

COMMUNITY ADVOCATES FOR JUST AND MORAL GOVERNANCE

MoGo 2024 Recap



In 2024, MoGo filed two lawsuits against the City of San Diego on behalf of harmed community members.

Impact Litigation Efforts

MoGo, along with co-counsel Rios Bollinger Law APC, filed a lawsuit alleging several causes of action against the City of San Diego because of their failure to properly maintain the Chollas Creek channel leading to the flooding that happened on January 22, 2024 which displaced thousands of San Diegans. Not only was the flooding foreseeable, it was preventable. Prior to the catastrophic flooding, our clients requested help from various elected officials and members of city staff to unclog the storm drains and received no assistance.

They lost everything. This case is about accountability. Our clients are seeking justice for the losses they have endured and to ensure no other families are harmed by similar systemic neglect. As the City of San Diego must address its failure to maintain critical infrastructure, particularly in underserved areas, we are hopeful that this case will lead to meaningful systemic reform and set a precedent for holding municipalities accountable for maintaining essential public systems.

Impact Litigation Efforts



MoGo, along with co-counsel Briggs Law Corporation, filed a lawsuit against the City of San Diego on behalf of privacy advocates. The lawsuit alleges the City of San Diego violated its own Transparent and Responsible Use of Surveillance Technology (TRUST) Ordinance by deploying surveillance technologies, including Smart Street lights and Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) without proper approval or transparency.You can read more about the lawsuit <u>HERE</u>.



MoGo Launches New Tools

On July 30th, coinciding with National Whistleblower Appreciation Day, we launched a new portal on our website where community members can easily and anonymously, if preferred, submit whistleblower complaints and public records requests (PRAs) in an effort to promote transparency and accountability. Under the California Public Records Request Act, it is the right of the People to request documents and information held by government agencies, concerning public business including government spending and operations. Similarly, whistleblowers play a critical role in exposing corruption, fraud, and abuse of power. These new tools make it easier to maintain integrity and accountability in our communities, and can be found here: <u>Whistleblower Form – Moral Governance</u>

MoGo Policy Efforts





NO ON PROP 36

Although Prop 36 passed, the fight against its passage underscores the need for MoGo to lead the charge in safeguarding policy gains-because achieving victories is just the beginning; the real work lies in preserving them. Throughout 2024, MoGo was a leading, clear and loud voice against Prop 36, advocating for its defeat by highlighting the successes of Prop 47 and its positive impact on Californians.

You can read the op-ed, co-authored by MoGo's Executive Director GeneviéveJones-Wright and ACLU-SIDC Senior Policy Advocate Branden Sigua, featured in Voice of San Diego here.

We rallied against misinformation and participated in larger coalition efforts. Our ED Geneviéve presented facts about Prop 47 and its benefits and called out the disinformation campaign at the heart of the Yes on Prop 36 campaign at Voice of San Diego Politifest 2024.



Watch the full debate here

Although California has taken steps back with the passage of Prop 36, our commitment to advocacy remains unwavering. MoGo will continue to challenge laws that roll back hard-fought victories and highlight the misinformation at the core of Prop 36.

MoGo Advocacy Efforts

CITY OF SAN DIEGO BUDGET

When we show up, we win!

MoGo along with other organizations and individual community members came together to demand that the proposed budget for the City of San Diego prioritized equity and restored key equity initiatives previously cut by the mayor. With coordinated advocacy and effort, we collectively achieved a variety of important wins. As a community standing in solidarity, we provided valuable insights to our city representatives about the criticalness of the funding we demanded, attended every budget hearing, made over 350 in-person public comments, and met with city council members to secure their support!

MoGo will continue to take the lead on equity-focused advocacy in 2025. We know the importance of showing our elected leaders that our communities are united and determined to hold them accountable.





