



2022 - 2023

Impact Report

Armenian National Committee of America - Western Region

Mission Statement

The Armenian National Committee of America-Western Region (ANCA WR) is the largest and most influential nonpartisan 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-Western Region serves all aspects of the Armenian Cause by organizing and developing local Armenian communities; promoting the political, legal, socioeconomic, cultural, and educational interests and rights of the Armenian American community at the local, state, regional, and national levels; seeking justice for the Armenian Genocide; advocating for the sovereignty, independence, democracy, security and economic development of the Republic of Armenia; advocating for the right of return, self determination, security and independence for the people of Artsakh; advocating for the protection and cultural preservation for the Armenians of Javakhk; and advocating for all aspects of the Armenian Cause through grassroots mobilization, political relationships, media presence, and education.



ANCA-WR Board of Directors

Message from the Chair

Dear ANCA WR Supporter,

The past few years have proven to be a consequential time in the long history of the Armenian Nation. From the devastating 44-Day War in Artsakh in 2020 to the nearly 10-month illegal and inhumane blockade of Artsakh starting in December 2022, to the military assault on Artsakh which led to the forced depopulation of over 120,000 Armenians in September 2023, the pan-Turkic genocidal plan to ethnically cleanse this historically Armenian land from its indigenous people came to fruition, leaving our nation reeling and traumatized.

Indeed, these are hard times in so many ways. The world is an unjust place, as geopolitical interests routinely trounce noble aspirations of human rights, freedom and justice. Tyrannical regimes act with impunity as they take advantage of rampant indifference and refusal of the international community to act to protect humanity. It is difficult to decipher political loyalties, as our allies not only enable but even support our enemies, either playing both sides or outright abandoning us in our time of dire need.

In the face of this tremendous loss, it is certainly easy to fall into a sense of hopelessness and despair. But as we meet the daunting challenges and existential threats that face us, we must remind ourselves that the Armenian Nation throughout history has repeatedly risen from the ashes of the worst calamities, resilient and resolute; that from adversity comes strength, and clarity of purpose.

As the largest and most influential grassroots advocacy organization in the western half of the United States and as a leading voice of the Armenian-American community, the ANCA Western Region is here to reaffirm that we will not be silenced, and we do not cower in the face of aggression by Azerbaijan, Turkey or anyone else.

Our overriding mission now must be to defend and protect Armenia and the rights of Armenians everywhere.

Now more than ever, we know that Armenia can only survive if it is left in peace. But we also know that true peace entails not only the absence of war – but the presence of justice. And that justice, for us, includes accountability for crimes against humanity by both Azerbaijan and Turkey; secure borders; the right of Artsakh Armenians to return to their ancestral home; an international protectorate to ensure their safety, freedom and preservation of culture; and the safe return of all prisoners of war and unlawfully detained persons.

Here in the United States, as American-Armenians, it is our right and indeed our duty to demand that our government move beyond supportive rhetoric to solid action to achieve this justice. We need the U.S. foreign policy establishment to recognize that in its efforts to ensure a just and sustainable framework for peace in the Caucasus, it is in the U.S. strategic interest to give Armenia a viable option for strategic realignments, and to actually be a genuine ally whose support for Armenia is tangible, steadfast and reliable.

This is our mission, and these are our priorities moving forward as we rise from the aftermath of seismic shifts which have devastated all of us.

On behalf of our Board, I want to thank each of our volunteers, our Staff, our local chapters, committee members, activists, and especially our donors, for without your encouragement and unwavering and generous support, we would not be able to do the important work we do every single day to amplify our message in the halls of government, in the world of media, and in the broader public sphere. We cherish the partnership and collaboration we have with every single elected official, honoree, donor, volunteer and coalition partner as we all work collectively together toward our common goal of justice for the Armenian Nation.

So through both these hard times and the better days ahead, we will see you in the trenches.

In Common Cause,



Nora Hovsepian, Esq.
ANCA-WR Chair



01.

Promoting a Sister-State Relationship Between California and Syunik

In light of Azerbaijan's occupation of the sovereign territories of the Republic of Armenia since May 2021, especially in the provinces of Gegharkunik, Vayots Dzor and Syunik, ANCA-WR advocated for the establishment of a sister-state relationship between the State of California and the Province of Syunik. In February 2022, through the passage of CA State Senate resolution ACR 105 (Holden), a sister-state relationship was established to facilitate mutually beneficial educational, economic, and cultural exchanges.



Syunik Delegation's visit to the LA City Council and Meeting with LA City Council President Paul Krekorian.



ANCA-WR Town Hall with Syunik Delegation

In an effort to shed further light on the dangers facing the Syunik Province, in November 2023 ANCA-WR in coordination with the Tatoyan Foundation hosted a Syunik delegation led by Mayor Gevorg Parsyan of Syunik's capital city Kapan, Mayor Arushan Arushanyan of the city of Goris and Dr. Arman Tatoyan to meet with public officials and report to community meetings and events about the challenges they face with ongoing Azeri threats and the refugee crisis resulting from the ethnic cleansing of Artsakh Armenians.



Panelists of the Town Hall (left to right): Sarkis Balkhian, Dr. Arman Tatoyan, Mayor Gevorg Parsyan, Mayor Arush Arushanyan, and Garo Ghazarian, Esq.



Syunik Town Hall hosted by ANCA Western Region in November 2023.

02.

Azerbaijan's 2022 Invasion of Armenia and its *Aftermath*

Azerbaijan has continuously invaded and occupied the sovereign territories of the Republic of Armenia since May 2021, but on September 13, 2022, Azerbaijan launched a full-scale attack on sovereign Armenian lands causing extensive damage to civilians and civilian infrastructure in the border communities of the Syunik, Vayots Dzor, and Gegharkunik provinces. According to official reports, at least 135 Armenians were killed, and more than 7,500 civilians were internally displaced, including women, children, elderly, and disabled persons. Furthermore, Azerbaijan's extensive targeting of civilian infrastructure resulted in heavy damage to more than 200 residential structures—upwards of 50 of which were damaged or destroyed, including school buildings, government administration buildings, a medical center, and a gas supply pipeline. During this invasion, Azerbaijan also opened fire in the direction of journalists from both foreign and Armenian media outlets, despite the clear display of “press” emblems.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi's Visit to Armenia

On September 18, 2022, a US Congressional delegation led by then-Speaker Nancy Pelosi arrived in Armenia with the aim of detering further Azerbaijani aggression against the Republic of Armenia. The delegation included Rep. Jackie Speier, Rep. Anna Eshoo and Rep. Frank Pallone. ANCA-WR welcomed the delegation's visit and submitted a list of demands to the US Congress and the Biden Administration. On September 25, 2022, ANCA-WR hosted a press conference in Los Angeles featuring Rep. Jackie Speier where she briefed Armenian and non-Armenian media about the delegation's data gathering mission and the outcome of the meetings held with representatives of the Armenian Government.



Speaker Nancy Pelosi's delegation to Armenia (left to right): Rep. Jackie Speier, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Rep. Frank Pallone, and Rep. Anna Eshoo.



