Carlos Saavedra

Carlos is a community leader that works to bring a vision of reciprocity in the world. He has been an organizer in the immigrant rights movement for the last 17 years, building and co-founding organizations such as the Student Immigrant Movement (SIM), the United We Dream Network and lastly Movimiento Cosecha.

He also is a trainer and coach who supports other movements across the world through the Ayni Institute. Carlos deeply believes that in order to bring justice in the world we must renew our world cultures and religions to be closer to Mother Earth and Reciprocity - that is why Carlos works with indigenous communities in Latin America to support ancient traditions and protect them.

New England Patriots

Devin McCourty, Matthew Slater, Jason McCourty, and Duron Harmon

NFL Players on almost every team reacted to Colin Kaepernick’s taking a knee during the National Anthem on September 1, 2016 to protest police violence against people of color. Players around the NFL then took knees, locked arms, and wore arm bands.

In many states players have followed up by taking public action on social justice issues, which has been the case here in Massachusetts.

New England Patriots Players Devin McCourty, Matthew Slater, Jason McCourty, and Duron Harmon have taken steps to advocate and organize for laws to change the discrimination and lack of opportunity for many adults and children of color.

They testified at the major hearing on criminal justice reform legislation in 2017 and wrote an Op Ed in the Boston Globe about it. This helped in passage of a major Criminal Justice Reform law in 2018 that repealed five punitive, long mandatory minimum sentences on drugs, reduced the burden of criminal records that employers can see called CORIs from 10 years for felonies and five years for misdemeanors down to seven years and three years, raised the age for children being charged in Juvenile Courts from seven to 12, and set up Specialty Courts to provide the option of drug treatment instead of prosecution and imprisonment.

In 2019, these Patriots campaigned for passage of the Promise Act legislation by testifying at the major hearing on the legislation in March and visiting impacted schools. This helped lead to the recently proposed Student Opportunity Act bill that will increase funding for schools, especially schools with many lower income students, by $1.4 billion over the next seven years or $4,000 more per pupil. This will create a generation of opportunity.