear for the 2017 Glendale Municipal Elections - educating the public about the election process and candidates, registering them to vote, and helping them make their voice heard at the ballot box through our HyeVotes Get-Out-The-Vote initiative.

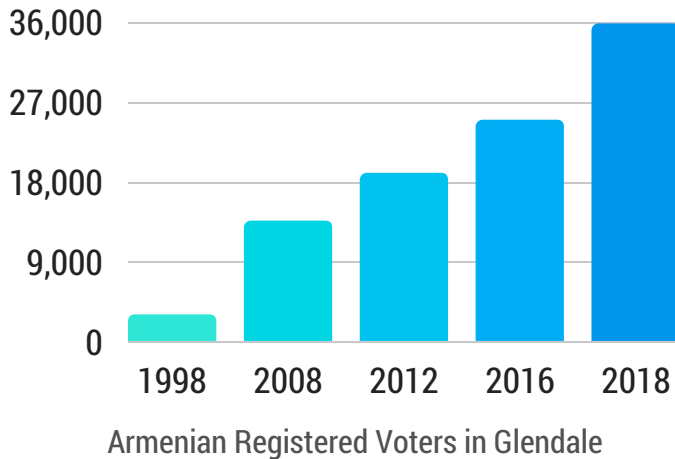
Our efforts resulted in a record breaking turnout by the Armenian community who successfully elected **100%** of our endorsed candidates into office.



SINCE 2012, WE'VE REGISTERED OVER

15,000

ARMENIAN-AMERICANS TO VOTE



In that same spirit, ANCA Glendale also organized Meet and Greets with candidates seeking various offices in the 2017 Municipal Elections. The events provided hundreds of community members an opportunity to learn first hand about each candidate's policy priorities and communicate issues important to them.



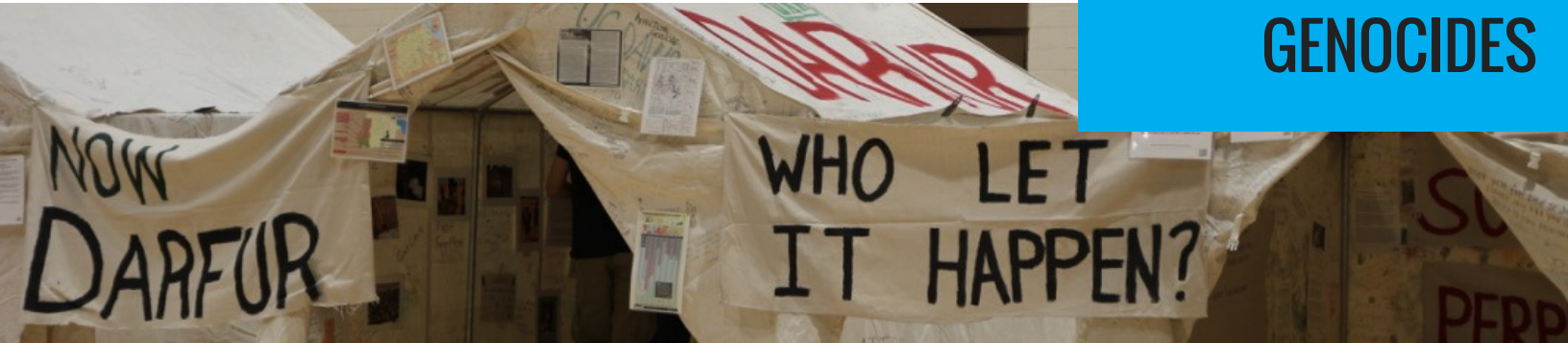
ELEVATING OUR YOUTH

2017 also witness the re-launch of our internship program with 8 local youth participating in the summer and fall sessions. Established in 2006, the ANCA Glendale Internship Program provides an unparalleled opportunity for high school and college students to engage in the public affairs arena and gain an in-depth understanding of the American political system and grassroots organizing through weekly meetings with officials, educational workshops, and advocacy projects.

