

January 10, 2018 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

❖Dream Act Phone Banks

Almost every day this coming week. San Francisco. Many near Civic Center BART station. Go to [Democracy Action website](#) for dates and times.

Nobody is Above the Law (INDIVISIBLE SF EVENT, emergency action)

Date/Time TBD, Civic Center Plaza, San Francisco

If Trump finds a way to remove Robert Mueller and/or shuts down the Russian investigation, we will respond by taking to the streets IMMEDIATELY. Should this event happen, we will send out notifications and begin an instant mobilization. Donald Trump is publicly considering firing special counsel Robert Mueller, the person leading the Department of Justice investigation of possible illegal actions by Donald Trump and members of his presidential campaign, and the efforts to conceal those activities. This would be a constitutional crisis for our country. It would demand an immediate and unequivocal response to show that we will not tolerate abuse of power from Donald Trump. Our response in the minutes and hours following a power grab will dictate what happens next, and whether Congress—the only body with the constitutional power and obligation to rein Trump in from his rampage—will do anything to stand up to him. That's why we're preparing to hold emergency "Nobody is Above the Law" rallies around the country in the event they are needed. [San Francisco MoveOn event page](#).

Indivisible SF Meeting with Senator Dianne Feinstein Staff

Wednesday, January 10, 2-3 pm

Join us for our regular meeting with Senator Feinstein's staff. Email info@indivisiblesf.com if you are interested in attending. First timers are encouraged to come; it's great way to get more educated and engaged in the world of politics.

❖In the Fields of the North

Thursday, January 11, 5:30 pm networking reception, 6 pm program, 7 pm book signing

The Commonwealth Club, 110 The Embarcadero, Toni Rembe Rock Auditorium, San Francisco David Bacon, Labor Activist, Photographer, Journalist has spent his life as a union organizer and activist focused on issues related to labor, immigration and international politics. In his landmark work of photojournalism, *In the Fields of the North/En los campos del norte*, he combines haunting photographs with the voices of migrant farmworkers, documenting the experiences of some of the hardest-working and most disenfranchised laborers in the country: the farmworkers responsible for making California "America's breadbasket."

José Padilla, Executive Director, [California Rural Legal Assistance](#) (CRLA) will add to Bacon's account of abuse, which also includes sexual abuse, in the labor contractor work system. He will comment on California Rural Legal Assistance's (CRLA) role in fighting and winning against an almost feudal labor system in America's fields. Tickets (\$7-20) [here](#).

❖Representative Mark DeSaulnier Town Hall on the Republican Tax Plan

Saturday, January 13, 2-3:30 pm

El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito
Congressman DeSaulnier represents the 11th congressional district.

RSVP [here](#).

Indivisible East Bay: January All Members Meeting

Sunday, January 14, 1:30-3:30 pm

Sports Basement, 2727 Milvia Street, Berkeley

Join our monthly meeting for members and newcomers interested in opposing the Trump agenda! For more information, visit indivisibleeb.org. Registration [here](#).

❖Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebrations

Saturday-Monday, January 13-15

San Francisco - Various events and locations

Calendar [here](#). More information [here](#) and info@norcalmlkfoundation.org. Sponsored by NORCALMLK. Our MLK2018 theme is The Urgency of Now.

Monday, January 15

Berkeley MLK Celebration Beyond the Dream Breakfast

8-10am, HS Lordships, Berkeley Marina

Program [here](#). Purchase tickets (\$7-\$25) [here](#).

9 am to 2 pm - Richmond Greenway, Ohio Ave & 8th St, Richmond

Join Friends of the Richmond Greenway, many community groups, and hundreds of other volunteers in honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for a day of service to the community. Volunteer service projects will take place 9 am to noon, then lunch will be served along with music, entertainment and inspirational speakers. Come out with your family, friends, and neighbors and join us in making a difference in Richmond. Be a part of this festive and inspirational event with the Watershed Project, beautify the Greenway trail and park, and much more. Free, but an RSVP is required. Event details and registration [here](#).

