

February 20, 2019 Bi-weekly Advocacy Digest

The digest contains:

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

❖Denotes new listing since last digest

UPCOMING EVENTS

❖Organizing for Action Webinar: Lessons in organizing & movement building

Wednesday, February 20, 5 pm PST

Wednesday, February 27, 7 pm PST

OFA's purpose is to create a more participatory and accessible democracy. For years, we have trained and developed organizers with the values of respect, empower, and include, with the understanding that sustained issue advocacy, leadership development, and organizing are fundamental to creating long-term change in our country. By the end of March, we will have fully joined forces with Eric Holder's redistricting efforts to focus our efforts on redistricting and other key democratic reforms. With this vital work in mind, this training series is dedicated to instilling core lessons OFA has learned, leaving participants with OFA's organizing principles illustrated with concrete examples from important moments in our history. Register [here](#).

The Impact of Slavery on American Jurisprudence and Activism

Thursday, February 21, 5-7:30 pm

U.S. District Court, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, Ceremonial Courtroom, 19th Floor, San Francisco 2019 is the 400th anniversary of the beginning of slavery in the USA. In August of 1619, twenty Africans landed at Jamestown Virginia. In the 400 years that Africans have been here, their history has been full of struggle, resistance, and the achievement of excellence despite all the barriers erected. This panel will explore lawsuits brought by enslaved people; rebellions against the cruelty that was a feature of slavery; activism challenging Jim Crow; changes in American jurisprudence that flowed from their quest for "equal Justice under law," and how the efforts of African Americans shaped the activism of other groups in our country. Racism is still a vibrant and toxic part of our country. This panel will explore its origins as well as ways we can minimize its impact. MCLE 1.5 credits (elimination of bias). More information [here](#).

❖HIAS Briefing on the actual "National Emergency": Threats to Asylum

Thursday, February 21, 1 pm PST

Join the HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) team as we discuss the President's national emergency declaration, the Remain in Mexico policy, increases in immigration detention, refugee arrivals, activity in the 116th Congress, and more. Pre-registration for this call is required. Click [here](#) to RSVP and receive call-in instructions.

Planned Parenthood Acts of Courage Party

Thursday, February 21, 7 pm - Reception, 8-10 pm dancing & celebrating

Bimbo's 365 Club, 1025 Columbus Avenue, San Francisco

Let's gather as a community for the party we've needed since 2016. This year's event will take place at Bimbo's 365 Club - bringing together our fiercest supporters. Festive cocktail attire.

Contact for more information: info@ppnorcal.org

Tickets (\$99) [here](#).

❖Housing Update with East Bay Electeds

Saturday, February 23, 12-1:30 pm

2044 Franklin st, Oakland

Join [TechEquity Collaborative](#) and [East Bay for Everyone](#) for a conversation with our East Bay representatives Senator Nancy Skinner, Assemblymember Buffy Wicks, and Assemblymember Rob Bonta. Moderator and former TechCrunch journalist Kim-Mai Cutler will talk with our representatives about their legislative priorities for housing and transportation in the 2019 session, and open up the discussion to the audience. Information and free tickets [here](#).

Make the Resistance Delicious! Dessert & Dessert Wine Pairings Fundraiser

Sunday, February 24, 4-6 pm

Private home in Claremont neighborhood of Berkeley

Sister District Project CA-13 Events and Sister District Project

Join our first fundraiser of 2019! Sister District Project member and cookbook author Jennie Schacht will guide us through a tasting of desserts and this lesser known class of special wines while teaching us about dessert wine styles, varieties, and the secrets to pairing them yourself. We'll sip sweet wines while savoring desserts from her book, The Wine Lover's Dessert Cookbook. Information and tickets [here](#).

❖Understanding Antisemitism and its Intersections with White Supremacy & White Nationalism Webinar

February 26, 5-7 pm

Sponsored by Showing Up For Racial Justice (SURJ)

This webinar is aimed at strengthening our collective movements for liberation. Our goals are: 1) to enable people to recognize anti-Semitism 2) learn how antisemitism intersects with white supremacy and white nationalism 3) develop a shared commitment to ending anti-Semitism alongside all oppressions. More information and registration [here](#).

