



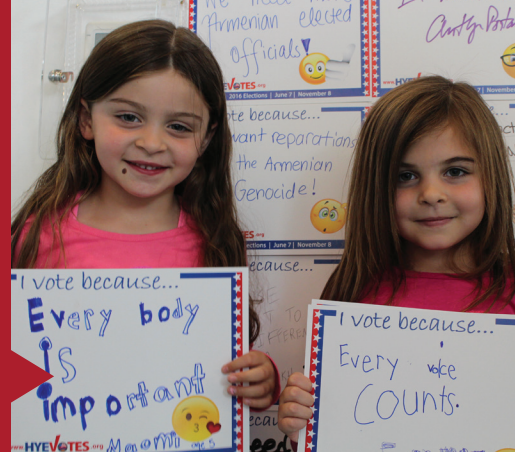
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Annual Report | 2016

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*Transferring the
Power of the
Armenian-American Voice
from the Streets to the
Ballot Box*



*Demanding NK Peace &
Justice for the
Armenian Genocide*



*Engaging & Empowering
the Next Generation of
Activists and Leaders*



*Taking the Cause
to the Masses
Through Media*



Building From the Ground Up



EDUCATE | MOTIVATE | ACTIVATE



2016 has been one busy year! As we crossed the threshold into the second century after commemorating the Armenian Genocide Centennial on such a massive scale last year, many expected this milestone to be a turning point whereby the collective passion and commitment to the Armenian Cause would simply wane and ultimately disappear.

And yet, activism in both the Armenian Diaspora and in the Armenian Homeland has risen and intensified.

On every front -- from seeking justice in all its forms for the still unpunished crime of the Armenian Genocide, to a peaceful and fair solution to the ongoing struggle for self-determination for Artsakh, to promoting democracy and economic development in Armenia, to mobilizing large and small Armenian-American communities here in the United States -- the ANCA-Western Region forged ahead and organized local neighborhoods from the ground up, registered nearly 30,000 new voters and implemented our Get Out The Vote program through our highly successful HyeVotes initiative, represented the voice of our communities at City, County, State and Federal government levels, in mass media, and on student campuses, and delivered tangible results.

In order to pool our resources and maximize our overall efficiency and effectiveness, the ANCA-WR has set three areas on which to focus its work in the coming year:

First, we will implement a new plan to empower and energize our local chapters. From the 16 chapters in California to the additional 12 chapters spread throughout the Western Region, from Seattle to Las Vegas, Denver to Boise, and Phoenix to Houston, we are creating improved means of cooperation and communication, recruitment of new activists, and coordination of efforts and goals. This focus has already led to the establishment of our new ANCA office in Denver, defeat of a pro-Azeri resolution in Idaho, and Advocacy Days and Town Hall meetings in Texas, Arizona, Nevada, Utah and Washington.

Second, we will focus on expanding and improving our already successful youth and leadership development programs by continuing to take our message to high school and college campuses throughout the Western Region and engaging students in our collective pursuit of the Armenian Cause by applying for the ANCA-WR Internship Program, the ANCA Leo Sarkisian Internship in Washington DC, and our newly established Walter & Laurel Karabian Public Policy Fellowship in Sacramento.

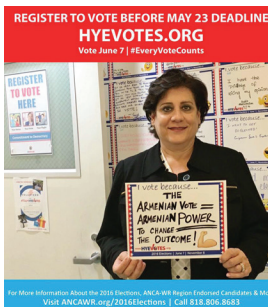
Third, we will soon launch new innovative tools for our fundraising programs which will enable us to take our grassroots to new heights and give way for community activists to become a direct part of our efforts by signing up for monthly and annual giving programs, corporate sponsorships, and estate planning.

But none of these goals can be accomplished without you: our grassroots, our supporters, our activists, our partners. Every single one of us has an important role to play in the pursuit of the Armenian Cause, whether we are defending Artsakh from Azeri onslaughts from half a world away, rendering aid to our endangered community in war-torn Syria, working hard to provide means of economic development and prosperity to improve life in Armenia, standing in solidarity with our compatriots under siege in Turkey, or creating new methods and programs to strengthen ourselves and embolden our communities in the Armenian-American Diaspora, we need to join together to be the most effective force we can be. Rest assured that the ANCA is always at the forefront of our ongoing struggle for justice and peace and that we remain steadfast and ever-vigilant in our commitment to continue on this path together with you until we achieve the collective victory we all want to see for our Armenian Nation.

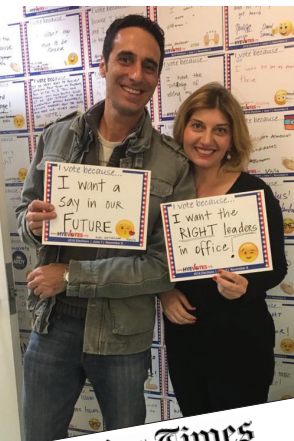
See you in the trenches.