8:30 am-12 noon – Regional Shoreline

Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline, Doolittle Drive and Swan Way, Oakland. The East Bay Regional Park District needs volunteers to assist staff with restoration work and invasive plant removal at the Memorial Grove and Damon Marsh. Youth ages 16 and under are welcome with an adult chaperone. Please register [online](#). Free. 888-327-2757, Option 2.

10:30 am - Celebration & Oratorical Festival – San Leandro

Senior Community Center, 13909 E. 14th St., San Leandro

Students will perform an original or well-known essay, speech or poem that honors Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and celebrates his message of peace, tolerance and social justice. Free. Information [here](#). 510-577-3473.

El Cerrito 29th Annual Parade and Rally

El Cerrito City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave to El Cerrito High School.

Gather at 8:30am for this annual event that moves with a march from city hall to El Cerrito High School at 10am. A rally and program will begin at 11am at the school's performing arts center (540 Ashbury Ave.) including music, dance and other entertainment. Free. 510-234-2518

From Brexit to Donald Trump: How Far Does the Economy Explain the Rise of Populism and Nationalism?

Tuesday, January 16, 4-5:30 pm

310 Banatao Auditorium, 330 Sutardja Dai Hall, UC Berkeley Campus
Martin Wolf, the Chief Economics Commentator for the Financial Times will deliver the Underhill Lecture. The Underhill Lecture is the centerpiece of the Anglo-American Studies Program at the Institute of Governmental Studies. The general theme of this lecture and of the Anglo-American Studies Program (AASP) is the evolving nature of the historic relationship between Great Britain and the United States, viewed through the lens of major news events in both countries. Sponsored by [Institute of Governmental Studies](#), the Center for British Studies, the Institute of European Studies, and the Institute of International Studies.

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, Toni Rembe Rock Auditorium, 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. More information and tickets (\$7-20) [here](#).

Meet with Special Assistant to California Attorney General

Friday January 19, 2-3 pm

Governor's Conference Room, 455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco

Gather 1:30 pm at Philz Coffee, 399 Golden Gate Avenue

Sponsored by [Indivisible SF](#)

Meet with Kelli Evans, Special Assistant to the Attorney General of California, and Betty Cao, External Affairs Associate. The meeting will be at This will be a great opportunity to learn about some of the current work of the our AG, Xavier Becerra, and to share our goals and priorities with his staff.

Sister District Summit 2018

Friday, January 19, 6 pm-Sunday, January 21 noon

Impact Hub Oakland, 2323 Broadway, Oakland

by [Sister District Project](#)

We are thrilled to invite Sister District Project District Captains (and aspiring District Captains!) from all across the country to our first annual Sister District Summit. The Summit will take place in the beautiful Bay Area, where five women launched the Sister District Project from their living rooms, just over a year ago. At the Summit, you will be able to celebrate SDP's shared victories, ground yourselves in this burgeoning movement, learn concrete skills, and build relationships with your fellow Sister District community members. Like you, we are organizers. And we can think of no better way to spend a weekend than to organize with you, in person. We hope you can make it. More information and Registration (\$0 – \$45) [here](#).

Women's March 2018

Saturday, January 20

10 am-3 pm, Lake Merritt Amphitheater, Oakland - [Women's March Oakland](#)

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

[Women's March Bay Area](#)

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](#).

❖Bureaucracy Privatization in the Trump Era

Monday, January 22, 6-8 pm

University of California, Hastings College of the Law, 200 McAllister Street, San Francisco
Sponsored by The Bay Area Lawyer and the University of California, Hastings Student Chapters of [the American Constitution Society](#)

The state cannot be separated from its people without doing considerable violence to our constitutional order, argues Professor Jon Michaels of the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law in his new book, Constitutional Coup. In his book, Professor Michaels documents America's love-hate relationship with government. Americans reject bureaucracy, but love its services. Americans demand that the government function like a business. Private federal contractors now number in the millions. Moreover, the Trump administration is pushing to strip the career federal workforce of its legal protections. Professor Michaels rejects the privatization movement, arguing there is good reason not to embrace privatized, commercialized overnment. He argues that the force and importance of the United States Government is based on the fact that it is fundamentally different from Walmart or Facebook.

