Peter Palandjian and Intercontinental proudly support LAANE’s City of Justice Awards Dinner
We did it. Now what?

Donald Trump will soon be gone, leaving behind the wreckage of a would-be autocrat who did his best to trash the foundations of democracy. Along the way he also inflicted grievous harm on immigrants, damaged global efforts to slow climate change, undermined workers’ rights and poured gas on already inflamed racial tensions. It’s quite a legacy.

Perhaps the greatest challenge of this moment is to fully liberate ourselves from the oppressive psychology of the Trump era and begin once again to think big about the future. We no longer need to prioritize mere survival – progress is possible. But it is not inevitable.

Much has been said about Joe Biden pursuing an FDR-like agenda of far-reaching change. With Senate control in question and a weakened Democratic majority in the House, this may not be in the cards. Far-reaching progressive reform, however, is fully within our grasp - and it starts in our own backyard.

Los Angeles has long been a national laboratory for change. It also remains one of the epicenters of economic inequality. We must now rise to the challenge of taking our city’s innovations to scale and modeling for the country how to transform a low-wage economy into a middle-class one.

In this election, racial justice activists proved that they could challenge the status quo by unseating a district attorney who turned a blind eye to killer cops. We should be emboldened by their success and demand that our political and business leaders stop tolerating widespread working poverty.

Can Amazon and its owner, the richest man on the planet, pay workers a living wage? Can the supermarket giants that have seen profits soar during the pandemic provide a pathway to the middle class? Can hospital chains ensure a decent life for the workers who have saved the lives of our loved ones? Can the hotel industry, once it recovers from COVID, ensure a decent life for its largely immigrant workforce?

In short, can we start treating essential workers like they are really essential and not disposable?

We know the answer. And we also know it won’t happen without a movement. Let’s celebrate today and then get to work.

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SENATOR ELIZABETH WARREN
“FOR ALL THE CONSERVATISM I COME FROM, I WAS TAUGHT THAT THE ANSWER TO WHO DESERVES DIGNITY IS SIMPLE: EVERYONE.”

Abigail E. Disney advocates for real changes to the way capitalism operates. She has worked for 30 years with programs focused on low-income families, women’s rights, and global poverty.

Disney is an Emmy-winning documentary filmmaker and co-founder of Fork Films, a nonfiction media production company, which produces the weekly podcast “All Ears.” Disney serves as host, interviewing bold, solutions-oriented thinkers from the front lines of America’s urgent inequality and race crises. She is also the chair and co-founder of Level Forward, a new breed storytelling company committed to driving systemic change through creative excellence. She is the founder of the nonprofit Peace is Loud, which uses storytelling to advance social movements, and the Daphne Foundation, which supports organizations working for a more equitable, fair, and peaceful New York City.
Perhaps best known for her breakout role in the smash comedy Girls Trip, Tiffany Haddish made history in 2018 by becoming the first Black female stand-up comedian to host Saturday Night Live, a role that earned her an Emmy Award for “Outstanding Guest Actress in a Comedy Series.” Her meteoric rise has made her one of the most sought-after comedic actresses and performers in Hollywood.

Haddish’s journey and life experiences have inspired her sense of humor both on and off the stage. While growing up in foster care in South Central Los Angeles, her constant talking and imaginary friends prompted her increasingly flustered social worker to enroll her in the Laugh Factory’s Comedy Camp, a place for at-risk and underprivileged children. This experience marked the beginning of her comedy career. Her first book, the New York Times bestseller The Last Black Unicorn, chronicles her unusual path to fame, which included time as a worker at LAX.
“I AM OPTIMISTIC. CORPORATIONS ARE LEARNING THAT ALL THEY ARE IS THEIR OWN EMPLOYEES, AND THEY NEED TO TAKE CARE OF THEM.”

LAANE Advisory Board member Peter Palandjian, a former world-ranked tennis player on the ATP tour, is the CEO of Intercontinental Real Estate Corporation, a company that has received Top Place to Work and Top Charitable Contributor awards from the Boston Business Journal. In addition to stewarding the pensions of union members across the country, Intercontinental has established a Responsible Contractor Policy to support living wages and safe work environments, setting a standard of fairness for its partners and other corporations to follow.

