

December 6, 2017 Weekly Advocacy Digest

The digest contains:

- Upcoming Events - single date events to put on your calendar
- Recurring Events - events that repeat every week or month
- But wait, there's more...- action items, news, announcements, articles

❖Denotes new listing since last week

UPCOMING EVENTS

On Being American: A Conversation with Khizr Khan

Wednesday, December 6, 7-9 pm

GLIDE Memorial Church, 330 Ellis Street, San Francisco

Meet Khizr Khan! All tickets include a post-conversation book signing with Khizr Khan. Last July, Khizr Khan captivated the nation with his speech at the Democratic National Convention in which he criticized Donald Trump for his stance against immigrants and Muslims.

Sponsored by CIIS Public Programs. More information and tickets (\$20 – \$40) [here](#).

International Migrant's Day 2017

Wednesday, December 6, 5:30-8:30 pm

The Women's Building, 3543 18th St. Ste. 8, San Francisco

Sponsored by Immigrant Legal and Education Network SFILEN: a groundbreaking collaboration of 13 Immigrant Legal and Education Network organizations that provide legal immigration assistance & education to low-income San Francisco residents. Join SFILEN, our friends, members, clients, family and more to celebrate International Migrant's Day. A day of celebrating our diverse cultures, sharing food, and building community!

We will have music, food, activities, and a special treat! Information [here](#).

Make It Fair Campaign

Wednesday, December 6, 6-7:30 pm

Laurel Bookstore, 1423 Broadway, Oakland

League of Women Voters of Oakland

Prop 13 reform. Split roll. Commercial property tax reform.

What do these phrases mean? What is the plan to increase money available for local services: schools, roads, healthcare, public safety? Join us for a discussion about Make It Fair California, the campaign to restore local funding for schools and public services by making corporations pay their fair share. Learn what you can do to help "make it fair"! More information [here](#). Questions? Contact action@lwvoakland.org or visit www.makeitfairca.com

❖Protest Against the Rollback of Net Neutrality Protections

Thursday, December 7, 6 pm

Berkeley's Verizon Store, 2209 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley

Join other Team Internet members at the protest. Internet users outraged by top Verizon lawyer turned FCC Chairman Ajit Pai's plan to gut net neutrality are planning to protest across the country on Thursday, December 7th, one week before an expected vote at the FCC.

Protesters will make it clear to members of Congress that the time is now to stand for net neutrality, not Verizon's bottom line. And please remember, this event is about protesting actions of Verizon executives, lobbyists and their supporters in Washington, not the employees at these stores. More information [here](#).

San Francisco Verizon Protest

Thursday, December 7, 5-7 pm

768 Market St., San Francisco

The new chairman of the FCC was a top guy at Verizon, and he just called a vote to kill net neutrality. (See News below for more information about net neutrality.) On December 7, one week before the vote, we'll protest at retail stores across the U.S. and demand that Congress stop Verizon's FCC from destroying the Internet as we know it. And please remember, this event is about protesting actions of Verizon executives, lobbyists and their supporters in Washington, not the employees at these stores. Please treat them with nothing but the utmost respect. Information [here](#).

**❖Democracy at Risk: The Judicial Nominations Process Webinar
Thursday, December 7, 6:30 pm PST**

To date, the Senate has confirmed 16 lifetime appointments to the federal bench. Along the way, the Senate Majority has compromised longstanding advice and consent norms, including respect for blue slips, stacking confirmation hearings, and lack of thorough vetting of the significant number of nominees. Discussion moderated by ACS President Caroline Fredrickson featuring Senator Chris Coons (D-Del.) who serves as a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee and Susan Davies, Partner at Kirkland & Ellis LLP and former Deputy Counsel to President Obama. [Register for the webinar here](#). This event has been approved for 1 hour of California MCLE credit. Sponsored by The American Constitution Society.