1.5 hours of California MCLE credit have been approved. [RSVP here](#).

One Year into the Trump Administration: An Update on Federal Policy Changes with Alameda County Supervisor Wilma Chan

Wednesday, January 24, 9am-noon

1221 Oak Street, Board Chambers (5th Floor), Oakland

Alameda County Supervisor Wilma Chan invites you to a federal policy briefing led by the County's Washington DC Lobbyists that will:

- 1.Look back on the first year of the Trump Administration;
 - 2.Outline the Trump Administration's and Congress' 2018 priorities; and
 - 3.Explore how Alameda County—alongside its safety-net partners—can strengthen their advocacy efforts on behalf of our most vulnerable community members, including the growing homeless population, low-income children and families, seniors, and immigrants and refugees.
- Event is free. Registration [here](#). This briefing will also be broadcast live over the web. You can watch live [here](#).

The Trump Administration's Foreign Policy: Back to the Future?

Wednesday, January 24, 6:30-7:30 pm

World Affairs Auditorium, 312 Sutter Street, Suite 200, San Francisco

Sponsored by [World Affairs Council](#)

In his first year in office, President Donald Trump has broken with decades of US foreign policy orthodoxies and injected tremendous uncertainty into a world already in flux. What is behind the Administration's 'America First' doctrine, and what does it signal for the future of US global leadership and international cooperation? Stewart Patrick, the James H. Binger senior fellow in global governance and director of the International Institutions and Global Governance program at the Council on Foreign Relations, will discuss the importance of sovereignty in US politics

and how the United States can retain its constitutional independence while cooperating with others to dampen the risks of globalization. Patrick's latest book "The Sovereignty Wars: Reconciling America with the World," offers a clear-eyed framing of the sovereignty debate in terms of what is actually at stake, when it's appropriate to make bargains and how to go about doing so. Information and tickets (\$7-20; members free) [here](#).

❖ **Wellstone Democratic Renewal Club Meeting**

Thursday, January 25, 6 pm (potluck), meeting 6:45-9 pm

Humanist Hall, 390 27th St., Oakland

We will hold a candidates forum and endorsement meeting for the Assembly District 15 seat. We will invite all the declared candidates, hold a moderated forum and Q & A, and vote for a club endorsement using Ranked Choice Voting (RCV). More information [here](#).

Voting in 2018 and Beyond: Ensuring Access and Accountability of the Ballot

Friday, January 26, 9:30 am- 6 pm

Symposium: 9:30am - 4:40pm (includes catered lunch); Reception: 4:40pm - 6pm

UC Hastings College of the Law, 200 McAllister Street, San Francisco

Join Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly as we analyze lessons learned from the 2016 election and discuss ways to ensure the realization of voting rights for all in 2018 and beyond. Keynote Addresses by: Alex Padilla, California Secretary of State and Ann Ravel, former Chair, Federal Elections Commission. Panels on Access Denied (debrief of Voting Rights Act post-Shelby County v. Holder, voter ID laws, impact on immigrant communities, vote by mail, etc.); Voter Districts (gerrymandering, redistricting); Ballot Integrity (government responsibility to protect voting systems). MCLE credits available to attorneys. Event materials will be available [here](#). [Pre-registration](#) required.

Power Not Paranoia: a Discussion About Digital Surveillance

Friday, January 26, 6-8 pm

1330 Broadway, Suite 300, Oakland, CA 94612

Hosted by [Ella Baker Center for Human Rights](#) and [Center for Media Justice](#)

The vast system of U.S. surveillance is in the hands of a President who is violating our constitutional and human rights. It's vital that organizers protect their digital security so we can continue to work for social change. The Ella Baker Center and The Center for Media Justice - home of the Media Action Grassroots Network - in partnership with Wellstone Action, would like to invite you to an evening of dialogue on 21st century policing, the impact on our community, and what we can do to protect ourselves and defend our rights.

