As of January 1st, the minimum wage in the City of San Diego rose to $12 an hour. It also rose to that rate for jobs at large employers (26 employees or more) elsewhere in California, and $11 an hour at smaller companies. The San Diego increase is the final step approved by voters in 2016 after a multiyear grassroots campaign CPI spearheaded.

Based on previous estimates, this means about 170,000 people working in San Diego should have gotten a raise this month. This latest increase gives full-time workers paid a minimum wage about $1,000 more per year. However, some employers don’t follow the law, as we documented in our report Confronting Wage Theft.

CPI is working to improve enforcement of the minimum wage and inform workers of their rights to $12 an hour and up to five paid sick days a year.

To lodge an earned sick leave or minimum wage complaint in the City of San Diego, click here.
Do you know any college students who want to build power in San Diego, expand their skills, and make an impact on the lives of working people? Encourage them to apply to our Students for Economic Justice program today!

Every year, SEJ Fellows gain hands-on experience in an active organizing campaign and connect with union and community organizers as well as progressive advocates and leaders. SEJ paves the way for them to be change makers in San Diego.

We're looking for undergraduate students who are passionate about social and economic justice, committed to advancing change for workers, low-income communities and communities of color, and have a serious interest in labor or community organizing as a career path in San Diego.

SEJ is a full-time, six-week paid fellowship that runs from June 24 to August 2, 2019. Fellows are paid $15 per hour. The deadline to apply is Thursday, February 28.

Apply to the SEJ Fellowship here

SUSAN’S RETIREMENT FUNDRAISER

Longtime CPI communications wizard Susan Duerksen is retiring today. Over the past 12 years, Susan has been an invaluable part of the CPI team, helping us win long-lasting change and policies that benefit San Diegans. Although we’ll miss her immensely, we know we’ll continue to see her in the progressive movement.

Susan even created a Facebook fundraiser for CPI on her way out! She wrote:

"I'm very aware of how privileged I am to be able to retire. Everyone, no matter what their job, deserves to have the financial stability to retire while they still have energy and health. That's what CPI fights for."
Please go to cpisandiego.org/susans-retirement-fundraiser and give what you can to show Susan you agree and appreciate the work she's done!

In solidarity,

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