TO DATE OVER
200
YOUTH
HAVE BENEFITED
FROM THE PROGRAM



TEACHING ABOUT GENOCIDES



In commemoration of the Armenian Genocide, in addition to participating in the March for Justice, ANCA Glendale once again sponsored Camp Darfur exhibits in three Glendale Unified School District High Schools in order to raise awareness of the ongoing Genocides in Darfur, Sudan, by placing it in an historical context with the Armenian Genocide, the Holocaust, the Colombian, Rwandan, and Bosnian Genocides. The traveling refugee camp also examines Sudan's Darfur region, while providing students the opportunity to discover their ability and power to make a difference.

SAVING LIVES

Keeping up with our tradition of giving back, in early October, we partnered with the American Red Cross and several affiliated community based organizations for our 11th annual blood drive. The blood drive is hosted in commemoration of the bloodshed of over 1.5 million lives during the Armenian Genocide of 1915.

TOGETHER, WE SAVED
120 LIVES



EDUCATING OUR COMMUNITY

At the forefront of our efforts is educating our community and the public on issues that impact their daily lives. In that spirit, ANCA-Glendale regularly hosts community forums designed to bring various municipal, state and educational institutions together to foster community dialogue regarding issues ranging from pending and new regulations, affordable housing and city development to higher education, legal aid, and safety.



Glendale City Councilmember Zareh Sinanyan, Partner of Development at Carmel Partners Neils Cotter, Government Affairs Field Representative at California Association of Realtors Julie Tran, and Architect at Domus Design Dr. Marco Brambilla discuss affordable housing at ANCA Glendale Community Forum in late November.



2017 Honorees included Susan Hunt, Naz Atikian, John Bandek, Zareh Issakhanian, Glendale Adventist Medical Center and Alice Petrossian.



GIVING THANKS

In May, an over capacity crowd of elected officials, community leaders, donors, and supporters gathered at our annual Awards and Appreciation Dinner to celebrate and highlight the work and achievements of distinguished individuals and local organizations who have made considerable contributions to the betterment of our community and the City of Glendale.



SUPPORTING OUR PARTNERS

Building on our decades of partnerships, we were proud to support the efforts of our city institutions and community based organizations including The Armenian American Museum, Glendale Educational Foundation, and Korean American Forum of California, among many others.



ANCA Glendale Leadership and Staff



From L to R | Standing: Board Member Ronnie Gharibian, Community Outreach Director Margarita Baghdasaryan, Board Member Aida Babayan, Board Chair Artin Manoukian, Board Members Hasmik Burushyan and Raymond Khashadourian. **Sitting:** Board Members Anet Tanik, Lucy Petrosian and Jackie Tomasian.



**2017 ANCA Glendale Lead Sponsor
Mr. and Mrs. Zareh and Melina Issakhanian**

Special Thanks

**From all of us at
ANCA Glendale,
a special thanks to
our army of
volunteers and to
our generous
donors who make
our successes
possible.**

DONATE TODAY

To ensure that the work of ANCA Glendale continues, we invite you to become part of our future. Add your legacy to ours by making a monthly or one-time donation today at ANCAglendale.org/Donate or by including us in your estate plans – through a will, retirement plan, life insurance policy, living trust, charitable gift annuity, fully paid insurance plan, or trust.



JOIN OUR EFFORTS

Our strength lies in our numbers and the passion of our grassroots activists, donors, volunteers, and supporters.

Join us for a fulfilling and empowering experience by volunteering on one of our committees, helping with our events or by applying for our internship program.

GET SOCIAL

With the power of social media at your fingertips, becoming an ANCA Glendale E-Activist has never been easier. Follow us on our social media platforms, sign up to receive our newsletters and become a rapid responder. Spread the word by sharing our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter updates, respond to our calls to action, and get your family and network of friends engaged in advancing issues impacting all of us.



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