In Common Cause,

Nora Hovsepian, Esq.
ANCA-WR Chair



**HYEVOTES
INITIATIVE REGISTERS
NEARLY 30,000
ARMENIAN-AMERICAN
VOTERS**



Los Angeles Times

Douglas Herman, a political consultant who ran an independent expenditure campaign against Gatto in 2010, says Armenian Americans have quickly become a political force to be reckoned with.

THANK YOU WEST VIRGINIA



#44



"I, Earl Ray Tomblin, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim April 2016 as Genocide Awareness and Prevention Month in memory of the victims of the Armenian Genocide, the Holocaust, and all other genocides in honor of all the survivors as well as the rescuers and liberators."

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**WEST VIRGINIA BECOMES
44TH STATE TO RECOGNIZE
THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE**

**CA STATE BOARD
OF EDUCATION ADOPTS
EXPANDED ARMENIAN
GENOCIDE CURRICULUM**



ACTION ALERT!!!

ASK the California State Board of Education to add the U.S. Response to the Armenian Genocide & Strengthen the language regarding the Armenian Genocide in the CA Public Schools Curriculum Framework.

DEADLINE IS JULY 13th



**WRITE NOW WITH ONE CLICK
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**OVER 60,000
RALLY FOR JUSTICE
IN THE HEART OF
LOS ANGELES ON APRIL 24**

ANCA-WR ESTABLISHES
WALTER AND LAUREL
KARABIAN FELLOWSHIP
FOR PUBLIC POLICY
IN SACRAMENTO



WALTER & LAUREL KARABIAN
FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
An ANCA-Western Region Initiative

ANCA-WR SETS ROOTS IN
COLORADO - OPENS 1ST
SATELLITE OFFICE ACROSS
THE STATE CAPITOL
IN DENVER

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**Armenian National
Committee sets up shop
in Colorado**

By Joey Bunch *The Denver Post*

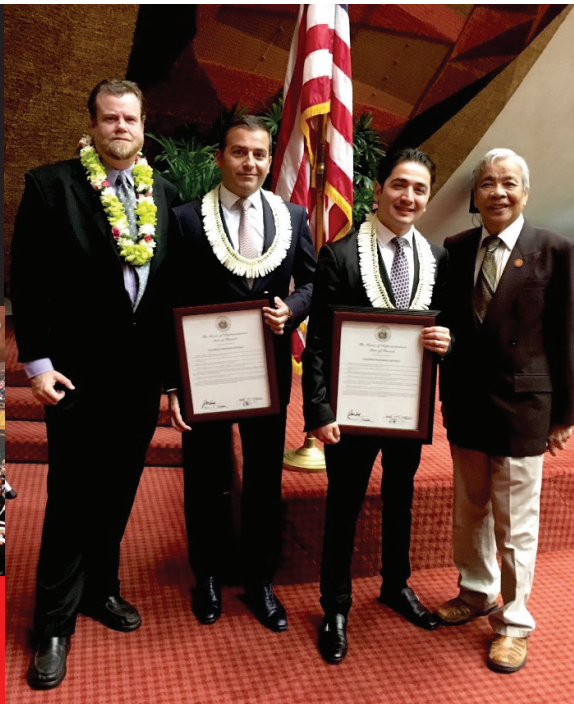


Denver Deputy Mayor Don Mares leads a ribbon-cutting at the new Armenian National Committee of America-Western Region and Armenians of Colorado office Monday morning. He is joined by Armenian National Committee of America Western

HAWAII BECOMES
7TH STATE TO RECOGNIZE
ARTSAKH'S INDEPENDENCE



Thank you Hawaii
FOR RECOGNIZING
ARTSAKH'S INDEPENDENCE
ANCAWR.org



MARCHING ON FOR JUSTICE THROUGH ADVOCACY

In 2016, ANCA-WR and its local chapters continued to lead thousands of activists to their local institutions, their state's capitol and to the halls of Congress where they met face to face with over 600 legislators and representatives on issues of importance to the Armenian community. The breadth and depth of the ANCA-WR Advocacy Days and grassroots mobilization was captured in the diversity of our activists, coming from nearly every age group and all backgrounds.



ARIZONA ADVOCACY DAY



COLORADO ADVOCACY DAY



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Emboldened by our relentless and empowered grassroots, 2016 marked an astounding year of accomplishments for the ANCA-WR and the Armenian Cause as we continued to march on for justice, while the Turkish and Azeri lobbies continued to dump millions of dollars to silence the ever growing attention and demand for Genocide recognition and justice and for Artsakh's right to self-determination.

Working hand in hand with our counterparts in Washington DC and Eastern Region, our unmatched advocacy efforts resulted in defeating anti-Armenian, anti-Artsakh and pro-Azerbaijani resolutions, obtaining recognition for Artsakh's Independence and the proper recognition of the Armenian Genocide, as well as successfully initiating and passing measures that directly benefit Armenia, Artsakh and our communities not just in the region, but around the world.

All the while, our local chapters took on local issues - demanding proper representation in their city institutions, taking the lead on local issues that heavily impact the livelihood of the Armenian-American residents in their region, partnering with their school districts to ensure that Armenian parents and students with language barriers were able to successfully navigate the education system, and serving as the bridge between issues in city departments and their Armenian-American constituencies.

