

# Michael Milan

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As a Coachella Valley-based community activist and organizer, Michael Milan works in several different spaces to defend our civil and human rights. Through several years of advocacy work on equality, immigration, and worker rights, Michael has built strong relationships among a vast and very diverse network of community organizations. Because he is trusted and respected by local area leaders and groups, Michael is frequently invited to speak at events about important social and economic justice issues, and often participates in discussions and decision-making on complex matters involving multiple stakeholders.

Michael has organized several local community events aimed at establishing continued dialogue between our elected representatives, law enforcement agencies, and the families who live in the neighborhoods they represent and serve. Additionally, Michael regularly visits the offices of our lawmakers in Washington DC, Sacramento, and in their respective districts on behalf of various organizations to urge support for civil rights policy and protections.

Politically, Michael has been directly involved in many local, state, and federal campaigns in support of Progressive candidates and issues. In the most recent election cycle, Michael served as Regional Coordinator for a national effort to boost Voter Registration and Civic Engagement among communities of color.

In October 2017 Michael was recognized for Outstanding Community Outreach by National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Riverside Branch 1059 at their 5th Annual Salute To Labor award ceremony.

Michael currently serves on the Board of Directors for California Partnership (a statewide Health & Human Services Advocacy organization). Michael was also recently elected to the Board of Directors for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Southern California - Desert Chapter, and was re-elected as Recording Secretary for Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 721. In December 2017, Michael also successfully launched a new fully-chartered Inland Empire Chapter of Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO (APALA).