**❖And Then They Came for Us Film Screening
Sunday, December 10, 3 pm**

Roxie Theater, 3117 16th Street, San Francisco
Seventy-five years ago, Executive Order 9066 paved the way to the profound violation of constitutional rights that resulted in the forced incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans. *And Then They Came For Us* brings history into the present, retelling this difficult story and following Japanese American activists as they speak out against the Muslim registry and travel ban. Speakers at the Q and A will be Filmmakers Abby Ginzberg and Ken Schneider, Satsuki Ina, who is featured in the film, and Don Tamaki, one of the members of the original Korematsu legal team. Knowing our history is the first step to ensuring we do not repeat it! Purchase tickets [here](#)! [Watch the trailer](#).

❖Displacement & Gentrification: How did we get here and how do we stop it?

Tuesday, December 12, 6:45-9 pm

Sierra Club, 2101 Webster St, Suite 1300, Oakland
Hosted by SURJ - Oakland/Bay Area

Gentrification comes up constantly in the Bay Area, but few of us feel equipped to take action against it. Is it inevitable? What can we do now to prevent displacement? This SURJ workshop will put gentrification and displacement in a historical context so we understand the racialized political and economic drivers. You'll hear about past and current struggles led by communities of color to preserve their homes and communities. Facilitators from SURJ - Oakland/Bay Area will present analysis based on the work of [Causa Justa](#). SURJ (Showing Up for Racial Justice), Bay Area chapter, is part of a national network of groups and individuals organizing white people for racial justice through community organizing, mobilizing, and education. However, all are welcome at this workshop regardless of identity. We are asking for \$5-\$20 donation, sliding scale, which will go to support CJC's work challenging gentrification and fighting displacement. However, no one will be turned away for lack of funds." Our workshop has space for 65 people. To reserve your spot in advance, please purchase tickets [here](#).

**❖Deport ICE: The Resolution To End Cooperation With ICE
Tuesday, December 12, 6-9 pm**

Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Oakland

Oakland's Public Safety Committee will debate a resolution from Desley Brooks and Rebecca Kaplan to end all Oakland Police Department cooperation with ICE, after assistance in an August 16 raid violated the city's sanctuary policy.

Note: The date for this event may change because earlier hearing scheduled for December 5 cancelled due to city workers' strike. Information [here](#).

No Ban, No Wall: State and Local Advocacy and Legislative Efforts to Protect Our Immigrant Community No Ban, No Wall: Efforts to Protect Our Immigrant Community

December 15, Registration 11:30 am-12 pm; program 12-1:15 pm

BASF Conference Center, 301 Battery Street, 3rd Floor, San Francisco

Speakers: Jeff Adachi, Public Defender, City and County of San Francisco; Lisa Pickoff-White, Data Journalist and Senior Producer, KQED; Niloufar Khonsari, Executive Director, Pangea Legal Services Sponsored by SF Bar Assn., The Immigration Section of the Barristers Club and the American Immigration Lawyers Association of Northern California
MCLE Credits - 1 H, This is a brown bag luncheon. Information and registration [here](#).

Women's March 2018

Saturday, January 20

❖ **10 am-3 pm, Oakland** (no details yet)

11:30 am – 3:30 pm, Civic Center, San Francisco

On January 20, 2018, Women's March San Francisco will unite along with multiple other cities in California (and other states) to reaffirm our commitment to building a positive and just future for all, and to celebrate the spirit of resistance efforts over the past year. This rally is designed to engage and empower all people to support women's rights, human rights, civil rights, disability rights, LGBTQIA rights, workers rights, immigrant rights, reproductive, social and environmental justice. Our feminism must be intersectional and we must continue to organize as such. We want to encourage participation in 2018 midterm elections with 5 key points: Organize, Register to Vote, Vote, Women Run For Office (especially WOC), and Elect Women & Allies. HEAR OUR VOTE! First we Marched and Now we Run!!! Information [here](#).

