

### BUILDING BRIDGES TOWARD REPAIR



In Baton Rouge, Louisiana, a powerful coalition of community groups is advocating for culture changes in the police department and building strategies rooted in healing. In June, EJUSA organized a delegation from that coalition to travel to Newark, New Jersey. They met with violence prevention and healing groups, experienced our Trauma to Trust training, and talked with Mayor Ras Baraka. The summer ended with a stunning apology from the Baton Rouge Chief of Police, Murphy Paul, who acknowledged the deep history of police oppression felt by the community, saying that the BRPD must be "committed to healing...the trauma we experience and perpetrate."

### BY THE NUMBERS

507

police officers and community residents completed our Trauma to Trust training since 2016.

415

state lawmakers voted to repeal the death penalty.

737

executions suspended in California thanks to the most sweeping moratorium in the country.

6

cities nationwide supported through grassroots capacity building and collective healing.



"EJUSA believes that accountability begins with acknowledgement—not an empty 'I'm sorry' but a true recognition and ownership of harm caused. Chief Paul's statement is an incredible move toward making our justice system accountable for the harm to communities of color and a commitment to healing the deep-rooted trauma it has created." - Christine Henderson, Senior Strategist

### A LONG ROAD TO REPEAL

New Hampshire made history by repealing its death penalty in May, after more than a decade of collaborative work. EJUSA was proud to partner with the New Hampshire Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty and so many passionate organizations and individual activists. Together, we bridged partisan divides and overcame a veto by the governor. The Granite State is the ninth to repeal the death penalty since 2007 and clear proof that momentum is on our side. Working in the trenches, educating the public, mobilizing advocates – this is what we do. And YOU make it possible.



## BUILDING LGBTQ+ EQUITY



In April the Newark Police Division (NPD) adopted its first policy protecting the rights of Newark's LGBTQ+ community. EJUSA hosted three listening sessions last year, helped NPD build the policy, and organized an LGBTQ+ Stakeholder Group to maintain communication and accountability with NPD. The policy opens: "Members of the Newark Police Division shall treat all persons equally, regardless of gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation."

## MOMENTUM IN CALIFORNIA



After decades of escalating a punitive approach to justice, California has turned a corner, and we're thrilled to be a part of the movement. This year we worked with long-time allies who were instrumental in supporting and amplifying Governor Newsom's historic death penalty moratorium. We joined a coalition of local and national organizations to successfully advocate for \$30M to support community-based violence intervention – more than tripling last year's funding. And in Oakland, we're supporting community partners to address a damaged relationship with the city's police department.

## MORE HIGHLIGHTS



### A MOVEMENT MATURES

Conservatives Concerned About the Death Penalty convened two dozen advocates from across the nation to plan next steps in the rising tide against capital punishment.



### CITY-BASED HEALING

We're supporting grassroots organizations and law enforcement to acknowledge and change police-community relations in six cities using organizing, advocacy, capacity-building, and other tools.



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### IN THE MEDIA

EJUSA has been featured in nearly 800 media pieces this year, including two columns against the death penalty in Fox News, a column on racism in an evangelical news outlet, and a column in the conservative Newsmax about reducing violence without punishment.