JUSTICE FOR THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

Thank you California!

For Allocating \$1 Million to the Armenian-American Museum in the 2016-2017 State Budget

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Thank You Pope Francis

ANCA: Armenians worldwide appreciate the Pope's explicit condemnation of the Armenian Genocide - as a clear case of genocide - upon his arrival in Armenia.

Pope Francis - through words and actions - continues to openly challenge Turkey's denial of the Armenian Genocide. By speaking directly and fearlessly about the Armenian Genocide, this time upon Armenian soil - and then making a pilgrimage to pray at the sacred Tsitsernakaberd memorial - the Pope is both strengthening Christian solidarity with Armenia and taking a courageous global stand for truth and justice.

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#ProtectPaylan

Stop the violence and threats against Garo Paylan (HDP), an Armenian member of Turkey's Parliament, due to his free expression of views on democracy, rights and genocide.

Write to the:
U.S. State Department
Human Rights Watch & Amnesty International

anca.org/Paylan

It's Unanimous!

The U.S. House Designates as Genocide the Systematic ISIS Attacks on Christians, Yazidis and Other Religious Groups

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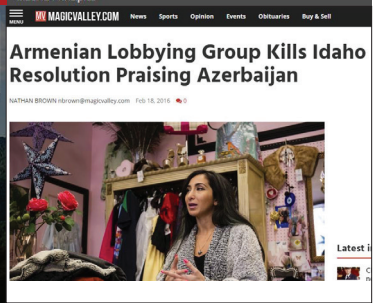
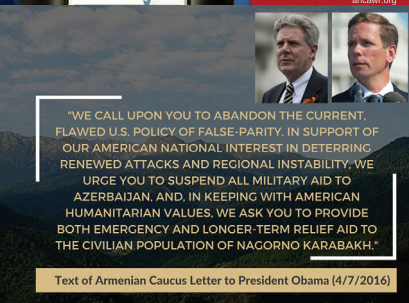
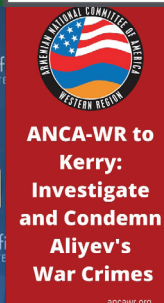
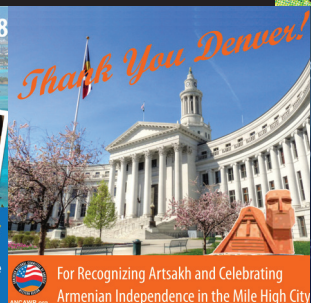
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April 25, 2016

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ARTSAKH



ARMENIA



U.S. Legislators Call for Justice for Armenian Genocide; Warn of Renewed Anti-Armenian Atrocities



The release of the President's budget marks the formal start of the Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17) Appropriations Process.

TAKE ACTION NOW:

Advance Armenian American foreign aid priorities in the FY17 State-Foreign Operations bill, including a \$5 million appropriation for Nagorno Karabakh and funding for the regional Rehabilitation Center in Stepanakert.

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The Obama Administration should support U.S. investors and strengthen mutually-beneficial U.S.-Armenia economic relations by responding favorably to Armenia's longstanding offer to begin negotiations on a Double Tax Treaty.

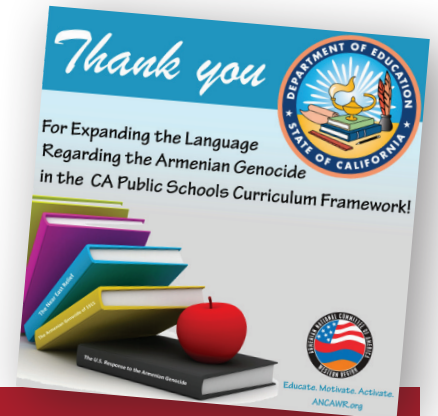
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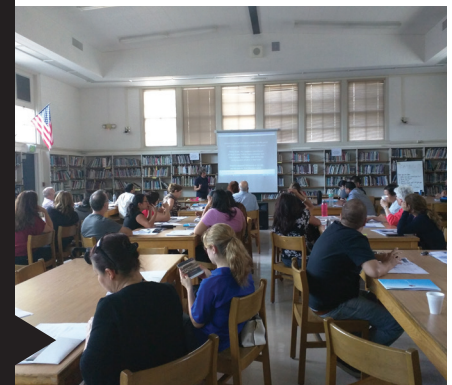
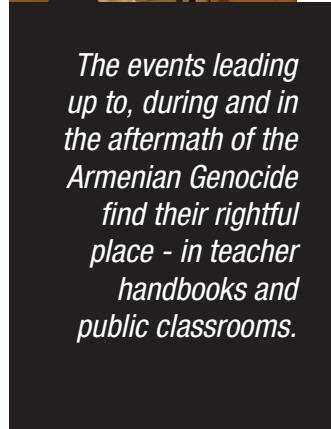
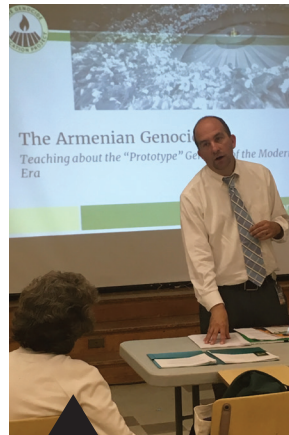
ANCA Welcomes U.S. Senate Action to Provide Refugee Assistance to Armenia, Continued Aid to Artsakh, Increased Support for Armenia

2016 marked an unprecedented number of accomplishments for the ANCA-WR and the Armenian Cause in the area of Genocide education as the California State Board of Education adopted a new History-Social Studies framework with significant improvements and expanded language on curriculum regarding the Armenian Genocide, the Glendale Unified School District voted to officially close its doors on April 24 each year in Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide, and school districts across the region took on official teacher training programs on the subject matter.