Inside Private Prisons: An American Dilemma in the Age of Mass Incarceration

Tuesday, January 16, 5:30 pm networking reception, 6 pm program, 7 pm book signing

The Commonwealth Club, 110 The Embarcadero, San Francisco

When the tough-on-crime politics of the 1980s overcrowded state prisons, private companies saw potential profit in building and operating correctional facilities. Today, more than 100,000 of the 1.5 million incarcerated Americans are held in private prisons in 29 states and federal correctional facilities, with annual revenues of \$5 billion. Lauren-Brooke Eisen's work blends investigative reporting with quantitative and historical research to examine private prisons through the eyes of inmates, their families, correctional staff, policymakers, activists, Immigration and Customs Enforcement employees, undocumented immigrants, and the executives of America's largest private prison corporations. Neither an endorsement nor a demonization, Eisen's Inside Private Prisons details the complicated and perverse incentives rooted in the industry, from mandatory bed occupancy to vested interests in mass incarceration. This book is a blueprint for policymakers to reform practices and for concerned citizens to understand our changing prison systems. Information and tickets (\$7-20) [here](#).

ACLU Trainings for Change Makers

Saturday, January 27, 11:30 am-5 pm, San Francisco

You're invited to join the ACLU for an in-person training in a city near you to build and practice new skills in organizing a local campaign. The trainings will cover topics such as voting rights, criminal justice reform, and reproductive health rights for all California students. These are

issues where you can have a big impact at the local level! The deadline to register is Thursday, January 25. Information and registration [here](#).

RECURRING EVENTS

Voter Registration for New Citizens Swearing In Ceremony

Thursday, December 7, 10-12

Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway, Oakland

New Citizens Swearing In Ceremony: Helping brand new Americans activate their citizenship by registering to vote is one of the most fulfilling activities we can participate in. From countries all over the world, they pour out of the Paramount Theater after taking the oath of allegiance to their new homeland, where we welcome them with an offer to register to vote the same day.

Look for a row of ironing boards on both sides of the entrance. No experience is necessary - we will train on site. Register [here](#).

“Collaboration and Connection” Exhibition

December 3-February 24, 2018, open most Fridays and Saturdays 12-4 pm

(except December 29-30 and January 5-6)

Islamic Cultural Center of Northern California, 1433 Madison Street, Oakland

“Collaboration and Connection” is the fourth interfaith art exhibition hosted by the Islamic Cultural Center of Northern California (ICCN) and brings together artists from many faiths to express their commitment to interfaith understanding, coexistence, peace, and cultural dialogue. The impetus for this powerful exhibition is the desire to build bridges and create friendships through artistic collaboration. Thirty teams of artists have risen to the challenge of creating collaborative artwork with unique and stunning creations in a wide variety of mediums including painting, clay, fabric, metalwork, found materials, photography, origami and much more. This art exhibition is sponsored by the Faith Trio, a 16 year alliance of the ICCN with two other congregations in the Oakland area: Kehilla Community Synagogue and Montclair Presbyterian Church. Local non-profits and community partners are also sponsors of the exhibition. For more information, please contact Lea Delson at (510) 528-6725, lea@delsonphoto.com or visit [website](#).

Monthly Interfaith Vigils to Support Immigrant Detainees

First Saturday of the month, 11 am- 12 noon

West County Detention Facility, 5555 Giant Highway, Richmond

We invite you to join our vigils each month as we gather to pray and bear witness to the pain, suffering, and separation of immigrant detainees, and to call for real and immediate immigration reform. <http://icir-clue.blogspot.com/p/action.html> If you would like to bring refreshments/coffee or greet visiting Spanish-speaking families, please contact

mnoriega@im4humanintegrity.org

If you would like to be an occasional driver or housing host for released detainees through PRAP (Post-release accompaniment program), contact: prap@centrolegal.org

Lake Merritt Neighbors Organized for Peace

Sundays, 3 pm

Walk around Lake Merritt. We start and end at the colonnade between Grand and Lakeshore Avenues on Embarcadero. near the Grand Lake Theater, across the street from the Lakeview Library, which is at 550 El Embarcadero, Oakland

North Berkeley demonstration demanding higher taxes for the super-rich & big corporations

Mondays 5-6 pm

Near the top of Solano Ave by the Oaks Theater, Berkeley
Come sing with OCCUPELLA or just hold a sign. RAIN CANCELS!