Earlier this year, Palandjian launched A Day for Democracy, a nonpartisan effort to increase voter turnout by asking CEOs to take the pledge to give workers the day off on Election Day. To date, over 315 organizations have signed on, from UFCW International to the Boston Symphony Orchestra to Bank of America, and the list keeps growing.
Adam Conover is a comedian and the creator, writer and star of the hit series *Adam Ruins Everything*, an educational comedy that dispels common misconceptions and encourages the audience to think critically about the world around them. The New York Times calls it “one of history’s most entertaining shows dedicated to the art of debunking” and refers to Conover as a “genial provocateur.” On YouTube, his videos have amassed millions of views on topics ranging from engagement rings to the pilgrims, homeownership, baby formula and solitary confinement.

Conover recurs on the Netflix animated series *BoJack Horseman* and was a regular panelist on VH1’s *Best Week Ever*. A former writer and cast member for *College Humor Originals*, he also co-wrote and starred in the film festival darling *The Exquisite Corpse Project*. 

“WELCOME TO LAANE’S FIRST – AND HOPEFULLY LAST – VIRTUAL CITY OF JUSTICE AWARDS.”
Congressman Ro Khanna represents California’s 17th Congressional District, located in the heart of Silicon Valley. He is committed to representing the people and ideas rooted in Silicon Valley. Rep. Khanna strives to provide opportunities to those our changing economy and technological revolution have left behind. This includes job training programs, economic development initiatives, rewiring the U.S. labor market, and debt-free college to help working families prepare for the future.

Rep. Khanna’s parents immigrated to the United States in the 1970s from India in search of opportunity and a better life for their children. Rep. Khanna’s commitment to public service was inspired by his grandfather, who was active in Gandhi’s independence movement, worked with Lala Lajpat Rai in India, and spent several years in jail for promoting human rights.

Following a decade of service as Secretary-Treasurer, Anthony “Marc” Perrone was elected International President of the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union in 2014, the capstone of a lifelong career in the service of working people.

At the heart of Perrone’s philosophy is his fundamental belief that rank-and-file members are the true leaders in the fight for economic justice; and that worker voices must inspire and fuel the work of the union – from building enough power to confront giant corporations at the bargaining table, to organizing new members into the movement for justice, to influencing the elected officials and public policies that affect our ability to live and work with dignity. Perrone brings more than four decades of experience and union activism to his position. He first joined the Retail Clerks – which later became the UFCW – in 1971 while working at Weingarten’s food store in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.
Maya Jupiter is an Australian hip-hop artist, activist and philanthropist. When Jupiter moved to Los Angeles to continue her musical career, she co-founded Artivist Entertainment to provide support and produce events for artists who use their work to promote positive social transformation. Recently, Artivist produced online events for the #CancelRent and #HomesForAll movement to provide relief to families during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Grammy Award-nominated rapper/singer/songwriter Aloe Blacc was born and raised in Los Angeles and grew up listening to salsa, merengue and cumbia. He is best known for writing and performing vocals on Avicii's "Wake Me Up," which topped the charts in 22 countries, including Australia and the United Kingdom.

Blacc and Jupiter, who are married, continue to make music together and raise their family in Los Angeles.

John Doe is an American singer, songwriter, actor, poet, guitarist and bass player. As one of the founding members of the Los Angeles punk band X, Doe was one of the most influential figures in American alternative rock during the early ‘80s. When he launched a solo career in the early ‘90s, he decided to pursue a rootsy, country-rock direction instead of continuing with punk.

As an actor, Doe has appeared in over 50 films and television productions, with some of his most notable roles in Road House, Georgia, Roadside Prophets, Great Balls of Fire, Pure Country and Roswell. Other musical side projects include work with the Knitters, Jill Sobule and The Sadies. He continues to write poetry and lead poetry workshops.

Doe currently lives north of San Francisco, California.
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“WE’RE HONORED TO BE WITH ALL OF YOU TONIGHT TO LEND OUR VOICES TO THOSE WHO SUPPORT LAANE’S ESSENTIAL VISION. WE DEDICATE THIS SONG TO EVERYONE FIGHTING FOR A CITY AND A COUNTRY WHERE JUSTICE PREVAILS.”