❖Commonwealth Club Week to Week Political Roundtable

Thursday, February 28, 5:30 pm (social hour), 6:30 (program)

110 The Embarcadero, San Francisco

Come celebrate with us as we complete seven years of the Week to Week political roundtable and kick off our eighth! Join us as we discuss the biggest, most controversial and sometimes the surprising political issues with expert commentary by panelists who are smart, are civil and have a good sense of humor. Our panelists will provide informative and engaging commentary on political and other major news, and we'll have audience discussion of the week's events and our live news quiz. And come early before the program for our social hour. Each attendee will receive 2 free drink tickets for a glass of wine or a soft drink during our social hour. Information and tickets [here](#).

❖What Is Democracy?

Film screening and discussion with director Astra Taylor and Wendy Brown

Thursday, February 28, 7:30 pm

Sydney Goldstein Theater Sydney Goldstein Theater

275 Hayes Street (between Van Ness & Franklin), San Francisco

What is Democracy? (2018), collapses time and space, doggedly pursuing the eponymous question, while exploring a conglomeration of threads that refuse to be constrained by the camera's frame, continuing the conversation rather than offering decisive answers. Wendy Brown is one of our foremost contemporary theorists, engaging with and examining the history of political theory, feminist theory, contemporary critical theories of law, nineteenth and twentieth century Continental theory, and contemporary American political culture. Information and tickets [here](#). (415) 392-4400.

❖**Move Your Money: Reduce Climate Risk in Your Investments**

Thursday, March 7, 7-9 pm

Kehilla Community Synagogue, 1300 Grand Ave, Piedmont

Break Up with Your Bank – Reduce Climate Risk in Your Portfolio

Whether you're just starting to evaluate your banking and investment choices or have been wrestling with these issues for years, you can get information and support for moving your money out of polluting banks and investments and into the clean energy economy.

We will discuss:

How large banks fuel climate change

How to find climate-friendly local banking and credit card options

How to move money out of stocks, bonds, and funds, and into socially responsible investments

We offer resources and tools for finding clean banks, credit cards, and investments

This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Hosted by [Fossil Free California](#). Information and free ticket [here](#). Space is limited.

❖**Plant Trees in Oakland with the Sierra Club**

Sundays, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, 10 am-2 pm

Make an immediate impact and green the Oakland community by planting trees with the Sierra Club. Meet at staging area in the parking lot of Epic School, 1045 Derby Ave in Oakland, near the Fruitvale BART. The trees will be in other places around town, so please join us for our orientation and safety briefing here first. No experience is needed. You should be able to lift 30 pounds. More information [here](#). RSVP [here](#).

Bystander Intervention Training

Sunday, March 10, 7:30-9 pm

Finnish Hall, 1970 Chestnut St., Berkeley

Hosted by [CAIR - San Francisco Bay Area](#) and [Indivisible Berkeley](#)

Join us for this interactive Bystander Intervention Training! This training will be led by the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR). During the training, participants will learn about the history and principles of nonviolence, and will practice specific de-escalation techniques as a bystander in a variety of scenarios.

❖**Youth Climate Strike**

Friday, March 15

There will be Youth Climate Strikes all over the world. Information [here](#).

California Moms Demand Action Advocacy Day

Monday, March 18, 10 am

South Lawn of the California State Capitol, 10th & L St, Sacramento

Advocacy Day is a critical moment to demonstrate our grassroots power by meeting face-to-face with legislators to talk about our common sense approach to gun violence prevention to ask for increased funding of the California's Violence Intervention and Prevention Program (CalVIP).

California has some of the strongest gun laws in the country, but our state needs to invest more in this program in order to meet the need and save the most lives. Map and RSVP [here](#).

BELONG Symposium - Save the date

Thursday-Saturday, March 21-23

Oakland

Sponsored by [PICO California](#)

The 2019 Becoming & Belong Campaign will weave a new thread of revolutionary love through our communities, and open new possibilities for structural changes rooted in mutuality and the

sacredness of every human life, creating a world where everybody belongs, everybody thrives, and has agency over their lives. If you're part of a PICO California federation, belong to a congregation or community group, or simply want to join with friends; we're inviting you to go to www.picocalifornia.org/becoming and sign up for trainings, gatherings, actions, and relationship building over the next 12 months!