ANCA-WR Chair Nora Hovsepien, Esq. pictured with Congresswoman Jackie Speier at a press conference about Azerbaijan's September 2022 invasion of Armenia and Speaker Pelosi's visit to Armenia.

03.

ANCA-WR with Artsakh Foreign Minister *David Babayan*

From September 15-28, 2022, upon the invitation of the ANCA-WR, then Foreign Minister David Babayan led a Republic of Artsakh delegation tour of the United States to participate in high level meetings with several US Members of Congress in both Washington DC and California, including Rep. Adam Schiff, Rep. Brad Sherman, Rep. Judy Chu, Rep. Jackie Speier, Rep. Jim Costa, Rep. Frank Pallone, Rep. David Cicilline, as well as attend meetings with state and local officials and participate in events featuring Armenian community members and organizations.

In California, the delegation which included Deputy Minister of Culture and Youth of Artsakh Dr. Lernik Hovhannisyan and Artsakh's Permanent Representative in the US Robert Avetisyan met with California State Senator Anthony Portantino, Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian, and LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger who presented an LA County Board of Supervisors' scroll to David Babayan, only a few months after the LA County Board of Supervisors had rescinded a scroll erroneously issued to outgoing Azerbaijani Ambassador Nasimi Aghayev.



LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger presents a scroll to Artsakh Foreign Minister David Babayan.

Furthermore, Babayan delivered a powerful speech at LA City Council where he met with LA City Council members and held a joint press conference with then LA City Councilmembers Paul Krekorian and Paul Koretz. The delegation also visited Glendale City Council where they met with City Council members and other officials, and David Babayan signed an MOU with then Glendale Mayor Ardy Kassakhian setting the parameters of cooperation between Glendale and Martuni (Artsakh) after Glendale City Council had unanimously voted to establish a sister-city relationship between Glendale and Martuni on August 23, 2022.



Artsakh Foreign Minister David Babayan and Glendale Mayor Ardy Kassakhian sign an MOU about the Sister-City relationship between Glendale and Martuni (Artsakh).



LA City Council hosts a press conference featuring Artsakh Foreign Minister David Babayan.



David Babayan in Washington, D.C.



Artsakh Foreign Minister David Babayan meets with Congressman Tom McClintock in Washington, DC.



Artsakh Foreign Minister David Babayan meets with Congressman Jim Costa in Washington, DC.



Artsakh Foreign Minister David Babayan meets with Congressman Brad Sherman and Congresswoman Anna Eshoo in Washington, DC.



Dr. David Babayan also attended private dinners with Armenian community organizations, including members of the Pan-Armenian Council Western USA (PAC WUSA) consisting of 24 Armenian community organizations (including ANCA -WR), spoke at a town hall organized by PAC WUSA, featured as the Keynote Speaker at the 6th biennial ANCA-WR Grassroots Conference, and met with ANCA-WR chapter members and activists at a private dinner hosted by the regional Board.



Artsakh Foreign Minister David Babayan, Minister of Culture Lernik Hovhannisyan and Permanent Representative in the US Robert Avetisyan meet with Senator Portantino in Glendale.



David Babayan Lectures at UCLA



Artsakh Foreign Minister delivers a lecture at UCLA hosted by the Promise Institute for Human Rights.



#FreeArmenianHostages

Alas, Dr. Babayan's dire warnings of impending Azeri aggression materialized a year later when Artsakh was subjected to ethnic cleansing by Azerbaijan, and Dr. Babayan and several other leaders of Artsakh were unlawfully imprisoned in Baku, where they remain as of this writing. The ANCA-WR is working closely with Rep. Schiff to ensure the passage of H. RES. 861, has launched an online campaign #FreeArmenianHostages, and is doing everything possible to exert pressure on all fronts to secure the release of all Armenian POWs, hostages, and other illegally detained Armenians.



Artsakh Foreign Minister David Babayan Meets with Rep. Adam Schiff in California



Artsakh FM. Babayan Meets with Members of PAC WUSA and Community Leaders in Los Angeles



04.

2022 ANCA Western Region Grassroots Conference

On September 24, 2022, hundreds of community leaders, advocates, youth, media personnel, scholars and activists gathered for the 6th biennial ANCA-WR Grassroots Conference dedicated to Artsakh.

The conference featured experts from Armenia, Artsakh, and the United States in the fields of international law, politics, genocide studies, and international human rights and humanitarian law focusing on strategically designed panels: (1) "Prevention of Cultural Genocide," (2) Q&A with Dr. Arman Tatoyan, (3) Keynote Speech by then Artsakh Foreign Minister Dr. David Babayan; and (4) "International Justice" presentation and discussion featuring three members of the Republic of Armenia's legal team at the International Court of Justice.

The 2022 ANCA-Western Region Grassroots Conference was sponsored through the generosity of Mr. & Mrs. Sarkis and Nune Sepetjjan, enabling the participation of more than 100 students from local Armenian high schools alongside several hundred attendees.



Hundreds of community leaders and advocates attend luncheon featuring a keynote address by Artsakh Foreign Minister David Babayan.



ANCA WR Board Member Anahid Oshagan introduces the panelists on the Prevention of Cultural Genocide featuring (left to right) Simon Maghakyan, Dr. Mashinka Firunts Hakopian, and Dr. Lernik Hovhannisyan.



ANCA WR Executive Director Sarkis Balkhian moderating the Q&A Session with Dr. Arman Tatoyan.



ANCA WR Board Member Ayk Dikijian introducing panel on International Justice featuring attorneys (left to right) Garo Ghazarian, Yeghishe Kirakosyan, Levon Gevorgyan, and Karnig Kerkonian.

05.

2022 ANCA Western Region Awards Banquet and Gala

On September 25, 2022, ANCA-WR hosted its 2022 Annual Awards Gala with a sold-out crowd, in a historic show of support for Armenia and Artsakh in the wake of recent attacks by Azerbaijan against the sovereignty of the Armenian Nation.



ANCA-WR hosted a sold-out Annual Awards Banquet in a historic show of support for Armenia and Artsakh at its 2022 Gala.

The 2022 ANCA-WR Awards Gala honored deserving individuals with awards for their continued activism in furtherance of the Armenian Cause and was generously sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Varant and Hoori Melkonian. The event raised a record \$1.1 million to support ANCA-WR's ongoing work.



2022 ANCA WR Gala was generously sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Varant and Hoori Melkonian, pictured with 2022 ANCA WR Lifetime Achievement Awardee Rep. Jackie Speier.

Representatives and leaders from virtually every Armenian community organization attended and supported the ANCA-WR Gala, including the Western Diocese, Western Prelacy, Armenian Evangelical Union of North America, the ARF-Dashnaktsutyun, Western U.S.A., the Armenian Democratic League (Ramgavar Party), the Armenian Cultural Foundation, Homenetmen Western US, Hamazkayin, the Armenian Missionary Association of America, the Armenian Educational Foundation, AGBU, Tekeyan Cultural Association, the Armenian American Museum, the Pan Armenian Council, the Armenian Assembly of America, the Unified Young Armenians, ANCA-Professional Network, several local ANCA-WR and ACF chapters, several Armenian media outlets, and coalition partners including the Assyrian American Association of Southern California and Asian-American National Committee.