Our Education Committee now forges ahead - hand-in-hand with school districts, college boards, educators, administrators, and our grassroots - to incorporate these changes in school textbooks and ensure that other states and districts in the region follow the shining example set by the Golden State.



The curriculum additions regarding the Armenian Genocide were over two years in the making and were a result of collaborative work between the ANCA-WR, the Genocide Education Project ("GenEd"), the Instructional Quality Commission (IQC), CA Superintendent Tom Torlakson, and a culmination of the initiative taken by Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian and the Armenian Legislative Caucus.



Understanding the power mass media plays in shaping public opinion and policy, in 2016 the ANCA-WR made media a priority, resulting in unprecedented coverage of our community and our issues in print and television outlets.



April 26, 2016
Cheryl Fair, President & General Manager
KABC-TV Channel 7
500 Circle Seven Drive
Glendale, CA 91201

Ms. Fair:

The Armenian National Committee of America - Western Region and the Armenian Youth Federation - Western US commend ABC7 for taking the right first step in committing to no longer use the services of the cameraman who made the biggest anti-Armenian comments. However, we remain outraged after learning that the station believes providing a genocide denier a platform in media is fair and accurate reporting. Just like Nazis would not be given the platform in media coverage of a Holocaust commemoration event, the same standards must be applied to the Armenian Genocide. ABC 7 is headquartered in Glendale, CA where over 95,000 Armenians who are descendants of Genocide survivors live and to highlight the perpetrator is to condone his actions. The utter lack of sensitivity toward such a large segment of the community is deeply concerning to us, and we expect ABC7 to take appropriate measures to address and rectify this situation.

The ANCA-WR and the AYF-WR request an immediate meeting with the station leadership to further discuss this issue. We look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,
Elen Asatryan
ANCA-WR Executive Director

Gev Isakyan
AYF-WR Chairperson

STAY CONNECTED. GET ACTIVE.

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KABC-TV

May 2, 2016

ABC7 STATEMENT

ABC7 regrets what happened and apologizes for the pain this incident caused the Armenian community, especially on Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day. The actions of the cameraman in question, who no longer works for the station, and the resulting story that aired that day, were not an accurate reflection of ABC7's commitment to the Armenian community. While the cameraman's comments did not air, we regret the inclusion in our story of a short bite from the interview denying the existence of the Genocide on historical grounds, which is counter to the position of a majority of historians today who call it a Genocide, and see the deaths of 1.5 million Armenians as a premeditated and systematic campaign to exterminate an entire people.

Efforts are underway in partnership with the ANCA, AYF, Armenian Bar Association and others to provide opportunities for public dialogue, internal education, and meaningful stories about and for the Armenian community and their efforts for Genocide recognition and education. We are committed to moving forward with these initiatives and we thank the ANCA and its partner organizations for their leadership in this dialogue and willingness to listen.

Cheryl Kunin Fair
President and General Manager
KABC-TV

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abc7 EYEWITNESS NEWS

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR A TOWN HALL MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2016

Refreshments & Registration: 6:30p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Meeting: 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

HOSTED BY

KARAMANOUKIAN GLENDALE YOUTH CENTER
211 W. CHESTNUT STREET, MAIN HALL, GLENDALE, CA 91204

ABC7'S NEWS, PROGRAMMING AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENTS WILL BE IN GLENDALE TO MEET WITH COMMUNITY LEADERS AND RESIDENTS. OUR GOAL IS TO HEAR FROM YOU ABOUT LOCAL ISSUES AND TOPICS THAT AFFECT YOUR COMMUNITY. INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE ON HOW TO ACCESS THE TELEVISION STATION FOR NEWS TOPICS.

PROMOTING NON-PROFIT EVENTS AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES.

Space is limited. RSVP is requested, but not required.
RSVP Online at www.anca.org/abc7rsvp or meeting@abc7.com ABC7 (818) 502-1100 | ANCA WR at 818.502.1100



Turkey's Seizure of Churches and Land Alarms Armenians



The New York Times

"This is reminiscent of the events leading up to the start of the Armenian genocide on April 24, 1915, when properties were illegally confiscated and the population was displaced under the false guise of temporary relocation for its own protection," said Nora Hovsepian, the chairwoman of the Western Region of the Armenian National Committee of America.

Los Angeles Times

"Ardy has a very strong track record of community service and a really good understanding of our issues. It's really a no-brainer," said Elen Asatryan, the group's executive director.