❖**Moving from Outrage to Action**

Sunday, March 31, 1-3 pm

Congregation Beth El, 1301 Oxford St., Berkeley,
Learn volunteering techniques for outreach, coaching, mentoring, tutoring and advocacy.
Freedom for Immigrants (outreach to the incarcerated and others) – Rebecca Merton
Refugee Transitions (coaching, mentoring, tutoring) – Nicole Germanov
Jewish Coalition for Literacy (tutoring and mentoring) – Judy Pam-Bycel
Bay Resistance (advocacy/fundraising for DACA Youth) – Berenice Vega & Alicia Loera
Registration for this free event [here](#). Questions? Mike Austin <mjaustin@berkeley.edu>

❖**Antidotes to White Fragility Workshop**

Sunday, March 31, 10 am-1 pm

Sierra Club, 2101 Webster St., Suite 1300, Oakland
White Fragility is defined by Robin DiAngelo as “A state in which even a minimum amount of racial stress becomes intolerable, triggering a range of defensive moves. These moves include the outward display of emotions such as anger, fear, and guilt, and behaviors such as argumentation, silence, and leaving the stress-inducing situation (2011).” What skills, tools and approaches are useful in encouraging white people to sustain balanced engagement with anti-racism/racial justice education and work? How can we cultivate resilience (as opposed to white fragility) in ourselves, our communities, and our movements? This workshop is for all experience levels. Hosted by [SURJ Oakland/Bay Area](#) and [The White Noise Collective](#)
More information and tickets (sliding Scale: \$15-\$65) [here](#). No one turned away for lack of funds.

❖**The Power of Youth in Our Politics**

Thursday, April 4, 6:30 pm

The Commonwealth Club, 110 The Embarcadero, San Francisco
In his book *Generation Citizen: The Power of Youth in Our Politics*, Scott Warren, co-founder and CEO of Generation Citizen, recounts his personal political awakening and the long and inspiring history of young people enacting significant political change in the United States, ranging from the civil rights movement to the Parkland students' stance against gun violence. Join Warren at INFORUM, alongside other rising voices in youth leadership and civic engagement, for an inspiring conversation about the political potential of youth and students and the future of American social change. Information and tickets (\$7-45) [here](#).

❖**Poor People's Hearing for the Bay Area**

Saturday, April 6, 2-4 pm

Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church, 1188 12th St., Oakland
Poor People's Hearing on Homelessness, Mass Incarceration, and the Criminalization of Poverty in the Bay Area. Hosted by [Poor People's Campaign Bay Area](#). More information [here](#).

ACTION ITEMS

❖**Support Oakland teachers and students during teachers' strike**

Oakland teachers set February 21 strike date. Information [here](#).

What you can do to support the teachers.

Supporting teachers:

- Bring coffee and food to the picket line at any school in Oakland every day once the strike starts
- Join a picket line at any school, especially in the morning (8:00-9:00) during drop off time
- Fill out this [volunteer form](#) to get in touch with the union to find other ways you can help
- Send emails to elected officials: school board members Jody.London@ousd.org (North Oakland), Gary.Yee@ousd.org (District 4), Jumoke.HintonHodge@ousd.org (District 3) asking them to prioritize raises for teachers; as well as state elected officials (Buffy Wicks, Gavin Newsom) asking them to adequately fund OUSD. California has the worst staff:student ratio in the country due to low funding and high cost of living.

Supporting students:

- Donate to [Bread for Ed](#), a fund to buy food to serve to students who depend on the school lunch and dinner program for nutrition

The Bread for Ed volunteers are coordinating with OEA to form strike schools, places where kids can go during the day if their parents need to work, so that families don't need to cross the picket lines

- The strike schools will be run by volunteers at Oakland city recreation centers and churches that are donating their space. If you can help during the day, or have a responsible high school student who is good with younger kids, please email samdavis9@gmail.com

❖Housing Needed for Refugee

Jewish Family and Community Services-East Bay is looking for housing for a 32-year-old gay man from Iran who will be arriving in the East Bay on March 12th via Turkey, where he has currently been living. He speaks English and has experience in retail sales. This young man needs housing for a minimum of 3 months. If you are willing to extend the period of stay after that, that is great; however, JFCS can find alternate arrangements for months 4-12. He will need a private bedroom and access to a bathroom and kitchen. The house should be easily accessible to public transportation. He will be able to pay \$200/month rent for the first 3 months and gradually more thereafter. JFCS-East Bay will provide case management and a team of volunteers to take him to appointments and handle many aspects of helping him to get settled in his new life in the Bay Area, so your responsibility will be only to provide housing.

This young man has been fully vetted, was granted refugee status and is being resettled by JFCS-East Bay. Under the current administration, very few refugees are being admitted to the US, so we are very lucky that he is coming to our community. If you are able to offer housing or have questions, please contact Mark Lyons at JFCS-East Bay mlyons@jfcs-eastbay.org or (925) 927-2000, ext. 529.