ANCA WR Board Members Ayk Dikijian and Anahid Oshagan present the 2022 Advocate for Justice Award to Rep. Adam Schiff.



Shant Sahakian of Glendale School Board, Araksya Karapetyan of Fox 11, Berdj Karapetian Executive Chairman of the Armenian American Museum and friends at 2022 ANCA WR Gala.



ANCA WR Board Members Lina Davidian and Raffi Kassabian present the 2022 Legislature of the Year Award to California State Senator Scott Wilk.



ANCA WR Board Members Hermineh Pakhanians and Sako Berberian present the 2022 Freedom Award to Artsakh Foreign Minister David Babayan.



ANCA WR Board Members Hermineh Pakhanians and Lena Bozoyan present the 2022 Champions of International Justice Award to Armenia's 23 person Legal Team at the International Court of Justice featuring Yeghishe Kirakosyan, Levon Gevorgyan, and Karnig Kerkonian, Esq.



ANCA WR Chair Nora Hovsepian, Esq. delivering her keynote speech at the 2022 ANCA WR Gala.



Members of the A.R.F. Central Committee and leaders of the Armenian Cultural Foundation attend 2022 ANCA WR Gala



ANCA WR Board Members Lina Davidian and Raffi Kassabian present the 2022 Global Impact Award to Dr. Eric Esraillian and Kim Kardashian.



2022 Global Impact Awardees Dr. Eric Esrailian and Kim Kardashian deliver a message about their commitment to Armenia and Artsakh at the 2022 ANCA WR Gala.



Bishop Torkom Donoyan of the Western Prelacy delivers invocation at 2022 ANCA WR Gala.



ANCA WR Education Committee Members with Los Angeles Unified School District Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho and Rep. Adam Schiff.



ANCA WR Board Members Sako Berberian and Lena Bozoyan present the 2022 Khrimian Hayrig Award to Rev. Berdj Djambazian.



The 2022 ANCA-Western Region Grassroots Conference was sponsored through the generosity of Mr. & Mrs. Sarkis and Nune Sepetjian pictured with friends at 2022 ANCA WR Gala.

06.

Azerbaijan's Illegal Blockade & Genocide of Artsakh

The 2020 Artsakh War waged by Azerbaijan backed by Turkey and Syrian mercenaries resulted in the occupation of Hadrut, Shushi, Qashatagh, and Shahumyan by Azerbaijan, the displacement of more than 30,000 Artsakh Armenians as refugees, the signing of the trilateral statement, the withdrawal of Armenia's forces from Artsakh and the deployment of Russian Peacekeepers.

However, less than a month after the conclusion of the 2020 War on Nov. 9, 2020, Azerbaijan resumed its assault against the Armenians of Artsakh under the watchful eyes of the Russian peacekeepers and the international community. After nearly two years of inaction by the international community, on December 12, 2022, Azerbaijan illegally blockaded the remaining 120,000 Armenians of Artsakh using pseudo-environmentalists as a false pretense for their illegal and inhumane action.

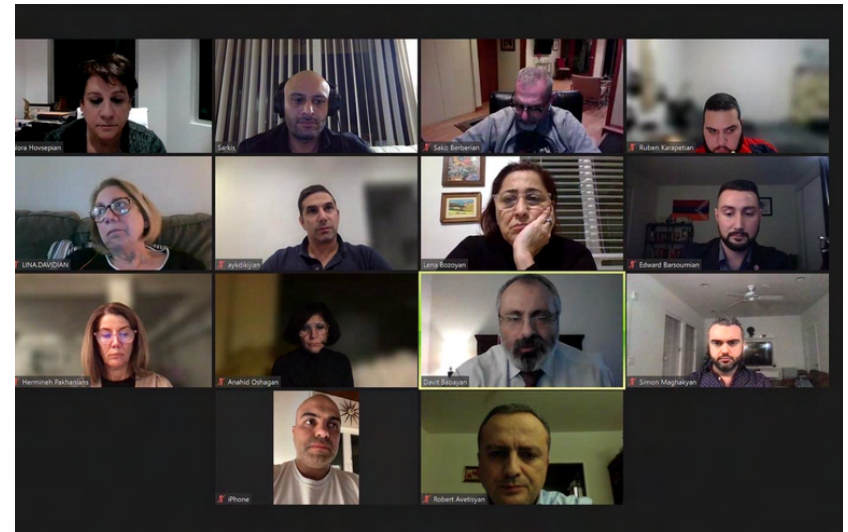
Our Immediate Efforts

ANCA-WR immediately intensified its efforts to prevent the ethnic cleansing/genocide of Artsakh by advocating at all levels of government (local, state, federal), including the Biden Administration, State Department Officials, USAID officials, launching online campaigns and mobilizing the Armenian American community by collaborating with dozens of Armenian organizations including members of the Pan-Armenian Council Western USA, ensuring media coverage of the humanitarian crisis caused by Azerbaijan's illegal blockade, creating coalitions with non-Armenian partners, and organizing press conferences and community events.

Demand US Action for Azerbaijan's Campaign of Genocide in Artsakh

On December 21, 2022, in collaboration with the PAC-WUSA, ANCA-WR called upon President Biden, Secretary of State Blinken, National Security Advisor Sullivan, and USAID Administrator Power to condemn Azerbaijan's illegal blockade and ongoing aggression against Armenia and Artsakh, to demand the immediate opening of the Lachin Corridor, to deliver \$100 million in humanitarian aid to the Armenians of Artsakh, to sanction the Aliyev regime for its war crimes and to introduce a UN Security Council resolution to establish a UN Mission to protect Artsakh.

In January 2023, ANCA-WR launched the #SaveArtsakh online letter campaign to enable Armenian Americans to submit letters to the Biden Administration with the aforementioned demands and successfully secured the support of coalition partners including the Asian-American National Committee, Assyrian American Association of Southern California, Inner City Struggle, Israeli American Civic Action Network, Jewish World Watch, Muwekma Ohlone Tribe and other non-Armenian coalition partners in submitting similar letters to the administration.



ANCA WR Board and Staff meet with Former Artsakh Foreign Minister David Babayan and Permanent Rep. of Artsakh in Washington, DC. Robert Avetisyan on December 20, 2022 to discuss Azerbaijan's illegal blockade of Artsakh which commenced on December 12, 2022.



During the 282 Days of Azerbaijan's illegal blockade of Artsakh, ANCA WR Media Consultant Hagar Chemali worked tirelessly to secure media coverage of the illegal blockade and provided interviews to MSNBC, Cheddar News, etc.

Town Hall With Ruben Vardanyan

On February 6, 2023, ANCA-WR hosted a packed Town Hall meeting with then State Minister of the Republic of Artsakh Ruben Vardanyan, who joined virtually from behind the blockade in Artsakh, to update the community about the humanitarian crisis on the ground. Congressman Adam Schiff also joined virtually to reiterate his commitment to the Armenian community both in the United States and abroad, and described his recent and ongoing initiatives in getting U.S. and international attention toward alleviating the blockade.



