

## **February 6, 2019 Bi-weekly Advocacy Digest SECOND ANNUAL EDITION**

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**

#### **We the People: Justice for Some**

**Wednesday, February 6, 6:30 pm**

JCC East Bay, 1414 Walnut Street, Berkeley

UC Berkeley professors Jack Glaser and Steve Raphael, attorney Margot Mendelson, and moderated by Abbie VanSickle of the Marshall Project. A guided conversation about the most pressing and complex issues in the criminal justice system today. This discussion will examine professors Glaser, Raphael's, and Mendelson's research on inequality in the criminal justice system, including racial disparities and bias. Followed by a dessert reception. More information and tickets (member: \$15/general \$20) [here](#).

#### **❖Green New Deal Week of Action**

##### **Support Representative Lee in demanding the Green New Deal**

**Thursday, February 7, 9:15 am**

Representative Barbara Lee's Office

1301 Clay Street, Ste. 1000-N, Oakland

On February 4-8, help bring the call for Real Climate Leadership to your Congressperson's doorstep. We will ramp up our call for a Green New Deal by calling on our Representatives to:

- Halt all new fossil fuel extraction, infrastructure and subsidies, and transition power generation to 100% renewable energy by 2035 or sooner.
- Rapidly decarbonize agriculture and transportation sectors and expand access to public transportation.
- Ensure a Fair & Just Transition led by impacted workers and communities, including low income and communities of color, without relying on corporate schemes or market-based mechanisms.
- Uphold Indigenous Rights
- Pass a national jobs guarantee, creating good jobs with collective bargaining and family-sustaining wages.

A coalition of groups including 350.org, Center for Biological Diversity, Climate Hawks Vote, Food & Water Watch, Friends of the Earth U.S., Greenpeace, Oil Change USA, and Public Citizen are partnering to hold this event.

More local events [here](#).

#### **❖National Medicare for All Week of Action**

**February 9-14**

We are launching a nationwide effort to pressure our legislators and get to work to pass the Medicare for All Act of 2019 in the House. Hundreds of activists across the country have stepped up to host events in their communities. Now we need you to join them by attending the event closest to you. Join a National Medicare for All Week of Action event near you to hear more about the plan to win and what's next.

Nurses' Campaign to Win Medicare for All. ([info@medicare4all.org](mailto:info@medicare4all.org))

**Kensington Barnstorm**

**Sunday, February 10, 3 pm**

Arlington Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington  
Details and RSVP [here](#).

**Constituent Phone Calls to Nancy Pelosi**

**Tuesday, February 12, 6 pm**

The Women's Building, 3543 18th Street, San Francisco  
Organizer Jasmine Ruddy ([jruddy@calnurses.org](mailto:jruddy@calnurses.org))  
Locate other barnstorms in your area [here](#).

**One Paycheck Away: Addressing Homelessness in the Bay Area**

**Wednesday, February 13, 6:30 - 7:30 pm**

Commonwealth Club of California, 110 The Embarcadero, San Francisco  
Come hear from some of the Bay Area's leading experts on issues surrounding homelessness. From working on the service and legal sides to fighting for policy changes to having experienced homelessness themselves, our speakers will discuss the state of the crisis, how we got here and where we're headed next. More information and tickets (\$6-12.24) [here](#).

**❖Helping Refugees, Welcoming the Stranger**

**Friday, February 15, 12-1:15 pm**

The Commonwealth Club, 110 The Embarcadero, San Francisco,  
The Middle East member-led forum presents a distinguished panel, including: Hassan El-Masri, a Palestinian who volunteers to help refugee artists throughout the world; Karaman Mamand, a Kurdish Iraqi educator and human rights activist; Karen Ferguson, executive director of the northern California branch of the International Rescue Committee, which provides comprehensive services for refugees whose lives are shattered by conflict and disaster; and Aisha Wahab, who was recently elected to the Hayward City Council and is one of the first Afghan-American officials elected in the United States. The panel will discuss how we can help refugees and welcome the stranger in the face of war, strife, indifference and travel bans. Tickets (\$9-23) [here](#).

**ACLU Northern California Training for Change Makers**

**Sunday, February 17, 12:30 - 4:30 pm (San Francisco location for East Bay and North Bay activists)**

Build skills to take action in 2019. These trainings will help you develop the skills and connections you need to not only strengthen civil liberties in California, but also pave the way for national change. Come together with fellow activists to learn how you can expand access to the ballot box for millions of Californians, advance the rights of people returning to society from the criminal justice system, and protect our reproductive freedoms from discriminatory attacks. Register before it's too late. Last year the events sold out! RSVP [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, 19<sup>th</sup> 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](#).

### ❖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](mailto:info@ppnorcal.org)

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

### ❖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.

### ❖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](http://www.picocalifornia.org/becoming) and sign up for trainings, gatherings, actions, and relationship building over the next 12 months!

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### ❖Unconfirmed Acting Officials

Alexander Hamilton explained in 1788 that the Senate confirmation process was meant to deter a president from filling key posts with “obsequious instruments of his pleasure” by making them accountable to Congress. (Text [here](#).) One assumes Trump is so fond of “acting” officials because they are, while unconfirmed, beholden only to him; we currently have an acting chief of staff, attorney general, defense secretary, Office of Management and Budget director, and EPA director. In fact, only 54% of Trump’s executive branch nominations have been confirmed—and now we have another unconfirmed official, ex-energy lobbyist David Bernhardt, who as Acting Secretary of the Interior would oversee the use--or abuse--of 20% of the US land mass. Let’s suggest to our MoCs that they force the Senate Republicans to take responsibility for these nominees, who have just as much power while “acting” as they otherwise would but are answerable only to Trump. - From [Rogan’s List, February 6](#).

## **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, February 13, 10 am-noon**

**Wednesday, February 13, 2-4 pm**

**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, 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](#)

### **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**

### **Indivisible on Offense and Indivisible States**

New Indivisible Guide [here](#).

### **❖Funny Robert Mueller Valentine Cards**

Messages: "Let's Collude" and "Be My Special Counsel"  
Get them [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](mailto: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.