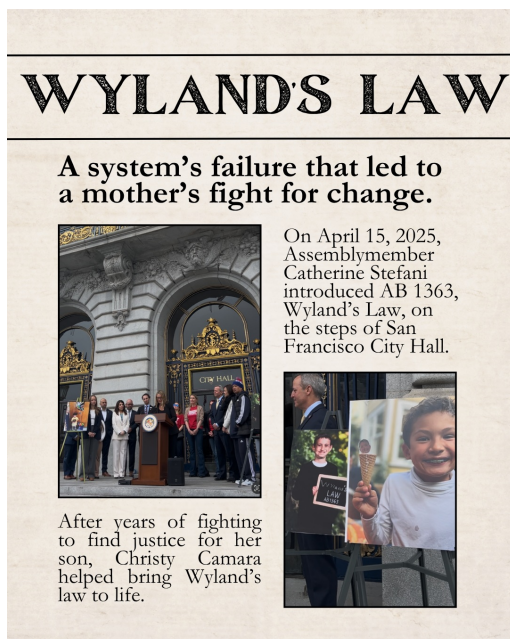




As JCI transitions into the **Summer season**, we have been reflecting on what a fast-moving, event-filled Spring we've had. From senior staff hosting a **crisis communications workshop at UCLA Luskin** to JCI's **Civic Encounter podcast** sponsoring the **Coro Women in Leadership Luncheon**, the team has been hard at work in Los Angeles and beyond.

Where Stories Meet Strategy

Major Domestic Violence Bill Moves Forward



In 2020, 10-year-old Wyland Gomes was tragically murdered by his father after a restraining order failed to reach the California DOJ. His mother, Christy Camara Gomes, pursued justice. Her advocacy led to the recent introduction of **Wyland's Law**

Protecting Local Residents from Toxic Landfill



On May 30, elected officials joined residents for a powerful tour of the **Chiquita Canyon Landfill**, witnessing firsthand the impacts of pollution: illness, property loss, and deep community distrust.

That evening, CARB and CalEPA

(AB 1363), which would require courts and the DOJ to track and report compliance with protective order procedures.

JCI is proud to support Wyland's Law, which was introduced at SF City Hall and covered by the [LA Times](#).

participated in a closed-door, resident-led listening session demanding action and relocation support.

Covered by FOX 11, Spectrum News 1, SCV Signal, KHTS, and more, stories highlighted how community voices are pushing for accountability and change.

JCI's Crisis Comms Panel at UCLA Luskin



In April, JCI hosted a panel at UCLA Luskin titled **“Strategic Communication in the Modern World,”** exploring how to navigate high-stakes crises when public scrutiny is intense.

Panelists Seth Jacobson, Ken Chawkins, and Steve Crosby shared their deep experience in media, government, and public affairs, walking students through real-world cases and sharing how top strategists manage brand, economic, and community impacts during moments of crisis.

Coro Women in Leadership Luncheon



JCI team members Georgia Lewis and Ava Sanchez recently attended the **Coro Southern California Women in Leadership Luncheon**, where trailblazers in government, advocacy, and media convened to discuss and celebrate powerful female leadership.

Emceed by ABC7's Michelle Fisher, featured speakers included LA County Supervisor Holly J Mitchell, Weingart Foundation CEO Joanna Jackson, and LA Metro CEO Stephanie Wiggins.



*Dr. Allissa Richardson on
Achieving Justice Through
Journalism & Giving Black
Media Narratives a Second
Chance*

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Leading the LACDP, the
Necessity of Labor Unions &
Advancing Democratic
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*Helen Torres on HOPE,
Maternal Health, and the
Future of Women of Color in
Leadership*

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Jewish Journal: *Unpacking the Rapid Growth and Weaponizing of Antisemitism*



By broadening the definition of antisemitism to include nearly any criticism of Israel or its policies, interest groups risk turning a grave moral issue into a partisan cudgel.

Read JCI Principal Seth Jacobson's recent article in the Jewish Journal [here](#) for reflections on the rise and weaponization of antisemitism in America.

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