Virtual Town Hall with former Artsakh State Minister Ruben Vardanyan.

At the invitation of ANCA-WR, Hon. Robert Avetisyan, Permanent Representative of Artsakh in the United States, attended the Town Hall hosted in Glendale in-person and was then invited by Rep. Schiff to attend the State of the Union Address by President Biden on February 7, 2023 as his guest.

State Minister Vardanyan briefed the Los Angeles community about the consequences of Azerbaijan's blockade and warned that there is no scenario under which Armenians can ever live in peace under Azeri rule.



Rep. Adam Schiff invited Artsakh Representative in the US Robert Avetisyan to the 2023 State of the Union Address, where they met with Former Speaker Nancy Pelosi.



Rep. Adam Schiff delivers a message of support to then Artsakh State Minister Ruben Vardanyan at the virtual town hall hosted by ANCA WR.

Over the course of the ensuing months, ANCA-WR worked with media consultants, researchers, human rights experts, and journalists to secure local, national and international media coverage of the humanitarian crisis in Artsakh caused by Azerbaijan's illegal blockade of the Lachin Corridor. The organization held off-the-record discussions with Former ICC Prosecutor Luis Moreno Ocampo, David Ignatius of the Washington Post, Nicholas Kristof of the New York Times, Michael Rubin of the American Enterprise Institute, collaborated with local journalists Araksya Karapetyan and Christina Pascucci of Fox 11 and Ellina Abovian of KTLA, and briefed researchers at Human Rights Watch.

Joint Letter Calling On the Biden Administration to Take Immediate Action in Response to Azerbaijan's Illegal Blockade of Artsakh



ANCA WR and Coalition Partners sent a letter to President Biden Demanding Immediate action to end Azerbaijan's illegal blockade of Artsakh.

In August 2023, in collaboration with the other members of the PAC-WUSA, the organization held a press conference in front of the Azerbaijani Consulate General in Los Angeles featuring Congressmen Adam Schiff and Brad Sherman, and Los Angeles City Council President Paul Krekorian; Glendale Mayor Dan Brotman and Glendale City Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian, Los Angeles City Councilmembers Heather Hutt and Traci Park, as well as former California Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian.



PAC WUSA hosted a press conference in front of the Azerbaijani Consulate in Los Angeles featuring elected officials to call upon the Biden Administration to stop Azerbaijan's illegal blockade of Artsakh.

All speakers echoed PAC-WUSA's demands calling on the Biden Administration to introduce a resolution in the UN Security Council that would force Azerbaijan to lift the blockade and end the humanitarian crisis in line with the ICJ ruling ordering Azerbaijan to open the Lachin Corridor, immediately halting all U.S. military assistance to Azerbaijan consistent with Section 907 of the FREEDOM Support Act, sanctioning members of the Aliyev regime under the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act for ongoing war crimes, delivering \$100 million in USAID humanitarian assistance to Artsakh, and introducing a UN Security Council resolution to establish a United Nations Mission in Artsakh (Nagorno-Karabakh) [UNMINK] consisting of 5,000 international military personnel to ensure the physical security of the population.

Despite a preliminary measure issued by the International Court of Justice ordering Azerbaijan to end its illegal blockade of Artsakh in February 2023 and numerous warnings by international law experts like Luis Moreno Ocampo, the former prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, about the Second Armenian Genocide in Artsakh, the inaction of the international community during the 282 days of the illegal blockade created an environment of impunity that culminated in Azerbaijan's September 19, 2023 full scale military offensive against the 120,000 Armenians of Artsakh. The military offensive aimed to complete the genocidal campaign of the Aliyev regime by ethnically cleansing all Armenians from their ancestral lands in Artsakh. After a 24-hour full-scale offensive that resulted in the death of hundreds of Armenians, including women, children, and elderly, the Artsakh government was coerced into agreeing to a ceasefire to spare the lives of the 120,000 Armenians of Artsakh.



ANCA WR Board Vice-Chair Raffi Kassabian, Esq. interviewed by NBC LA following Azerbaijan's genocidal attacks against Artsakh on September 19, 2023.

The September 19, 2023 offensive came five days after a US Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing where acting Assistant Secretary of State Yuri Kim stated: "The Lachin Corridor must be open now, now...No more delay... We will not tolerate any attack on the people [Armenians] of Nagorno Karabakh..." and under the watchful eyes of the Russian peacekeepers who were deployed in Artsakh to protect the civilian Armenian population.



ANCA WR Board Chair Nora Hovsepian, Esq. interviewed by ABC7 following Azerbaijan's genocidal attacks against Artsakh on September 19, 2023.

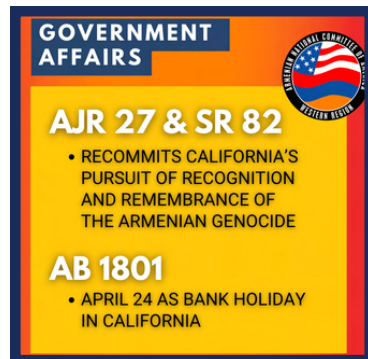


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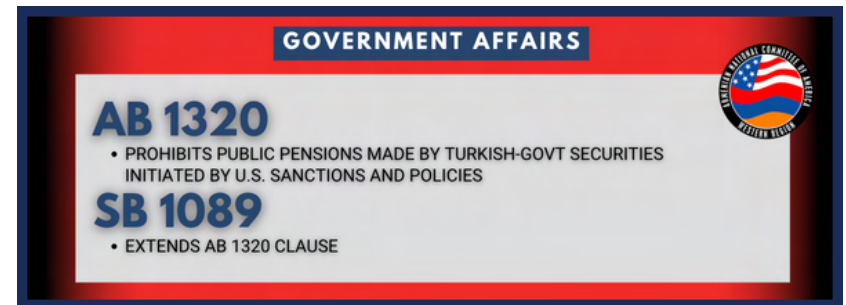
Political Advocacy & Government Affairs

At the local level, ANCA-WR has advocated in 2022-2023 for the passage of numerous resolutions and motions in support of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Armenia, defense of Artsakh, as well as other issues of concern to the Armenian American community.

In June 2022, ANCA Western Region worked with Assemblymember Kevin McCarty to include the Republic of Artsakh in AJR-34, the World Refugee Day resolution, which honors the world's displaced peoples. This legislative push faced heavy backlash from then-Azeri Consul General Nasimi Aghayev, who threatened to undermine US-Azeri relations if Assemblymember McCarty retained the language recognizing the status of the people of Artsakh as displaced persons caused by Azerbaijan's 2020 War. ANCA-WR advocates helped facilitate passage of AJR 27 (Asm. Nazarian) and SR-82 (Durazo), which recommitted the State of California's pursuit of recognition and remembrance of the Armenian Genocide, culminating in the passage of AB1801 (Nazarian), which codifies April 24th as a bank holiday across the state of California. ANCA Western Region worked tirelessly with Asm. Nazarian's office to ensure that a holiday on April 24th will serve to advance the conversation about the Armenian Genocide, cultivating new opportunities for the Armenian-American community to engage with non-Armenians and educate them about the crimes committed by Turkey.