In this Glendale Assembly district, Armenian Americans could be key



State Assembly District 43 candidate Ardy Kassakian, center, speaks during a news conference at Glendale City Hall to denounce what he characterized as a negative campaign against him being funded on behalf of candidate Laura Friedman. Kassakian is the Glendale city clerk and Friedman is a member of the City Council. (Paul Rose / Los Angeles Times)

The Salt Lake Tribune

The Salt Lake Tribune

Op-ed: Utah legislators shouldn't fall for Azerbaijan's propaganda

D. Bill Baran
Published February 27, 2016 10:04AM
Updated February 27, 2016 10:04AM

During my 12 years of service in the Utah State Senate, we rarely discussed foreign policy, let alone subjected a foreign relationship to a progressive scrutiny of human rights abuses.

Last week, my longtime friend, Sen. Connie Davis, put the interests of an oil-rich tyrant over persecuted victims — by praising Azerbaijan for "tolerance, harmony and tolerance" and yielding the Senate floor to the dictatorship's visiting consul general to lecture Utah on intolerance.

This is an insult to those persecuted by the brutal dictatorship of Ilham Aliyev, president of Azerbaijan, which the Committee to Protect Journalists ranks as the world's 5th most repressed, even beyond China and Iran.

Reeling since 1988, the Azerbaijan regime has destroyed countless ancient Christian churches and monuments to erase the ancient history of Christian Armenians, whom Rezaizadeh has declared the "enemy."

Instead of abruptly praising Azerbaijan for respecting Christians, legislators should watch the video on www.djula.com/film, verified with satellite by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, showing how 100 soldiers of Azerbaijan razed the world's largest collection of medieval Christian churches at the second Dzhula cemetery in 2005.



Courtesy: Bill Baran, op-ed writer

Utah lawmakers criticized for praise of Azerbaijan, where they took paid trip in 2013

As follows from The Salt Lake Tribune
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Updated February 26, 2016 10:04AM
Legislature - Davis and Hattergway say 2013 junket gave impression that nation is a U.S. state legislator and discredited by a half-dozen prominent watchdog organizations.

Last week, Sen. Connie Davis, D-Salt Lake City, and Rep. Lynn Hattergway, D-Norwalk, met the situation in the Senate and House, respectively, before endorsing Azerbaijan's government. Davis said senators, "saw diversity as one of the country's great strengths."

Aliyev followed by saying it was appropriate that the situation was read in Utah, "one of the most tolerant and harmonious states."

His remarks met with applause.

But Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, International Christian Concern, the Committee to Protect Journalists, the Free Press Center and



(Paul Rose) The Salt Lake Tribune's editorial board, including Sen. Connie Davis and Rep. Lynn Hattergway, met with the Azerbaijan government in Baku, Azerbaijan, during a news conference at the Utah State Capitol on February 25, 2016.

JEWISH NEWS

THE READERS SPEAK

Demonizing Colorado's Armenians

Editor:

Rabbi Israel Baruk's commentary on Colorado's commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the destruction of Dzhula "Gov. Hickenlooper was misled by Armenian special interests," Jan. 8, 2016) distorts basic history and demonizes Armenians.

In December, 2005, the army of Azerbaijan wiped out 2,000 headstones of the world's largest medieval Armenian cemetery — Dzhula. The destruction was caught on tape, available on www.djula.com/film, and verified with satellite by the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Despite this, the dictatorship of Azerbaijan and its proxies claim that the cemetery was never destroyed nor existed in the first place.



Armenian monument at Colorado State Capitol

Armenian communities around the world have responded to Azerbaijan's

in Nazi forces while concealing the fact that other Soviet nationalities, including Azerbaijanis, had also created similar units in order to save Soviet POWs from extermination in concentration camps.

Soviet Armenians actually sustained more combat casualties per capita than any other nation in fighting Nazi Germany, while Diaspora Armenians like French resistance leader Missak Manouchian and decorated USC Captain Vekko Maghakian led international frontlines against evil. Finally, according to Yad Vashem, Armenia had 24 accounts of saving Jews during the Holocaust, while the Soviet neighbors combined had just one.

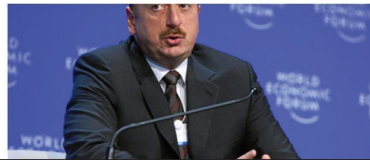
Jews and Armenians have more in common than any other nations. But this friendship goes beyond shared tragedies, including being the primary victims of the two worst genocides of the 20th century. Judeo-Christian tradition states that Noah's ark rested in Ararat, the Hebrew name for Armenia, after the flood. Ancient sources record the Armenian Emperor Tigranes the Great's destruction of the anti-Jewish Seleucid Empire, followed by organized migration of Jews to Armenia. Jerusalem's Armenian quarter attests to a presence of 1,500 years, while Armenia's Yeghreb village has a 19th-century Jewish cemetery.

