Donald Trump’s idea of public infrastructure is a corporate-controlled pipeline. Last month, CPI helped launch the national **WE Make This City** campaign. CPI is committed to fighting for people and communities to vision, direct and own the infrastructure we all need to live full and healthy lives.

A network of organizations based in 10 cities across the country started the campaign, which will focus on ensuring all communities have decision-making power and access to quality public services and spaces, such as parks, libraries, schools, water systems, public transit, and streets.

CPI marked the June 20 launch with a party celebrating six years of progress in the City of San Diego by the [Community Budget Alliance](#) and envisioning future infrastructure goals for the San Diego city budget. See photos of the event [here](#).

CPI is part of another local coalition, [Invest in San Diego Families](#). For the past three years, the ISDF coalition has urged the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to fund an office of immigrant and refugee services.

The County Board just [rejected the idea again](#), despite the border crisis caused by Trump administration policies of separating and detaining families. It’s not that they don’t have the money. The County continues to hoard nearly $2 billion in reserves, as CPI first reported in 2011. We know they can do more. Last week the City and County of [Los Angeles approved $10 million](#) to help children separated from their families. We will continue pressuring San Diego to protect our families.
In National City, we are working to stabilize skyrocketing rents. As members of the National City Families for Fair Housing coalition, we submitted the signatures of more than 3,500 local registered voters to put a rent stabilization initiative on the Nov. 6 ballot.

The City immediately sued, claiming the proposed law would be unenforceable. But a month and a half later, the City dismissed the lawsuit. The coalition expects the City Council to vote to place the initiative on the ballot at its July 17 public meeting.

Two of every three households in National City are renters. The ordinance would strongly limit rent increases as long as a tenant stays in the same place, and would prohibit evictions without just cause.

CPI's Boards and Commissions Leadership Institute will graduate its 2018 class with a celebration on July 17.

The Institute, known as BCLI, is a six-month program of training and preparation for people who want to serve on local and regional decision-making boards and commissions. Its aim is to provide tools, skills,
and support for emerging leaders from low-income and underrepresented communities.

Click here to RSVP for the graduation.

For more information on BCLI and this year’s participants, visit CPIsandiego.org/BCLI.

In solidarity,

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