Moreover, ANCA-WR worked closely with CA State Senator Scott Wilk to ensure the passage of SB 1089, which extends the sunset clause for Asm. Nazarian's AB 1320, which prohibited public pension investments made by Turkish-government-backed securities, initiated by any formal sanctions or policies by the United States government. Finally, ANCA-WR successfully led the Armenian American community's effort to pass an LA County Board of Supervisors Motion introduced by Supervisors Barger and Horvath condemning Azerbaijan's illegal blockade of the Lachin Corridor and led the advocacy efforts to ensure the passage of AJR-1 by the California State Assembly (March 2023) and Senate (July 2023).



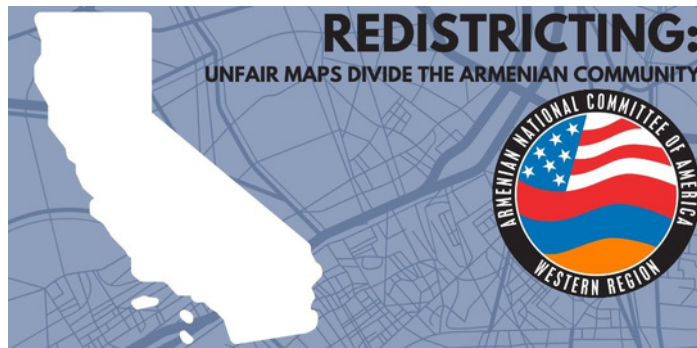
ANCA WR staff and chapter members speak in favor of a motion co-introduced by LA County Supervisors Kathryn Barger and Lindsay Horvath in January 2023 demanding action by the Biden Administration to end Azerbaijan's illegal blockade of Artsakh.



Advocating for an Armenian Checkbox on the 2030 Census

Between February and May 2023, ANCA-WR in collaboration with the Armenian American Action Network and the participation of many members of the PAC-WUSA secured and submitted support letters from dozens of elected officials to the Office of Management and Budget urging the inclusion of a Middle Eastern and North African checkbox with an Armenian subcategory checkbox on the 2030 United States Census questionnaire.

ANCA-WR and the Armenian American Action Network also mobilized a community-wide effort for the submission of individual letters and comments by Armenian Americans via OMB's website, resulting in the submission of more than 1,800 comments in favor of the inclusion of an Armenian sub-category checkbox on the 2030 United States Census questionnaire from a total of 20,250 submitted comment by various ethnic groups from across the United States. Securing the identification of Armenians as an ethnic minority in the United States will open doors to a vast array of public grants and security protections for our communities throughout the country and is vitally important for the future of our Armenian-American institutions.



During the California Redistricting process, the ANCA-WR - through mobilization of the community - was able to reverse some of the most damaging proposals put forward by the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission.



Meetings and Endorsements

In 2022 and 2023, ANCA Western Region Board members, staff, local chapter members and committee members held dozens of meetings with elected officials to endorse candidates worthy of the support of the Armenian-American community and to advocate for the prevention of genocide in Artsakh, the restoration of Armenia's territorial integrity and protection of its sovereignty, and the advancement of Hye Tahd priorities on the local, state, and federal levels.



Friends of ANCA Western Region at a fundraiser in support of Lt. Governor Eleni Kounalakis in May 2022.



ANCA WR Board and Staff Meet with Congressman Adam Schiff to discuss the security situation in Armenia and Artsakh in December 2022.



ANCA WR Board and Staff Congratulate Congressman Adam Schiff on his victory during his election night party in Los Angeles, as CNN announces John Fetterman's victory over Mehmet Oz in US Senate Race in Pennsylvania.



ANCA WR Board and Staff meet with Rep. Karen Bass prior to endorsing her in the LA Mayoral Race.



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ANCA WR Board, Staff and Bay Area Chapter members engaging in advocacy meetings in Sacramento.



ANCA WR Board and Staff meet with LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger and her Chief of Staff Anna Mouradian to discuss issues of concern to the Armenian American community in Los Angeles County.



ANCA WR Board, Staff and Chapter members meet with Rep. Judy Chu to discuss Azerbaijan's illegal blockade of Artsakh.



ANCA WR Board and Staff meet with LA City Council President Paul Krekorian and former Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian to discuss issues of concern to the Armenian American community in Los Angeles.



ANCA WR Board and Staff meet with Rep. Jim Costa to discuss the security situation in Armenia and Artsakh and Azerbaijan's genocidal campaign against the Armenians in the homeland.



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ANCA WR Endorses Endorses Los Angeles City Councilmember Nithya Raman for Re-Election Amidst Armenian Organizations' Roundtable Addressing Urgent Community Needs, including her much needed support for the success of the Los Angeles Firehouse project where a new ACF Community Center will be established in Encino.



ANCA Western Region Board and Staff Members meet with LA County Supervisor Lindsay Horvath.



ANCA Western Region Board and Staff at a fundraiser for Congressman Brad Sherman's re-election hosted by community activist Michael Mahdesian.



ANCA WR Board and Staff meet with Senator Alex Padilla to discuss the security situation in Armenia and Artsakh and Azerbaijan's genocidal campaign against the Armenians in the homeland.



ANCA WR Board and Staff meet with CA State Senator Anthony Portantino to discuss his campaign for US Congress and issues of concern to the Armenian American community in California.



The Unveiling of the Republic of Artsakh Square at the intersection of the consulate general of Azerbaijan (left to right): Glendale City Councilmember Elen Asatryan, Former Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian, Permanent Representative of Artsakh Robert Avetisyan, LA City Council President Paul Krekorian and LA City Councilmember Traci Park.



ANCA WR Government Affairs Director Ruben Karapetian and ANCA North Valley Chapter members meet with Congressman Mike Garcia to discuss Azerbaijan's illegal blockade of Artsakh and the security situation in the South Caucasus.



ANCA WR Board and Staff meet with California Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel.



ANCA WR Board, Staff, Local Chapter and Committee members support Rep. Adam Schiff in the race for US Senate.



ANCA WR Board and Staff at Elen Asatryan's Campaign headquarters in June 2022.

08.

ANCA Western Region Education Committee

On the Federal level, ANCA Western Region's Staff and Education Committee members advocated for the passage of H. Res. 7555 (Rep. Maloney) that aims to allocate \$10 million over 5 years to the Library of Congress for the development and national dissemination of accurate, relevant, and accessible resources to promote public understanding of the Armenian Genocide. The ANCA-WR Education Committee held a virtual Armenian Genocide Education Committee Luncheon in 2022 and an in-person one in 2023, during which distinguished honorees were recognized for their commitment and innovative efforts to teach about the Armenian Genocide.



In 2022 and 2023, ANCA-WR's Education Committee also collaborated with Kelly Gonez, a member of the LAUSD Board of Education representing Board District 6, to host training sessions on Armenian Genocide for L.A. Teachers and Families and to create a comprehensive K-12 Teacher's Guide of resources and frameworks to help educators teach about the Armenian Genocide. Moreover, the ANCA-WR Education Committee, in April 2022, ensured that more than 3 million National Education Association (NEA) members received an informational sheet and a digital guide to incorporate the Armenian Genocide in classrooms. The National Education Association is the largest education labor union in the United States. It represents public school teachers, faculty and staffers at colleges and universities, retired educators, and college students preparing to become teachers. The NEA has affiliate organizations in every state and in more than 14,000 communities across the United States.