Foreign Policy Journal

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State Lawmakers' support for Azerbaijan Encouraged Last Month's Anti-Armenian War Crimes

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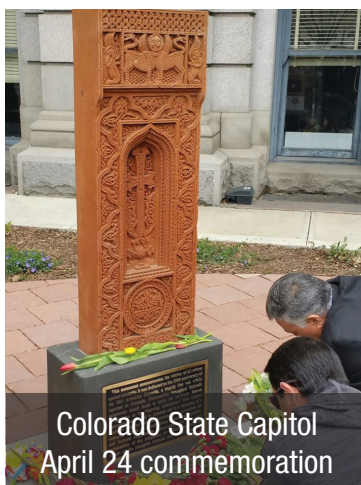
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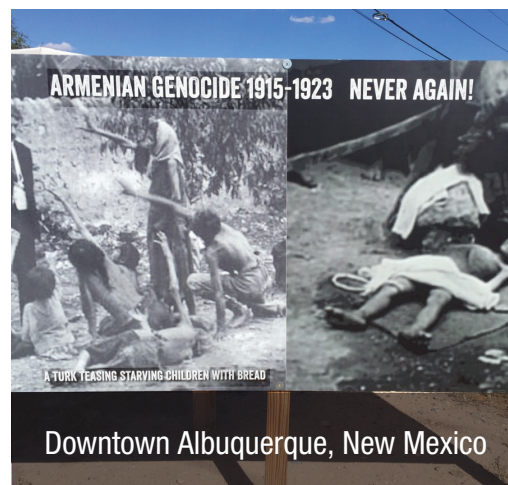




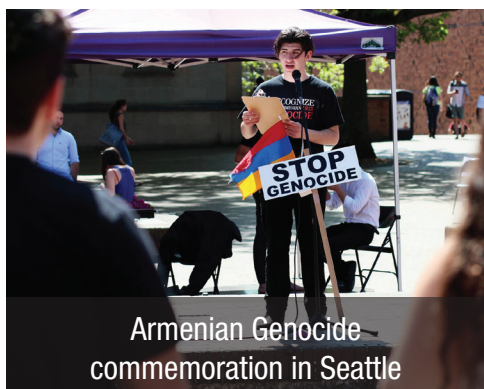
Colorado State Capitol
April 24 commemoration



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Downtown Albuquerque, New Mexico



Armenian Genocide
commemoration in Seattle



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commemoration in Seattle



“Armenia-An Open Wound”, Brand Library & Art Center, Glendale



Arizona State Capitol
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Los Angeles Rally for Justice



Montebello Genocide Memorial



Grand Park
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Los Angeles Rally for Justice



Las Vegas April 24



Las Vegas Genocide
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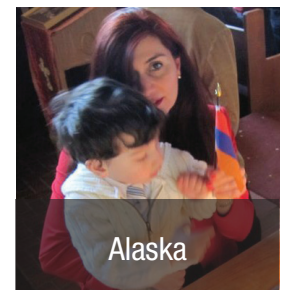
Los Angeles Rally for Justice



Las Vegas Historic Armenia lecture



Twin Falls Idaho April 24 Commemoration



Alaska

TRANSFERRING THE POWER OF THE ARMENIAN-AMERICAN VOICE FROM THE STREETS TO THE BALLOT BOX

“Let us never forget that government is ourselves and not an alien power over us. The ultimate rulers of our democracy are not a President and senators and congressmen and government officials, but the voters of this country.”

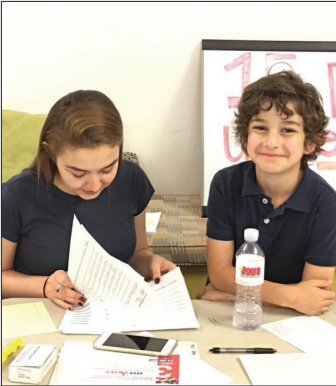
President Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Building on the solidarity and determination of more than 166,000 members of our community who marched on the streets of Los Angeles in 2015, over 60,000 who rallied in 2016 and thousands upon thousands across the region, the ANCA-Western Region continued its efforts to seek justice and advance the Armenian Cause by transferring the energy that our communities took from the streets to the ballot box.

Working hand-in-hand with our local chapters and partner organizations - from Colorado, Las Vegas, Sacramento, and San Francisco to Hollywood, Pasadena, Glendale, the San Fernando Valley, Sunland-Tujunga, and all the way to South Bay and San Diego, the ANCA-WR Hye Votes voter registration and Get Out The Vote initiative went into full swing - resulting in over 10,000 new Armenian-American registered voters leading up to the 2016 Primary Elections - bringing the total number to nearly 30,000 in recent years.

This monumental success did not go unnoticed as our community's voting power made headlines in the Los Angeles Times and the Sacramento Bee - citing the emerging growth of the Armenian-American voting bloc as a force to be reckoned with.





Hye Votes Colorado partners with Red Rocks College



SETTLING NEW ROOTS

In early May, the ANCA-WR settled new roots in Colorado through the official opening of its first regional office outside California across the street from the State Capitol. Shared with the Armenians of Colorado, the office gave the Centennial State's vibrant Armenian community a home to call their own in the very same church that was a statewide leader in the 1915-1930 Near East Relief effort that helped save hundreds of thousands of survivors and orphans of the Armenian Genocide.