❖Reduce use of plastics

Once upon a time, “plastics” was a punchline from the 1967 film, “The Graduate.” Today, plastics, which are made from fossil fuels, are a menace to the environment. Let’s check out the [My Plastic Free Life blog](#) to see what each of us personally can do to minimize the use of plastics in our lives. - From [Rogan’s List, February 20](#).

IMMIGRATION

“Missing Neighbors” Poster Campaign

Information [here](#). Sponsored by HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society).

National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC)

[NIJC’s Ambassador Toolkit](#)

[NIJC’s volunteer interpreter corps](#).

[View open jobs at NIJC](#).

Write to Detained Migrants [here](#).

RiseStronger compendium of information and resources [here](#).

How To Help Immigrant Kids Who Are Taken From Their Parents At The Border - [Equal Justice Society](#) article [here](#).

Donation Opportunities

Latino Immigrant Families Together (LIFT) Fund - Donate [here](#).

RAICES is the largest immigration legal services provider in Texas. Donate [here](#).

[Temple Emanuel of McAllen, Texas](#) is accepting donations via Paypal or by check (send to 4300 Chai St., McAllen, TX 78504). **Please note "Refugees" on the check memo line.**

Support Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley Respite Center through their

[Go Fund Me page](#).

LEGAL HELP NEEDED AT THE BORDER

RAICES Needs Volunteers. Use this [form](#) to sign up for more information.

Lawyers Needed for Humanitarian Relief to Migrants

From [Good Ally Collaborative](#)

[No More Deaths](#)

Lawyers: Volunteer with SIFI ([Southeast Immigrant Freedom Initiative](#), led by the Southern Poverty Law Center)

Lawyers for Good Government (L4GG)

[Sign up to volunteer remotely or in-person.](#)

Attorneys and Paralegals Needed to Help Immigrants Oppressed by ICE

CARA Family Detention Project

American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA). More Information [here](#).

GUN CONTROL ADVOCACY

March for Our Lives Students Gun Safety [Policy](#)

Indivisible California StateStrong [Guide](#) for Preventing Gun Violence.

Organizations

[Every Town for Gun Safety](#)

[Sandy Hook Promise](#)

[Students Demand Action](#)

[Moms Demand Action](#)

[The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence](#)

[Giffords](#)

[Guns Down](#)

RECURRING EVENTS

Voter Registration for New Citizens Swearing In Ceremony

Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway, Oakland

Wednesday, March 13, 10 am-noon

Wednesday, March 13, 2-4 pm

Help brand new Americans activate their citizenship by registering to vote. From countries all over the world, they pour out of the Paramount Theater after taking the oath of allegiance to their new homeland. We welcome them with an offer to register to vote. Look for a row of ironing boards on both sides of the entrance. No experience is necessary - we will train on site.

Please plan to arrive on time for the session you signed up for so we can do a training and distribute the volunteers between the two stations. NOTE: If you plan to drive, allow 30-45 minutes to look for parking which fills up very early. The Paramount Theatre is 1/2 block from the 19th St. BART station. This is an outdoor standing event so please be prepared to stand for up to 2 hours and dress according to the weather (casual is fine)

Register [here](#). Make sure you are picking the morning or afternoon session you want to attend. You can sign up for either or both.

Indivisible Group Meetings

Indivisible East Bay All Member Meeting

Last Sunday of the month, 1-3 pm, Sports Basement, 2727 Milvia Street, Berkeley
Information [here](#).

Indivisible Berkeley Monthly General Assembly

Certain Sundays of the month, 7:30-9 pm

Berkeley Finnish Hall, 1970 Chestnut St, Berkeley
Information and next meeting information [here](#).

Indivisible SF General Meeting

Some Sundays, 3:30-5:30pm
Manny's, 16th and Valencia Streets, SF
Indivisible SF information [here](#). Check their events page for meeting dates.

ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union)

ACLU Voter

Nationwide voter mobilization effort through phone banking and texting. Sign up [here](#).

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.

Week to Week Politics Roundtable and Social Hour - Mondays, 5:30 pm

wine-and-snacks social, 6:30 pm program The Commonwealth Club of California, 110 The Embarcadero, San Francisco, Dates, information and tickets (\$0 members-\$20) [here](#).

