



## **Civil and Human Rights Awareness and Advocacy**

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UNITED SIKHS' civil and human rights awareness projects aim to promote an equal and just society through proactive advocacy. We believe that society can avoid or mitigate conflict through awareness that encourages the public and authorities to grant, observe and practise civil and human rights.

UNITED SIKHS conducts negotiations, seminars, exhibitions, training, dialogues, studies and surveys in order to educate, assess and implement measures to promote civil and human rights.

UNITED SIKHS also works with likeminded organizations to achieve the above. We do this by setting up and/or participating in consultative forums to facilitate a dialogue between beneficiaries and governmental and non-governmental organizations at local, national and international levels. UNITED SIKHS are members of the American Sikh Consultative Forum (ASCF) and the British Sikh Consultative Forum BSCF.

The ASCF highlights Sikh issues, interalia, in the field of civil and human rights, employment, education, law enforcement, and commercial and public enterprise so that Sikh Americans may enjoy the rights and bear the responsibilities of being good American citizens.

ASCF uses the following processes to achieve the above -

- INFORM to diagnose the external and internal environments
- ENGAGE to agree the overall goals and desired outcomes
- PARTICIPATE to create and select strategies to be deployed
- EMPOWER to allocate resources to achieve the Forums goals

### **Objectives of ASCF**

1. To encourage Sikh organizations in the United States to participate in the Forum so as to pool their resources to work towards common goals in a concerted manner.
2. To facilitate the promulgation of a Sikh Agenda for the United States at a Federal, State and City level.
3. To undertake negotiations and advocacy to help achieve the Sikh Agenda for the United States at Federal and State level.
4. To represent within the public and private sectors the interests and concerns of the US Sikh community and to provide the Sikh community and the public and private sectors with better two-way consultation and flow of information in order to improve the making and execution of decisions and plans.

ASCF looks forward in working with various city agencies in implementing their agendas and looks forward to work with each of the agency officials, assisting them and guiding them to implement our rights for a stronger America. We look forward to work with each of you and setup up individual meetings with each of your groups to see how best the city agencies can assist in implementing their roles effectively.