ANCA WR Education Committee Meets with Los Angeles Unified School District Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho in August 2022.



2023 ANCA WR Education Committee Luncheon was a sold-out event.



ANCA WR Chair Nora Hovsepian (left) and ANCA WR Education Committee Chair Alice Petrossian (right) present the Ambassador Henry Morgenthau Sr. Courage Award to Emmy Award winning journalist Christina Pascucci (middle).



2023 ANCA WR Education Committee Honorees photographed with members of the committee and ANCA WR Board and Staff.

In April 2023, the Education Committee signed an MOU with the Rerooted Archive Initiative to create “The End of the 20th Century Anti-Armenian Pogroms Collection” with the aim of documenting the testimonies of the survivors of the Sumgait massacres and Baku and Kirovabad Pogroms perpetrated by Azerbaijan. The project is currently ongoing.



The Armenian Genocide Education Legacy Award was presented to Dr. Stephan Astourian, founder and director of the Armenian Studies Program at UC Berkeley.



Katia Karageuzian (far left), ANCA WR Chair Nora Hovsepian (left), and ANCA Western Region Education Committee Chair Alice Petrossian (right) present the Richard G. Hovannissian Armenian Genocide Higher Education Award to Dr. Khatchig Mouradian.



ANCA-Western Region Education Committee organized a "kinetzon", or wine blessing, for committee member and author Katia Tavitian Karageuzian's Forbidden Homeland book launch, a personal account of diaspora with a focus on the Armenian Genocide and the ongoing Nagorno Karabakh (Artsakh) conflict.



LAUSD Armenian Heritage and Genocide Remembrance Event organized by Los Angeles School District's (LAUSD) Board Member, Kelly Gonez, in partnership with the ANCA Western Region Education Committee.



In partnership with the Rerooted Initiative, ANCA WR Education Committee is documenting the testimonies of eyewitnesses and survivors of the End of the 20th Century Anti-Armenian Pogroms at the hands of Azerbaijan.



Emmy-award winning FOX 11 news anchor, Araksya Karapetyan graciously served as the Mistress of Ceremonies.

09.

HyeVotes Campaign and Investing in the Next Generation

Launched in 2012 by the ANCA Western Region and successfully registering tens of thousands of new voters in the ensuing years, Hye Votes is a region wide, non-partisan initiative designed to encourage civic engagement in the electoral process.

During the 2022 Midterm Elections, HyeVotes worked with local Armenian television stations to release and promote videos and PSAs featuring community leaders and elected officials who focused on the importance of voting. Volunteers conducted phone banking and canvassing to relay important information regarding the elections and provided voter assistance to community members.

In 2023, ahead of a special election held for the Los Angeles City Council District 6, the organization held a HyeVotes Candidate Forum for the two Los Angeles City Council District 6 candidates in which over 100 prospective voters participated.

ANCA Western Region is currently finalizing plans for the implementation of its Hye Votes initiative ahead of the much anticipated 2024 Elections.



ANCA WR Government Affairs Director Ruben Karapetian (left) and Asbarez Editor Ara Khachatourian (right) moderate the Candidate Forum Los Angeles City Council District 6.



More than one hundred Armenian and non-Armenian community members attended the Los Angeles City Council District 6 Candidate Forum which took place in Van Nuys, CA.



ANCA WR Government Affairs Director Ruben Karapetian and Coalition and Community Development Director Edward Barsoumian promoting HyeVotes initiative at community events.



Investing in the Next Generation

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 Program, Professional Network and Youth Committee, and its partnership with All-ASA, ANCA-WR fosters a spirit of community service, participation, and leadership in our community's youth. By engaging the youth with past and current work being done to advance the Armenian Cause, future generations are given the tools and opportunity to build a valuable foundation for creating a new generation of Armenian-American leaders who will be prepared and eager to advance Armenian issues for decades to come.



ANCA Professional Network hosts a mixer in May 2022.



2023 ANCA WR Summer and Fall Interns recognized at 2023 ANCA WR Gala.



2023 ANCA WR Summer Interns meet with Rep. Adam Schiff at fundraiser hosted by Friends of ANCA Western Region.



2023 ANCA WR Summer Interns hosted by Fox11's Araksya Karapetian at the Fox 11 Studio.



2022 ANCA WR Summer Interns meet with Asbarez Staff led by editor Ara Khachatourian.



ANCA WR discussing the establishment of ANCA WR's Youth Committee in August 2022.



ANCA Professional Network hosts a Trivia Night at Miaseen Studios.

10.

ANCA-WR Local Chapters *in Action*

Representing the largest Armenian Diaspora community in the world, the greatest strength of the ANCA Western Region is the activism of its grassroots advocates who work year-round in ANCA-WR Local Chapters to connect with their communities and elected officials.



A decade-long effort by ANCA San Fernando Valley West, local officials and other stakeholders came to fruition in December 2021 at a groundbreaking ceremony on the site of the long-awaited Armenian community center in the West San Fernando Valley.



Rep. Brad Sherman Presents a \$1.2 Million congressional grant to West Valley ACF for Armenian Center Project.



ANCA San Fernando Valley West and ANCA WR Board and Staff host a roundtable discussion with California State Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel.



ANCA Pasadena hosts a meet and greet dinner with CA Assemblymember Chris Holden.



ANCA Pasadena hosts a holiday reception for Pasadena officials and community members.



ANCA Pasadena and ANCA WR Youth Committee members at Pasadena City College raising awareness about the Artsakh blockade.



ANCA Hollywood and ANCA WR Board endorse Kevin De Leon for Los Angeles City Mayor during the 2022 primary election.



ANCA-Pasadena Chapter Hosts Disaster Preparedness Workshop for the local community with the support of the Pasadena Fire Department's Firefighters and the Police Department's Officers.



ANCA WR Central California Chapter hosts the Flag Raising Ceremony in Fresno with the participation of local officials and hundreds of community members. ANCA WR Executive Director Sarkis Balkhian delivers the keynote speech at the event.



ANCA Nevada led by Lenna Hovannessian and ANCA WR staff meet with Congresswoman Susie Lee to discuss Azerbaijan's illegal blockade of Artsakh in August 2023.



ANCA WR Board and ANCA Hollywood Chapter give a tour of Hollywood to LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis, including a tour of Rose & Alex Pilibos Armenian School.