Following the ribbon cutting, ANCA-WR and AOC leaders, joined by community members, were welcomed on the floor of the Colorado House of Representatives who recognized and celebrated the opening of the Denver office - signifying “the strides of this community against all odds.”



In addition, a month after defeating a pro-Baku resolution in the Idaho state legislature, the ANCA-WR visited the Gem State to engage and activate the Armenian community through town halls and meetings. The visit resulted in the establishment of the ANCA Twin Falls, Idaho Chapter now led by Liyah Babayan and renewed commitment from the Boise Idaho chapter.



All the while, our newly established chapter in Dallas continued on its mission to unite the community around our collective cause through the “Texas We Thank You” gala. The event followed Colorado’s similarly-themed September 2015 gala that drew in hundreds of community leaders and supporters and was organized in the spirit of gratitude and renewed commitment in the post-Centennial era as we continue our march for justice.



No other Armenian American public affairs organization in the United States benefits more from young activists than ANCA-WR. Hundreds of high school and college students and young professionals volunteer their time, energy, and talent to make the ANCA-WR the premier organization it is today. Through its internship and development programs and its special relationship with the oldest and most active Armenian American youth groups - the Armenian Youth Federation (AYF), the All-Armenian Student Associations (ASA) on campuses across the Western United States, and the Shant Student Association, the ANCA-WR fosters a spirit of community service, participation, and leadership in our community's youth. These efforts provide a valuable foundation for creating a new generation of Armenian Americans who will be prepared and eager to advance Armenian issues for decades to come.



ANCA-WR INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Acknowledging the importance of providing a pipeline of support to the next generation of our community's leaders, the ANCA-WR continued to educate, motivate and activate our youth through its hands-on internship program. During their tenure, interns are given valuable opportunities to interact with public officials, develop leadership and advocacy skills, represent the ANCA-WR at community and media events, organize various grassroots campaigns and events, work with ANCA-WR and local chapter leadership as well as participate in weekly educational lectures.

The multi-faceted internship compounds professional skill-building with networking opportunities to promote well-rounded individuals with an in-depth understanding of community issues as well as advocacy efforts on the local, regional, and federal levels to serve in our community and on future ANCA Western Region and local chapter committees. The program hosts spring, summer, and fall sessions.





ANCA LEO SARKISIAN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

In that same spirit, the ANCA-WR also sponsored two local students to participate in the prestigious ANCA Leo Sarkisian Internship Program in Washington, DC. The Internship program, now in its 32nd year, provides Armenian American youth leaders from across the U.S. an opportunity to learn first-hand about the inner workings of the American political system during its eight week training session in the nation's capital.



NKR Representative to the U.S. Robert Avetisyan and ANCA Legislative Affairs Director Raffi Karakashian with ANCA Leo Sarkisian Interns.



ANCA's Aram Hamparian offering welcoming remarks and a Hai Tahd overview to the ANCA Leo Sarkisian Internship and Armenian Legal Fellowship participants.



Each ANCA Leo Sarkisian Intern had the opportunity to share broader Armenian American and local community concerns one-on-one with their U.S. Representative, including Alyssa Dermenjian seen here chatting with Rep. Lucille Roybal Allard (D-CA).

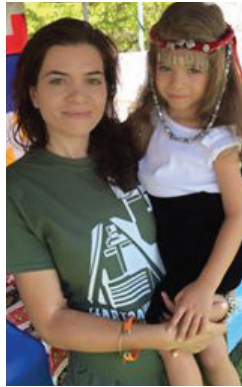
ANCA-WR WALTER AND LAUREL KARABIAN FELLOWSHIP FOR PUBLIC POLICY

In wrapping up the Armenian Genocide Centennial and building on opportunities already provided to youth and young professionals, the ANCA-WR also established the Walter and Laurel Karabian Fellowship for Public Policy. The year-long fellowship, officially launched on October 1, 2016, is the first Sacramento based program of its kind with the goal of preparing the next generation of Armenian-American policy leaders through policy research and analysis projects and placements in state and administrative offices, non-profit organizations, advocacy groups, labor unions and consulting firms, while also honing their professional and networking skills.



GRASSROOTS MAKES THE DIFFERENCE







AMERICA WE THANK YOU

Established in 2014, America We Thank You: An Armenian Tribute to Near East Relief (AWTY), is a movement to recognize the outpouring of generosity by the American people from the onset of the Armenian Genocide in 1915 and for 15 consecutive years until 1930, and to highlight the efforts of Near East Relief in rescuing and providing assistance to hundreds of thousands of men, women and children who were victims and survivors of the Genocide.

Learn more at AmericaWeThankYou.org



ARMENIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF AMERICA PROFESSIONAL NETWORK

ANCA-PN is an association composed of Armenian American young professionals in the western United States with expertise in every field who are brought together by heritage, social responsibility and a desire to expand the civic awareness and involvement of Armenian American professionals working in both the public and private sectors.