Living Graveyard Vigil for Peace

3rd Mondays, 12-1 pm

Oakland Federal Building 1301 Clay

[Ecumenical Peace Institute](#)

Rally for Peace

3rd Fridays from 2-3 pm

Acton and University Avenues, Berkeley

Co-sponsored by Berkeley-East Bay Gray Panthers and neighborhood tenants

Bring determination and music! Bring our troops home NOW! Honk for Peace! Some fun in the sun! We sing songs, wave signs, and get passing cars and trucks to honk support. Signs are provided. All welcome. Wheelchair accessible. Info: Steve Geller 913-4682

ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union)

Berkeley/North East Bay Chapter

Monthly meeting-Third Wednesday of most months, 7 pm

Sweet Basil Thai restaurant, 1736 Solano Avenue, Berkeley

Come early if you'd like to eat dinner with us.

Barbara Dilts bdilts@redshift.com More information about this and chapter [here](#).

Know Your Rights trainings by Antonio Medrano, Chair of the Berkeley/North East Bay Chapter - For schedule of trainings go to Chapter [Facebook](#) page.

List of other ACLU chapters [here](#).

Barbara Lee Staff Office Hours

Every 1st & 3rd Thursday, 2-5 pm

1470 Fruitvale Ave, Oakland

Staff only - Rep. Lee not in attendance.[here](#).

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❖Monthly Protest at Richmond Immigration Detention/County Jail

2nd Sunday of the Month, 11 am-12 noon

[Let Our People Go](#)

West County Detention Facility, 5555 Giant Hwy, Richmond

Show solidarity with those locked inside West County Detention, which doubles as Contra Costa's jail and the Bay Area's ICE detention center. We must stand up for our community members whose human rights are violated by the current racist policies of intimidation/police brutality, incarceration, and deportation. Show your support for families visiting their loved

ones as we affirm the dignity and rights of all members of our human family. Bring your noisemakers, signs, friends, family, and neighbors. Let Our People Go was initiated by members of the Kehilla Immigration Committee on the 2nd Sunday of every month at 11am, modeled in part on the first Saturday vigils held by our partners at Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity. The ongoing participation of Bend the Arc activists and regular attendees enriches the community circle. This one-hour protest is a way for more families with tweens/teens—especially those with citizenship privileges—to stand up for our peoples and bring more attention to this immoral site of internment right in our community. We aim to convey a sustained message of resistance to the right wing's racist, xenophobic, anti-Muslim, ableist, transphobic, homophobic, misogynist ramp up of authoritarian policing, detention, and deportation practices—if not now, when?

Action Checklist for Americans of Conscience (Jen Hoffman)

Turning bad news into positive action: No matter your political stripe, Americans are good, generous people who pull together in a pinch. Katrina. New York. Sandy Hook. When the chips are down, we look out for each other.

Now is no different. In the Action Checklist for Americans of Conscience, you get (1) clear, hype-free actions to take from home that support democracy, freedom, and equality for all Americans; (2) Acts of Gratitude praise elected officials when they do something good for all people, no matter which side of the aisle; (3) Good News of progress for democracy and people doing kind, heartwarming things for each other; and (4) reading list of in-depth articles on important issues. [Get the weekly Action Checklist for Americans of Conscience.](#)

Wall of Us

Four concrete acts of resistance curated and personalized for you each week. Sign up [here](#).

One Thing You Can Do (OTYCD)

The election of Donald Trump calls for action. But where to start? There's so much to push back against. It's overwhelming. [One Thing You Can Do](#) features a daily action item that you can pursue. You don't have to stop at one thing, but it's certainly a start. New OTYCD posts go up between 6 am and 9 am EST on weekdays, and between 8 am and 10 am EST on weekend days. OTYCD exists to help you focus. It attempts to select the most effective thing you can do that day to push back against Trump. If you think today's action item is not the most effective thing you can do, that's fine. Go to 'Want to Do More?' for links and resources where you can find other suggestions for things you can do.

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE...