- ALOE BLACC & MAYA JUPITER

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“HE WAS SO ACTIVE IN SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS LIKE LAANE, AND I WANT TO PLAY A SONG FOR HIM THAT WAS ONE OF HIS FAVORITES. I KNOW WE ALL STILL MISS HIM. THIS ONE’S FOR GARY STEWART.”

- JOHN DOE

“LAANE’S WORK TO MAKE SURE THE AMERICAN DREAM IS ACHIEVABLE FOR EVERYBODY WAS INDISPENSABLE BEFORE THE PANDEMIC, AND IT WILL BE EVEN MORE INDESPENSABLE LONG AFTER IT ENDS.”

- RACHEL BLOOM
Always Essential

Since March, LAANE has been working alongside our union and community partners to pass far-reaching policies and protections for essential workers. Here are some of our shared successes:

**In Los Angeles County:**

- Permanent, retroactive right of recall and worker retention for hospitality and building services workers impacted by the pandemic. These groundbreaking policies are the first passed by any county in the country. More than 50,000 hospitality workers at hundreds of hotels, event centers and airports—plus over 50,000 janitors and security officers—have won the right to keep their jobs or return to work after the pandemic is over.
- Social distancing in grocery and drug stores to protect public health, access to sanitary materials, and PPE for employees, covered by the employer.
- A process for establishing public health councils, allowing restaurant, garment manufacturing, warehouse and meatpacking workers to work with advocacy organizations in high-risk industries to identify and report hazards.
- A new Regional Recycled Water Program which will produce enough water for 1.7 million people, and thousands of jobs in construction and operations.

**In the State of California:**

- Economic relief for undocumented families across the state via Governor Newsom’s Disaster Relief Assistance for Immigrants (DRAI) program, which allows households left behind by federal stimulus aid to receive up to $1,000 in support.
- Access to emergency paid sick leave for food workers across California, including grocery, fast food, agricultural and food delivery workers.
- Presumptive eligibility for workers in essential industries, which eases the process to get access to workers compensation for injuries or illness related to COVID-19.

**In the City of Long Beach:**

- A six-month moratorium on un-hosted short term rentals, until their impact on the housing market and current public health concerns can be assessed.
- An eviction moratorium, extended through summer, and a 12-month repayment extension for renters, with continued exploration of tenant anti-harassment solutions.
- Supplemental paid sick leave for workers left out of federal supplemental paid sick leave policies.
- Engagement with 11,871 voters as part of a field program to pass Proposition 15.
- Right of worker return and recall, as well as worker retention, for janitorial and hospitality workers.
- An expanded health order providing protections for grocery and drug retail service workers and their families.

**In the City of Los Angeles:**

- Worker retention and right of recall for hospitality and janitorial workers.
- Temporary anti-tenant-harassment protections, with a renewed commitment to pass a more permanent ordinance and tenants’ right to counsel.
- Scheduling protections that allow retail workers to flexibly adjust their work schedules to attend to childcare or other COVID-19 related matters.
- A two-month health care coverage extension for LAX concession workers laid off or furloughed from work.
- A utility grant assistance program providing financial relief for families burdened by utility debt due to COVID-19.
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WE’RE SO PROUD OF OUR SISTER ABBY

She has always stood up for justice. A memory of her activism was in high school when she stood on the hood of a car with a bullhorn and rallied the student body against the mass termination of all of their favorite teachers. She was practicing for her future work. Abby, you do so much good in the world, thank you for using your powerful voice to raise up so many others.

LOVE,
TIM DISNEY AND SUSAN DISNEY LORD
CONGRATULATIONS, MOM!

We’re so proud of you for stepping up and taking responsibility for your privilege and working to make our society more just when it would be much easier not to do any of that — we’re constantly inspired by you and excited to see you honored for all the important work you do. We love you so much.

LOVE,

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On behalf of all union members and labor allies, we thank you for standing with the workers of LA!
Dear Dad – We are so proud of all you have accomplished and the way you have inspired us to always give back. We love you!

