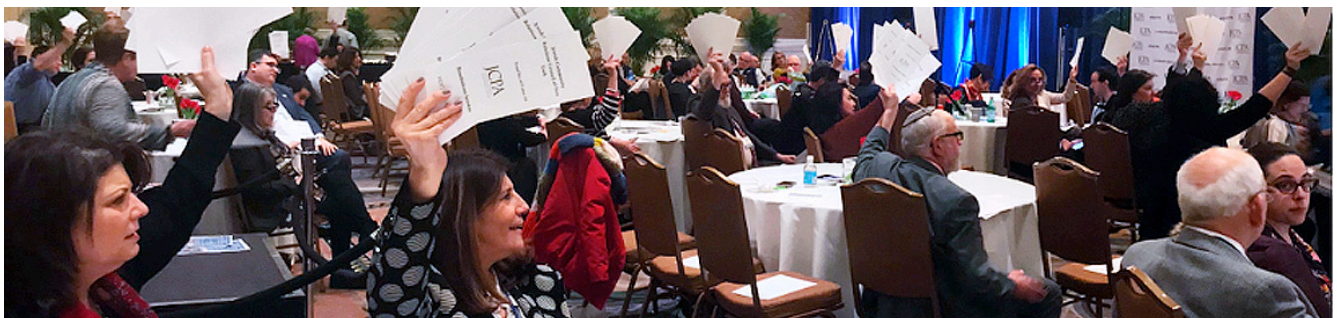




HIGHLIGHTS OF **JCPA'S IMPACT** 2016-2020

Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA) is the national hub of 125 local Jewish Community Relations Councils (JCRCs) and 16 national agencies. JCPA builds ties to other ethnic and religious communities, develops a consensus public policy agenda, and works with other communities to advance that agenda. During the last four years, JCPA has worked tirelessly to meet the challenges of the day. JCPA strengthened its local-national network and helped shape it into vibrant, dynamic and impactful force in the community. JCPA also increased its national advocacy voice on domestic policy concerns and built trusted relationships in common cause with diverse communities. We demonstrated that when our community comes together, we can make an impact.

This document includes an overview of our impact from 2016-2020 in the following areas: strengthening the network of JCRCs, fighting against racism and bigotry and for civil rights, amplifying Jewish voices in domestic affairs, supporting a sensible and compassionate immigration system, combating growing antisemitism and hate, supporting Israel's quest for peace and security, and protecting human rights around the world.



Strengthening the Network of JCRCs

- We strengthened, reassembled, and built a cohesive JCRC national network.
- JCRCs engaged in public policy concerns working in common cause with diverse coalition partners and built trusted relationships.
- JCRC directors and professionals now have the skills and information they need to be effective and make an impact locally.
- JCRC network is a vibrant and influential voice on the national landscape.



Amplifying Community Relations Voices in Domestic Policy Affairs

- JCPA reconstituted the Washington Representatives of national Jewish organizations and regularly convenes it, elevating a consensus Jewish voice on national concerns.
- JCPA builds consensus on pressing issues of the day adopting resolutions that are written and voted on by its local-national membership from around the country.
- JCPA represents its national network within domestic-oriented coalitions. Priority issues include immigration, civil rights, domestic needs, religious liberty, combating hate, and much more.
- JCPA educates the JCRC network on national legislative issues and engages them in advocacy opportunities and policy priorities.
- JCPA held five national lobby days in Washington, D.C. for its national leaders and led sign-on and legislative advocacy opportunities for the community relations network.



Opposing Racism and Advancing Civil Rights

- JCRC lay and professional leaders are educated and committed to ending systemic racism and building partnerships with Black communities and engaging in joint advocacy at the local level.
- Twenty-five communities are part of the JCRC Cohort on Criminal Justice Reform and Relationships with Black Communities.
- JCPA is active in three diverse national coalitions working on criminal justice reform to change laws and build relationships among various racial, ethnic, and faith leaders.
- JCPA launched two statewide coalitions and a national network of Jewish experts on criminal justice reform.



Support for a Sensible and Compassionate Immigration System

- Community relations network prioritized immigration and stood against U.S. government policies to dismantle the U.S. immigration system and Zero Tolerance laws leading to separation of families at the border.
- JCPA drafted a national letter against the Zero Tolerance Policy that was signed by 365 state and national organizations.
- JCPA prioritized immigration in two of its lobby days in Washington, D.C. for representatives of national Jewish organizations and JCRC leaders.
- JCPA organized a fact-finding mission to the Arizona-Mexico border with 26 participants representing 14 communities. Each community increased its advocacy on immigration when they returned home.
- JCPA adopts resolution to end criminalization of migrants and asylum seekers during COVID-19.



Combating Antisemitism and Hate

- Built a national 8-point roadmap to combat antisemitism at its national conference in 2020.
- JCPA's Delegates Assembly passed two significant resolutions: adoption of the IHRA (International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance) definition on antisemitism and on combatting white supremacy.
- Led JCRC network working with ADL to fight hate, racism and antisemitism on social media platforms.
- Implemented strong community relations engagement in diverse coalitions working in common cause and building trusted relationships with others. Strongly encouraged the JCRC movement to re-engage in domestic progressive concerns.



Israel Advocacy

- Held four Israel Leadership Missions comprising 100 people and 40 emerging leaders during this time period.
- Celebrated Israel's 50th anniversary of the Six Day War and supported Israel's right to defend itself.
- Local JCRC lay leaders and professionals are well-versed on Israel's nuanced complexities, its history and maps, and able to respond to current delegitimization events.
- Represented positions of the community relations network to the Israeli government on issues such as the nation-state law, Sudanese and Eritrean refugees, and the Egalitarian wall.



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