❖ Find out why our Senators didn't do everything possible to stop the Tax Scam <https://www.indivisibleberkeley.org/>

A version of the tax bill (AKA #TrumpTaxScam) passed the House a few weeks ago, and another version just passed the Senate. According to the Congressional Budget Office and Joint Committee on Taxation, the revised Senate bill will cost \$1,470,000,000,000 (that's \$1.47 trillion, but it helps to see it written out). The bills now head to conference committee for negotiations between the Senate and House. Depending on what happens there, the likely next step is a final piece of legislation heading back to both the House and the Senate for a vote. The #TrumpTaxScam is an ACA repeal in disguise, a tax giveaway to the wealthy and corporations, and would be Trump's signature legislative accomplishment. Here are two asks for you today: • [Call our own Senators, Kamala Harris and Dianne Feinstein](#). Tell them that you noticed the Democrats didn't do everything they possibly could procedurally to slow down this process, including withholding consent on normal Senate business like quorum checks and other

legislation. Ask why. Listen to the response, and then say that as a constituent you demand that they vote NO no anything that comes out of conference.

•[Text voters in red districts in CA using Rapid Resist](#). There are rallies protesting the Trump Tax Scam in cities and towns in red districts, including Roseville (CA-4, Tom McClintock) and Apple Valley (CA-8, Paul Cook). These representatives need to know that their days are numbered if they vote for the final bill.

Fight for Net Neutrality

From wallofus.com

Net neutrality rules protect the free flow of information on the internet free of discrimination, censorship, and corporate control. Dismantling it, which FCC Chairman, Ajit Pai, a former telecommunications lobbyist, moved to do this week by scheduling a vote among FCC Commissioners on December 14th, would undo these protections and hand Pai's former bosses an unprecedented level of control over how we use the Internet. There are two Democrat and three Republican commissioners. Jessica Rosenworcel (a Democrat) recently explained the consequences of ending net neutrality in an OpEd.

Wiping out net neutrality would have big consequences. Without it, your broadband provider could carve internet access into fast and slow lanes, favoring the traffic of online platforms that have made special payments and consigning all others to a bumpy road. Your provider would have the power to choose which voices online to amplify and which to censor. The move could affect everything online, including the connections we make and the communities we create. All-of-us must speed up the fight for net neutrality.

Here's how:

1. Learn about Net Neutrality from the ACLU [here](#) (including a very informative summary from John Oliver!).
2. Tell Congress to stop this move by signing this [petition](#) from the Electronic Frontier Foundation and using [this calling tool](#) from the ACLU.
3. Plan to attend a protest at a local Verizon store--details [here](#).

❖Call the FCC -- Save Net Neutrality

From [RiseStronger](#)

We need to convince FCC Commissioners to VOTE NO to save Net Neutrality. Here's who to call:

1. Ajit Pai: 202-518-7399, email: Ajit.Pai@fcc.gov, Twitter: [@AjitPaiFCC](#)
2. Michael O'Rielly: 301-657-9092, email: mike.o'rielly@fcc.gov, Twitter [@mikeofcc](#)
3. Brendan Carr: 202-719-7305, email: Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov, Twitter: [@BrendanCarrFCC](#)

News

❖End Citizens United

From [Politico California Playbook](#) - December 6

The latest push: A targeted and well-funded effort by End Citizens United, which yesterday announced it's dropping \$35 million on a national effort to unseat "The Dirty 20" legislators whom they've defined as in the pocket of big donors - 4 of them in California, the most from any state. "These are the worst of the worst in Congress," said Tiffany Muller, the group's executive director in a press call with reporters Tuesday. The group's California targets: Reps. Duncan Hunter (CA-50), Darrell Issa (CA-48), Mimi Walters (CA-45) and Dana Rohrabacher (CA-48).

Resources

❖ [**The Sustainable Berkeley Coalition** works for open, transparent governance that supports our diverse community. Our purpose is to provide information to make it easier to be engaged in our community.](#)

Articles

❖ [**FCC's net neutrality repeal sparks backlash**](#) - December 3, The Hill

❖ [**Here's Everyone Who's Freaking Out About the Tax Bill and Why: A not-quite-comprehensive list**](#) - The Slate, December 5.