

COMMUNITY  
ORGANIZATION  
REPRESENTATION  
PROJECT

**CORP**



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LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICES**

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PREVENTIVE LEGAL SERVICES

- Providing pro bono business law and professional services since 1996
- In 2001 over 100 CORP volunteers provided 3,000 hours of free legal services (valued at nearly \$650,000) to 80 different organizations throughout the Bay Area
- In 2001 97% of clients who evaluated our services reported that their volunteer attorney successfully resolved their legal issues
- 70% said that if they had paid for the same services that CORP provided for free, they would have either cut entire programs, or reduced the scale and quality of their services

STRENGTHENING  
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS



Through Free legal and professional services

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# FREE LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES



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## FREE Expert Legal Help

When chief executive officers of companies are faced with decisions that have major financial consequences, they consult their company's legal department for advice. Through the Community Organization Representation Project (CORP) organizations can now also benefit from professional legal counsel — and they can enjoy this benefit for free!

## Decisions

Decisions need to be made daily: Rent or buy? Sign a contract? Terminate an employee? During the normal course of operating an organization, executive directors and their boards often face tough choices. Without full knowledge of the legal and business implications of these choices, it is difficult to make an informed decision. Our volunteers have the experience to help!

*Without Cooley Godward's and Nixon Peabody's pro bono assistance, it would have cost significantly more to develop each of the homes we recently built. The firms' work has been incredibly helpful in allowing us to maximize the number of homes that we can build and eventually sell to low-income families.*

Joel Mackey, Executive Director  
East Bay Habitat for Humanity

## Security

CORP provides experienced business law attorneys to guide organizations on a safe course through complex legal and administrative matters. Volunteer attorneys from some of San Francisco's best law firms help managers anticipate consequences and limit risks. Now community organizations can enjoy the peace of mind that comes from having access to legal expertise and advice.

## Eligibility

Organizations may qualify for assistance if they serve low-income individuals or communities in the Bay Area. Please contact us at [corp@sfbar.org](mailto:corp@sfbar.org) for more information on how we can help you.

*As our grassroots organization grew, the importance of establishing policies and procedures that comply not only with government guidelines, but also with the spirit of the organization, became an imperative. The attorneys of O'Melveny & Myers have shown an amazing understanding of the needs of an organization such as ours. With their help we are creating that necessary foundation which will allow us to continue to grow.*

Tom Calvanese, Interim Executive Director  
Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center

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*"Jewish Family and Children's Services has been overjoyed and enormously appreciative of the assistance we have so pleasantly and professionally received from Morrison & Foerster. Their commitment to the San Francisco community is most evident in the firm's willingness to help local non-profits solve business problems on a pro bono basis."*

Amy Rassen, Associate Executive Director  
Jewish Family and Children's Services

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