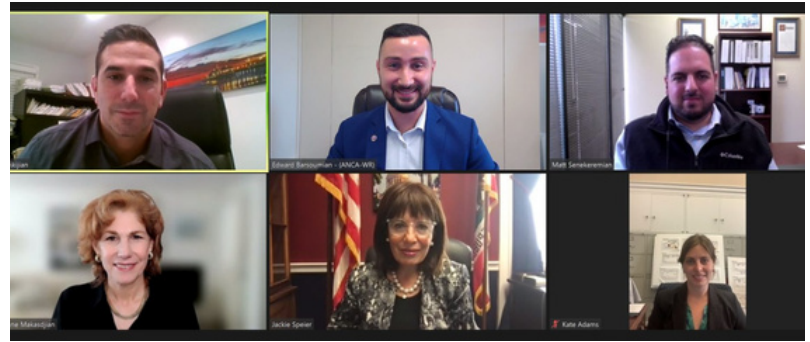
ANCA Hollywood Chapter and ANCA WR Staff meet with LA City Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez.



ANCA San Fernando Valley North Chapter members host LA City Councilmember John Lee at their center.



ANCA WR and its local chapters host a farewell dinner for Mayor Eric Garcetti.



ANCA Bay Area Chapter Members and ANCA WR Board and Staff discuss the security situation in Armenia and Artsakh with Congressmember Jackie Speier in August 2022.



ANCA WR and its local chapters host a farewell dinner for Mayor Eric Garcetti.



ANCA Colorado endorsed Colorado Governor Jared Polis's reelection in 2022.

11.

Community Events, Conferences, and Other Initiatives

In 2022 and 2023, ANCA Western Region hosted, co-organized, and participated in dozens of community events, conferences, and summits to promote and advance Hye Tahd priorities.



ANCA-WR Board, Staff and Local Chapter representatives attend Armenian Community panel hosted by the LA Police Department in November 2022.



"The Global Armenian Diaspora" Conference featured: Dr. Khachig Tololyan (Wesleyan University), Dr. Vahe Sahakyan (University of Michigan - Dearborn), Dr. Shushan Karapetyan (University of Southern California), Dr. Alina Dorian (University of California - Los Angeles), Dr. Ara Sanjian (University of Michigan - Dearborn), Dr. Razmik Panossian (Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation), Dr. Hayg Oshagan (Wayne State University), Dr. Hratch Tchilingirian (University of Oxford), Sara Anjargolian, Esq., Dr. Sossie Kasbarian (University of Stirling, Scotland), Dr. Hagop Gulludjian (University of California - Los Angeles), Salpi Ghazarian (University of Southern California), Dr. Vahram L. Shemmassian (California State University - Northridge).



More than 140 community leaders and advocates attend PAC WUSA's The Global Armenian Diaspora Conference in April 2023.



ANCA Western Region helped organize PAC WUSA's "The Global Armenian Diaspora" Conference in April 2023.



ANCA WR activists and supporters at 2022 Holiday Reception.



ANCA WR Board Member Sako Berberian and Glendale City Council Member Elen Asatryan with guests from the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles at ANCA WR's 2022 Holiday Reception.



ANCA-WR Board and Staff at 2022 Holiday Reception.



2022 ANCA WR Holiday Reception (left to right): Alice Petrossian, ANCA WR Education Committee Chair, Nazeli Hambarzumyan, then Consular Officer-in-Charge of Armenia in Los Angeles, and Lilit Sedrakyan of Armenian HI TV.



Healing_Circles participants demand action from the Biden Administration to end Azerbaijan's illegal blockade of Artsakh (January 2023)



The ANCA-Western Region, in coordination with the Los Angeles Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department, organized the first-ever Los Angeles Healing_Circles sessions to engage in intercommunal dialogue on the subjects of Armenophobia, racism, prejudice, and discrimination. The two sessions were held at the end of January 2023.



Friends of ANCA Western Region Host a Welcome Reception for City of Glendale Mayor Dan Brotman.



ANCA Western Region Executive Director Sarkis Balkhian meets with the students of Rose and Alex Pilibos Armenian School and encourages them to send letters to President Biden via ANCA Western Region's Save Artsakh online letter writing campaign.



ANCA WR hosts the screening of *The Tales of the Blue Sky*, a film about the children of Artsakh by Vruir Tadevosian. Emmy Award winning journalist Araksya Karapetyan served as the MC of the event.



The screening of *The Tales of the Blue Sky*, featuring (left to right) Vruir Tadevosian, Araksya Karapetyan, Prof. Hannah Garry and Sarkis Balkhian.



Panel Discussion following the screening of *The Tales of the Blue Sky*, featuring (left to right) Vruir Tadevosian, Araksya Karapetyan, ANCA WR Executive Director Sarkis Balkhian and Prof. Hannah Garry Executive Director of the Promise Institute for Human Rights (UCLA School of Law).



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ANCA Western Region Board and Staff attend and sponsor CSUN Gala.



Armenian representatives at the International Religious Freedom Summit in Washington, DC in January 2023. Photo with Dr. Katrina Lantos Swett President, Lantos Foundation for Human Rights & Justice.



ANCA Western Region Media and Communications Coordinator Sonia Meroian speaks out against USC's decision to host the Ambassador of Turkey and Consul General of Azerbaijan at an event immediately after the Second Armenian Genocide in Artsakh.



IRF Luncheon in Los Angeles (left to right): ANCA WR Executive Director Sarkis Balkhian, Amb. Sam Brownback, ANCA WR Board Member Lena Bozoyan and Rev. Hendrik Shanazarian of the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America.



ANCA Western Region Executive Director Sarkis Balkhian delivers a speech highlighting the critical situation in Artsakh at the Walk to End Genocide organized by Jewish World Watch in April 2023.



ANCA Western Region participates in the Walk to End Genocide organized by Jewish World Watch in April 2023.



ANCA WR Board, Staff, Activists and Advocates meet with the Syunik delegation led by Dr. Arman Tatoyan, Mayor of Kapan Gevorg Parsyan, Mayor of Goris Arushanyan.



ANCA WR Board, Staff and chapter members with LA County Supervisor Lindsay Horvath at 38th Annual Women of the Year Commemorative Celebration. hosted by LA County Board of Supervisors and the Commission for Women.



ANCA Western Region Endorses Supervisor Kathryn Barger's Re-Election Bid, Friends of ANCA Western Region host a fundraiser for Supervisor Barger's re-election.



Friends of ANCA WR Host a Fundraiser for California State Senator Anthony Portantino's campaign for US Congress



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12.

Duty to Prevent (D2P)

ANCA Western Region's Duty to Prevent (D2P) Initiative was launched in 2021 in response to the alarming escalation of Armenophobic crimes and incidents around the world.

For centuries, Armenians have been a target of persecution, ethnic cleansing, and genocide for their ethnic and religious identity. Armenophobia is unfortunately a growing phenomenon in today's world – particularly in Turkey and Azerbaijan – where propagation of hatred towards Armenians has been a longstanding state-sponsored policy. This state-sponsored hate policy has morphed into other regions with numerous anti-Armenian incidents taking place in Armenian populated regions across the United States and Europe.



In 2024, ANCA WR plans to work closely with the Ombudsmen of Armenia and Artsakh, the representative of the Republic of Armenia on international legal issues and other leading human rights and humanitarian rights experts who are combatting Armenophobia to develop a comprehensive definition of Armenophobia that can be applied universally. A universal definition of Armenophobia is required to combat hate speech and practice induced by Turkey and Azerbaijan, as well as defending local communities in the US, Europe, and beyond from anti-Armenian sentiments.



