

## San Francisco Narrative Summary 2008

CUAV documented 274 hate violence incidents in 2008, compared with 302 incidents in 2007, a 24% decrease. The total number of victims for the year also decreased from 360 in 2007 to 336 in 2008, a 7% decrease.

Last year, we documented 5 deaths, 4 of which were classified as murders and 1 as a suspicious death. This is a 44% decrease from our 2007 documentation of 7 deaths, including 5 murders and 2 suspicious deaths.

The number of African American and Asian hate violence victims documented in 2008 was slightly higher while the number of Latino/Latina and Multiracial hate violence victims was significantly lower.

Victims who identified as African American increased from 22 to 24. Asian/Pacific Islander victims increased from 9 in 2007 to 10 in 2008. Indigenous/ First People victims increased from zero to 1, a 100% increase.

Victims who identified as Latino/Latina decreased from 61 to 39 in 2008, a 28% decrease. Victims who identified as Multiracial decreased from 65 incidents in 2007 to 9 incidents in 2008, an 80% decrease. Arab/ Middle Eastern cases went down from 4 to 2, a 50% decrease. Finally, Caucasian/ White victims decreased from 110 to 108.

CUAV received more calls—27 in 2008--about hate violence incidents in the Mission District where CUAV is located, than from any other neighborhood. The Castro and the Tenderloin, two neighborhoods where we generally see a high volume of hate crime incidents, repeated that trend. CUAV documented 20 hate violence incidents in the Tenderloin, an increase from 17 in 2007. CUAV also documented a decrease in hate violence incidents in the Castro in 2008 to 15, down from 18 incidents in 2007. Out of 274 hate violence calls last year, 142 incidents were reported occurring in San Francisco; 132 occurred in other Bay Area counties and Northern California.

Proposition 8, California's 2008 election anti-gay marriage legislation, was associated with a huge increase in anti-gay protests, rallies and activity during pre-election campaigning. The number of offenders increased: female offenders increased from 84 in 2007 to 147, a 75% increase. Male offender numbers showed a 25% increase with 351 offenders in 2007 and 437 in 2008. The number of stranger offenders increased dramatically by 333%, from 237 in 2007 to 791 in 2008; this increase was connected to the "Yes on 8" visibility actions and the anti-gay marriage backlash. As a result of Proposition 8, hate violence on the streets and in public areas increased 8% while incidents in public accommodations increased by 67%.

The "Yes on 8" campaign was an institutionally supported hate campaign built upon right-wing Christian organizing tactics and funding. The messages promoted by the campaign were acted out by offenders in the form of intimidation, hatred, physical violence and lies. The campaign mobilized large numbers of people to support further institutionalizing homophobia through legislation that blatantly discriminates against LGBTQIQ people and withdraws hard-won rights from them.

Out of the 25 total incidents related to the anti-gay marriage/Proposition 8 backlash, 13 incidents were categorized as perpetrated by hate groups, based on the following definition: A hate group is an organized group or movement that advocates hate, hostility, or violence towards members of a racial, ethnic, religious, gender or sexual orientation group, or other identified group. Law enforcement responses to Proposition 8 incidents ranged from anti-LGBT homophobic slurs; indifference; false arrests; failing to enforce voter polling rights when "Yes on 8" protesters

blocked polls; and refusing to take reports when people reported being physically attacked or threatened.

Law enforcement abuse and misconduct was up 113% in 2008, with law enforcement misconduct incidents increasing from 40 to 85.

Law enforcement responded with the following reported attitudes:

--courteous: 48 in 2007 compared with 59 in 2008

-- indifferent: 20 in 2007 compared with 22 in 2008

--verbally abusive, no slurs: 7 in 2007 to 11 in 2008

--verbally abusive, with slurs: 1 in 2007 to 5 in 2008

--physically abusive, no slurs: 2 in 2007 to 6 in 2008

--physically abusive with slurs: 2 in 2006 to 5 in 2008