PHONE BANKS, TEXT BANKS, POSTCARDS AND OTHER THINGS

A report from a meeting with Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris by a member of 13 Pages, Oakland Indivisible Group: Calls from constituents help our senators fight for justice. Every call is tallied by zip code. We can call several times a day and each call is tallied separately. The more we call, text, and e-mail the louder our voices are heard. We can speak about more than one issue in the same call. Sen. Dianne Feinstein [email](#), (415) 393-0707; DC: (202) 224-3841) Sen. Kamala Harris [email](#), (415) 355-9041; DC: (202) 224-3553

Democracy Action phone banks on current issues. Information [here](#).

Action Checklist for Americans of Conscience (Jen Hoffman) [weekly Action Checklist](#).

Rogan's List/RiseStronger - A comprehensive weekly digest of news and actions. Sign up [here](#).

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

[One Thing You Can Do \(OTYCD\)](#)

Postcards for America [website](#). Postcards for America Facegroup [here](#).

Indivisible Berkeley [page](#) lists actions you can take from the comfort of your home! We recommend making a habit of taking one action per day or one action per week.

Action for Introverts. <https://resistancelabs.com/volunteer/text/>

DEMONSTRATIONS AND PROTESTS

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](#)

Resistance Rally by the Grand Lake Theater, Oakland

Every Tuesday, 4:30-5:30 pm. [Indivisible East Bay](#)

El Cerrito Shows Up

Every Thursday, 6-7 pm, El Cerrito Plaza, 7000 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

Table with Indivisible Resistance Action East Bay at Rockridge BART

Every Thursday, 5-6 pm. [Indivisible East Bay](#)

❖ICE protest/vigil

630 Sansome Street, San Francisco

Second Friday of each month , 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

[Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity](#)

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. Info: Steve Geller 913-4682

[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

Afternoon of Action: Text Bank - Second Saturdays, 2-4 pm

Drake's Dealership, 2325 Broadway Auto Row, Oakland

Updates and registration [here](#). Sponsored by [Indivisible East Bay](#).

RESOURCES

❖**Political Charge** highlights individual candidates and where they stand on seven issues. The first is on Kamala Harris. Website [here](#).

❖**The Weekly List: This is How Democracy Ends**

Experts in authoritarianism advise us to keep a list of things subtly changing around us, so we'll remember. Amy Siskind is keeping that list for us. Amy writes, "This was a jarring week as Trump declared a national emergency after Congress refused to fund his wall?—perhaps his most brazen authoritarian act yet." Let's review [Amy Siskind's list Week 118](#). - From [Rogan's List, February 18](#).

Indivisible on Offense and Indivisible States

New Indivisible Guide [here](#).

Articles

❖**California's Lawsuit Against Trump's Emergency Wall Is Written to Appeal to Neil Gorsuch** - Slate February 19 article [here](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Equal Justice Society Civil Rights Program Associate Job Announcement

The Civil Rights Program Associate reports to EJS President Eva Paterson or to her designated staff member. Compensation is \$45/hour at maximum 20 hours per week for approximately 30 weeks. This position is based in the EJS offices at 1939 Harrison St, Suite 818, Oakland, Calif.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Continue efforts to activate coalition members through the creation of issue-based working groups, strategic advisory committees, and ad hoc efforts to assist allied projects;
- Identify ways to intersect with other existing efforts and organizations to develop alliances, partnerships, and technical assistance when appropriate;
- Scan and identify new opportunities with local and national partners;
- Write and curate information for a newsletter and action alerts for the members;
- Write for and manage the CalCivilRights.org website;
- Develop content and manage social media channels for CCRC;

- Assist in convening meetings;
- Staff EJS President Eva Paterson in efforts to realign and reactive the California Civil Rights Coalition;
- Be responsible for executing or helping the EJS President execute the activities related to the Remembering 1619 observance.
- Assist the EJS Director of Development with content, data, or reports required for grant reporting or funding.

Qualifications

- Experience in working with coalitions related to social justice or communities of color;
- Experience in planning and executing events;
- Advanced skills with word, spreadsheet, and presentation software; intermediate skills or advanced aptitude with Facebook, Twitter, Wordpress, Mailchimp, Mobilize.io;
- Demonstrated ability to organize results-oriented meetings in any format (e.g. in-person, conference call, webinar);
- Demonstrated ability to provide coalition members with technical assistance, respond to questions and suggestions from members, and develop methods to streamline service.

Application

To apply for this position, email a resume and cover letter addressed to EJS President Eva Paterson and addressed to info@equaljusticesociety.org with “Civil Rights Program Associate” in the subject line. **Deadline Friday, March 1, 2019, at Noon Pacific** . No phone calls or postal mail, please.

Dedicated to Dianne Walker (1952-2017)