LOVE, MANON, PETROS, MARGOT, MADELON, & BOURNE

Peter, we are so proud of you every day. Today we cheer a little bit louder as you receive this honor from LAANE, which you so love! With your enormous heart, your generous spirit and philanthropy, your dedication to fighting for important causes and fair rights for all people, workers, businesses, unions, and communities, you inspire us. We are grateful for all of the ways you walk the walk. You are indeed our “rock,” Peter.

WITH LOVE,
ELIZA, BOURNE & EVEN MORE FAMILY... :)

To the intrepid Peter Palandjian, who fully embodies his favorite quote, “What would you attempt to do if you knew you could not fail.” We are so proud of you and the impact your work has had on innumerable lives.

LOVE, LEON & TRACY

Peter – Your work to support union labor toward good jobs, thriving communities and the health of their constituents is admirable. God bless you and the great mission to improve the lives of others.

LOVE, PAUL

What can I say about my Peter? Straight from my heart, the name Peter, or Petros like his father, means “rock” and he’s always been my rock – I don’t know what I’d do without him. He’s always been there for me and others ever since he was a little kid! He was always a helper, generous and thoughtful, always on duty. A special boy. My helper. My rock.

LOVE, MOM
Pete,
Your continued generosity is unmatched! Congratulations on a well-deserved award & recognition!

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Peter,
Congratulations on receiving LAANE’s annual City of Justice Award honoring outstanding leaders improving the lives of working Americans. I cannot think of anyone more deserving. All the best,

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Dear Peter,
You demonstrate to us all every day that actions speak louder than words. Today’s honor is a well-deserved testament to that. We appreciate you. We love you. Congratulations!

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Peter, congratulations on your well-deserved recognition. You have always brought style and passion to everything you do. I am proud to be your friend.

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In his 2019 book Beaten Down, Worked Up: The Past, Present, and Future of American Labor, journalist Steven Greenhouse writes:

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LAANE’s signature victories include Los Angeles’s 1997 living wage law and subsequent wage policies culminating in a minimum wage increase for all hotel workers in Los Angeles. These achievements helped pave the way for the historic passage of a citywide $15 minimum wage covering nearly 700,000 workers – the broadest municipal minimum wage policy in the U.S.

LAANE also pioneered the country’s first Community Benefits Agreements for large-scale development projects, which have now been replicated in dozens of American cities.

LAANE has led landmark environmental campaigns, including the EPA award-winning Clean Truck Program, which has reduced truck emissions near the Port of L.A. by 90 percent while improving the poverty wages of truck drivers. LAANE’s RePower LA campaign has produced tens of millions of dollars in energy efficiency investment by LADWP, the nation’s largest publicly owned utility, and hundreds of good jobs. Our Water, LAANE’s successful campaign to pass County Measure W, now focuses on the implementation of that measure to ensure that the development of public water infrastructure in L.A. County is equitable and produces good, permanent green jobs.

LAANE has led a number of successful initiatives in Long Beach, including the recent passage of Measure WW to protect women hotel workers from abuse on the job. Through programs such as Long Beach Rising and People’s State of the City, LAANE has also worked to develop a progressive leadership pipeline and civic engagement opportunities.

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Throughout its history, LAANE has seen its role as not only running successful campaigns to raise standards for low-wage workers and low-income communities, but also training the next generation of activists and social justice visionaries.

To honor two longtime LAANE supporters, LAANE established the Beth and Julia Meltzer Internship Program in 2012. With annual donor support, LAANE now offers paid internship opportunities to young people of all economic levels, in the fields of communications, community organizing, fundraising, law and research, in order to help jump-start their careers as social justice advocates.

2020 brought new challenges to a program so oriented around hands-on learning, but interns and mentors alike adapted, got creative, and had fun over Zoom.

**SINCE LAANE BEGAN TRAINING INTERNS:**

- More than 150 young people from diverse backgrounds have interned at LAANE.
- Sixteen interns have become full-time LAANE employees (including Community Organizer Brittany Rivas, the most recent #Laaner2Leader to join our staff).
- Additional interns have gone on to work in unions, nonprofits and municipal jobs across the city, including the Offices of the Mayor of Los Angeles and of Los Angeles City Councilmembers, UNITE HERE Local 11, American Federation of Teachers, Community Coalition, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Wilmington Improvements Network, Metro Transit Authority and Jobs to Move America, among others.

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