In 2023, several hate flyers targeting Armenians surfaced across California prompting ANCA WR and its local chapters to advocate with local officials and police departments to combat Armenophobia.



ANCA WR Coalition and Community Development Director Edward Barsoumian delivers a statement at a press conference organized outside the Glendale Police Department about the anti-Armenian hate flyer taped on light poles around the complex that houses the St. Mary's Armenian Church and the Krikor and Mariam Karamanoukian Glendale Youth Center.



ANCA WR, Jewish World Watch, Glendale Latino Association, Asian-American National Committee, Israeli-American Civic Action Network, and Reps. from Adam Schiff's and Laura Friedman's office discussing combatting racism, xenophobia, antisemitism and Armenophobia at meeting organized by ANCA WR in January 2023.

13.

2023 ANCA Western Region Awards Banquet and Gala

The Armenian National Committee of America - Western Region (ANCA-WR) hosted a sold-out Awards Banquet/Gala on November 12, 2023 in a significant show of support for the homeland in the wake of the Second Armenian Genocide perpetrated by Azerbaijan against the Armenians of Artsakh. The Gala demonstrated the potential of the largest and most organized community in the Armenian Diaspora in forming a unified front as the homeland faces an existential threat from Azerbaijan and Turkey.



ANCA Western Region Board Members Sako Berberian and Anahid Oshagan and LA Mayor Karen Bass present the 2023 Advocate for Justice Award to LA City Council President Paul Krekorian.

More than 45 elected officials from federal, state, county and city offices attended the 2023 Awards Banquet, along with representatives of Armenian community organizations, coalition partners, community leaders, and other dignitaries. The event was preceded by a press conference featuring Congressman Adam Schiff, Congressman Brad Sherman, L.A. City Council President Paul Krekorian, and former ICC Prosecutor Luis Moreno Ocampo who answered questions from the Armenian and non-Armenian media about their continued efforts to secure justice for Artsakh and humanitarian support to Artsakh Armenians who have found refuge in the Republic of Armenia.

Due to the crisis facing over 100,000 Armenian refugees from Artsakh, the ANCA-WR Board will donate a portion of the 2023 ANCA WR Gala's proceeds to support the survivors of the Second Armenian Genocide.



ANCA Western Region Board Member Hermineh Pakhanians and ANCA-WR Board Advisor Levon Kirakosian present the 2023 Champion of International Justice to Former International Criminal Court Prosecutor Luis Moreno Ocampo.



Pre-Gala press conference featuring (left to right) Congressman Brad Sherman, L.A. City Council President Paul Krekorian, Congressman Adam Schiff, and former ICC Prosecutor Luis Moreno Ocampo about the Second Armenian Genocide in Artsakh.



Sold out crowd at 2023 ANCA WR Gala.



ANCA WR Board Members Lina Davidian and Ayk Dikijian and former Reagan Speechwriter and 2011 ANCA-WR Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, Ken Khachigian, present the 2023 ANCA-WR Lifetime Achievement Award to Ambassador Edward P. Djerejian.



ANCA WR Board Member Lena Bozoyan and Vice-Chair Raffi Kassabian present the 2023 Legacy Award (Posthumous) to Dr. Richard G. Hovannisian. The Award was accepted by Dr. Hovannisian's daughter Ani Hovannisian Kevorkian.



ANCA Western Region Board Advisor Levon Kirakosian, Esq. presented the 2023 Vahan Cardashian Award to Michael Mahdesian, and Congressman Brad Sherman presented a United States flag that flew over Washington, DC for his decades of humanitarian work with USAID.



ANCA WR Board Members Anahid Oshagan and Ayk Dikijian present the 2023 Media Excellence Award to KTLA 5's Ellina Abovian.



ANCA Western Region Board members Lena Bozoyan and Ayk Dikijian, Esq., presented the inaugural Steve Artinian Visionary Activist Award to the ANCA Nevada Chapter led by Lenna Hovanesian, Esq.



ANCA WR paid tribute to the memory of former Board member Steve Artinian and recognized his decades of service to the organization and the Armenian community at large.



ANCA WR established the Steve Artinian Visionary Activist Award in memory of its former board member and community activist, Steve Artinian, who passed away in June 2023.



ANCA Western Region Board and Staff (left to right): Ayk Dikijian, Hermineh Pakhanians, Ruben Karapetian, Sonia Merojan, Raffi Kassabian, Lina Davidian, Nara Hovsepian, Sako Berberian, Lena Bozoyan, Sarkis Balkhian, Anahid Oshagan, Edward Barsoumian † 2023 ANCA WR Gala.



Elected officials awaiting procession at 2023 ANCA WR Gala.



LA City Council Member Nithya Raman at 2023 ANCA WR Gala.

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Fresno

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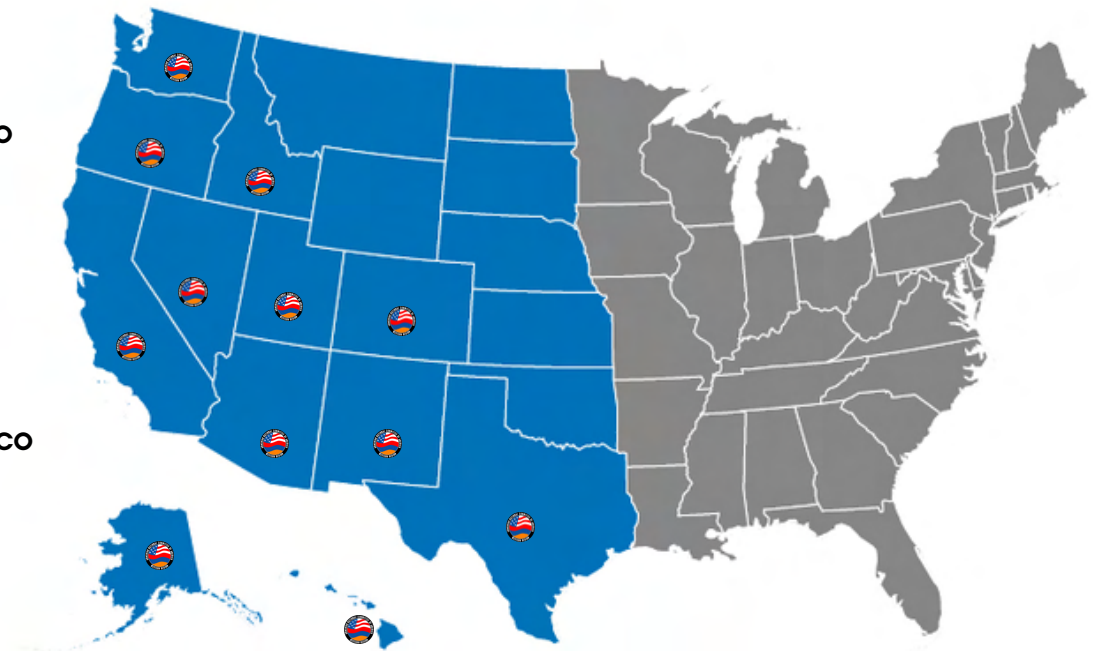
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