ANCA-WR GRASSROOTS CONFERENCE

This biennial conference brings together experts and hundreds of activists from all over the world to analyze issues related to the Armenian Cause and to develop and promote new avenues of leadership and advocacy.



ANCA-PN DESTINATION WEEKEND

Launched in 2012, ANCA PN DestiNation Weekend is organized biennially, alternating years with the ANCA-WR Grassroots Conference, with the goal of bringing together young Armenian professionals from all over the world in different locales to network, share ideas, identify mentors, socialize, and share their interest in the Armenian Cause.

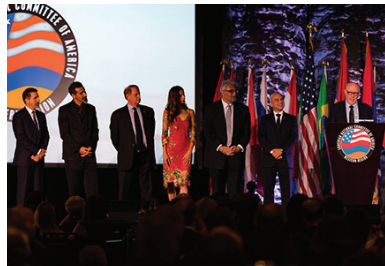


ANCA-WR ANNUAL GALA

This is the premier annual fundraising event for the ANCA-WR, where over 1,000 activists, supporters, donors and public officials come together to acknowledge the work of the organization and to pay homage to annual honorees whose contribution to the Armenian Cause is recognized each year.

On Sunday, October 16, a stellar gathering of more than 1,000 supporters that included over 80 local, state, and federal elected officials from the Western United States, community leaders, and Academic Award-winning director Terry George and his team from the upcoming film “The Promise,” celebrated Armenian National Committee of America-Western Region’s (ANCA-WR) accomplishments and honored Congressman Brad Sherman, California Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson, the late Varoujan Koundakjian, California State Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian, Coach Steve Kerr and the Kerr Family, and German Parliament Member Cem Ozdemir and the German Bundestag.

A special recognition and presentation was also made to and by filmmakers of the newly-completed Armenian Genocide-era film, “The Promise,” which included a short clip from the film with behind-the-scenes footage compiled especially for the event.



#GrassrootsMakesTheDifference

Because we have a proven track record and the work we do is so critical to the advancement of the Armenian Cause and the promotion of interests of the Armenian American community, we have hundreds of dedicated community members across the region who serve on our regional and local boards, committees, and subcommittees, while others graciously contribute financially to make our programs and initiatives possible. No matter the size of the group or task being completed, all of our dedicated volunteers play a vital role in helping us fulfill our goal of educating, motivating and activating our community, all the while demanding accountability, proper representation, and justice from our elected representatives.

Join us for a fulfilling, enlightening and empowering experience. Our strength lies in our numbers and the passion of our grassroots activists, donors, volunteers, and supporters.

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When you give to the ANCA WR you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping us continue our advocacy, community outreach, civic engagement, youth, and development programs. You can be sure that we will stretch every dollar of your donation and ensure that your voice will be heard through local, state, and federal government agencies and grassroots action on the issues that matter to you most. The ANCA-WR is completely funded by donors. If it weren't for the support of donors like you, we could not do the work that makes you proud. Be a part of it!

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Get active online. Share and like our Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn updates, re-tweet our Twitter posts and get your family and network of friends engaged in advancing the Armenian Cause. Becoming an ANCA WR E-Activist is just a click away.

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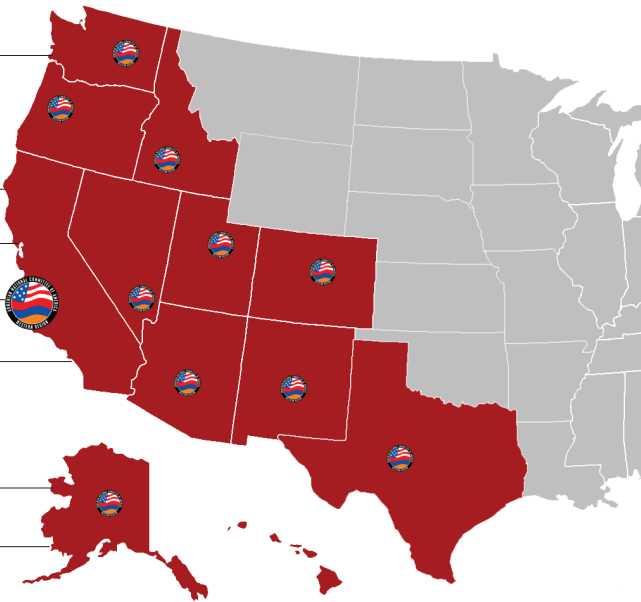
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The Armenian National Committee of America-Western Region is the largest and most influential Armenian-American grassroots advocacy organization in the Western United States. Working in coordination with a network of offices, chapters, and supporters throughout the region and affiliated organizations around the country, the ANCA-WR serves all aspects of the Armenian Cause by organizing and developing local Armenian communities; promoting the political, legal, social, cultural, educational and economic interests and rights of the Armenian-American community at the local, state, regional, and national levels; seeking justice for the Armenian Genocide; supporting economic development and democracy in the Republics of Armenia and Artsakh; ensuring the right to self-determination and independence for the people of Artsakh and Javakhk; ensuring the return of Nakhichevan to its rightful owners; and advocating for all aspects of the Armenian Cause through grassroots mobilization, political relationships, media presence, and education.

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