HOMELESSNESS

The U.S. Supreme Court's decision in Grants Pass v. Johnson gives opportunity and legitimacy to local politicians' current and cruel policy approaches to homelessness. MoGo strongly disagrees with SCOTUS. Imposing fines on impoverished people and packing our deadly jails with our most vulnerable community members constitute cruel and unusual punishment, in violation of the Eighth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

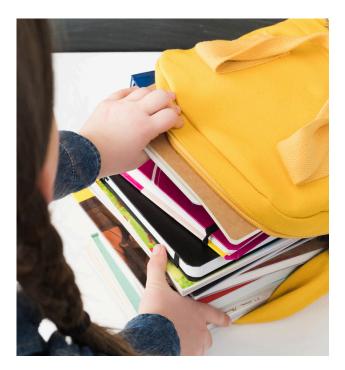
The only solution to homelessness is housing. We cannot criminalize our way out of homelessness. This ruling is a judgment on and punishment to anyone who finds themselves facing housing insecurity in our country's most expensive city to live. We recognize that San Diego's Black community, which comprises 6% of the county's population but is disproportionately affected by homelessness, is likely to face the most severe impacts due to overpolicing. MoGo remains fiercely committed to combating the policy and moral failures of criminalizing the unhoused.

MoGo's Deputy Executive Director Sebastian Martinez spoke to KPBS (and other outlets) about how the Grants Pass ruling will affect other cities in South Bay San Diego and encouraged the community to demand policy that prioritizes housing and services—not criminalization.. You can read about it here: <u>Here's what the Supreme</u> <u>Court's homelessness ruling means for South Bay</u> | KPBS Public Media.



MoGo's Statement 2024 GENERAL ELECTION

In the wake of the 2024 Presidential Election, our mission at Community Advocates for Just and Moral Governance has never been clearer, and our dedication has never been stronger. As we reflect on both the challenges and victories, such as the disheartening defeat of Prop 6 and the victory of Prop 36, we understand that this moment calls us to rise-not to falter. To all like-minded individuals and organizations, let this serve as a call to action. We are seeing a tide that seeks to turn back progress and perpetuate outdated thinking that threatens the wellbeing of marginalized communities. But our response is resolute: we will not be silent, we will not abandon our mission, and we will not lose hope. Now is the time to affirm our commitment to justice, equality and equity, to lift the voices of those often unheard, and to ensure that no one stands alone in this fight. We have faced discouraging times before, yet each setback has only strengthened our resolve. Together, we will continue to work tirelessly, knowing that our collective progress is inevitable. This moment demands that we unify, and remain persistent and courageous. Let's stand firm, with fortitude and purpose, and make it clear that justice will prevail.



MoGo GIVEback Efforts

ENCANTO REC CENTER

In 2024, the Encanto community was deeply impacted by the flooding that occurred in January. MoGo, in an effort to provide support and local resources, leaned into the work being done at the Encanto Recreation Center through Community GIVEback efforts. During the summer, MoGo gave out 100 backpacks in order to ignite back to school enthusiasm. This fall, MoGo provided turkeys to forty+

families for the Encanto Recreation Center's annual Thanksgiving event, Dinner with the Bulls. In both cases, MoGo had the opportunity to give to an area of need for both the Encanto Recreation Center and the larger community. MoGo's Community GIVEback efforts highlight the need to invest in the work already being done in our communities, by

our communities.

<u>MoGo 2025</u>

IMPACT & RESISTANCE FUND

With Democracy threatened, we must resist together!

MoGo's mission of holding the Government accountable to the People is timely and essential to protect our communities! Join our continued fight for justice, equality and equity. Support MoGo's efforts to combat Project 2025 and provide free and accessible legal services for the community by donating to our <u>2025 Impact & Resistance Fund</u> today!



Make an Impact Today!

Donate to hold our government accountable.

Support our efforts to provide free legal representation to community members and hold our government accountable.

Click the "Donate" below to donate to MoGo's 2025 Impact & Resistance Fund