Join us for a panel presentation about the current state of surveillance. Our panel will feature: Malkia Cyril, Founder and Executive Director of The Center for Media Justice; Virginia Eubanks, author of Automating Inequality: How High Tech Tools Profile, Police, and Punish the Poor.; Tunisia Owens, Policy Manager of The Ella Baker Center for Human Rights and more! Immediately following the panel presentation we will have a mixer with light refreshments.

Stay tuned for more information as we get closer to the event. Information [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](#).

❖**From Mass Incarceration to Restorative Justice: How Contra Costa is Developing the Blue Print for Criminal Justice Reform**

Sunday, January 28, 12-2 pm

13751 San Pablo Ave, San Pablo

The Berkeley/North East Bay chapter of the ACLU is pleased to present a Criminal Justice Reform panel with newly appointed District Attorney Diana Becton and Public Defenders Ali Saidi and Jeff Landau. Topics will include the current state of criminal justice reform in Contra Costa County and D.A. Becton's holistic approach for future reform including dismantling the school to prison pipeline for juvenile offenders and bail reform. This is a great opportunity for all who are interested in criminal justice reform to meet those who will be leading the way. Info and map [here](#).

Benefit Concert for Detained Immigrants

Sunday, January 28, 2:45-5:30 pm

Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley

Artists For Humanity will host a concert to benefit immigrants being detained at the West County Detention Facility (WCDF) in Richmond, California. The concert will raise funds to be used for the bond fund run by Community Initiatives for Visiting Immigrants in Confinement (CIVIC), a nonprofit devoted to ending the plight of men and women in US immigration detention. The concert will feature dance, music, and poetry by Calpulli Huey Papalotl, Dancechant, Humanistic, and Pennie Opal Plant. More information on [Facebook](#) or [here](#).

Forum for Choice with Gubernatorial Candidates

Tuesday, January 30, 6-8 pm

Hosted by NARAL Pro-Choice California

The Strand Theater, 1127 Market St, San Francisco

Join NARAL Pro-Choice California for a gubernatorial candidates forum. The next governor will have an enormous impact on a woman's right to choose through their budget decisions, power of appointment, and implementation of health insurance reform. Committed candidates include John Chiang, Delaine Eastin, Gavin Newsom, and Antonio Villaraigosa. Tickets [here](#).

RECURRING EVENTS

Voter Registration for New Citizens Swearing In Ceremony

Thursday, January 11, 10-12 (register [here](#))

Thursday, January 11, 2-4 (register [here](#))

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.

Free Citizenship Workshops

April 10, July 10, October 9, 9 am-2 pm

Monument Crisis Center, 1990 Market Street, Concord

Sponsored by [International Rescue Committee](#)

American citizenship provides many privileges and protections: the right to vote, security against deportation, ability to bring more family to the U.S., increased job opportunities and more. Now's the time to apply. At this workshop, you will get help to complete your citizenship application (N-400) and fee waiver, if applicable. Your case will be reviewed by a Department of

Justice accredited representative who can serve as your legal representative with USCIS, alert you to updates in your case, and provide you trusted guidance and advice throughout the entire naturalization process. All services are free! Registration is required. Register [online](#) by selecting a date above, or call (510) 852-8914

“Collaboration and Connection” Exhibition

Until February 24, Fridays and Saturdays 12-4 pm

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 (ICCNC) 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 ICCNC 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](#).

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](#)

❖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

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

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

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?

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

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](#).

Turning District 10 Blue

California District 10 consists of Stanislaus County, and portions of San Joaquin County. Cities in the district include Oakdale, Manteca, Modesto, Tracy, and Turlock. There are several groups organizing get out the vote in District 10 to elect a Democrat to Congress. The events are too numerous to list individually here.

Swing Left [Check out the CA-10 calendar today to find an event near you.](#)

California Democratic Party [March Into '18 Program](#). Contact Karen Diaz
KDIAZ@CADEM.ORG

Commit to Flip Blue

info@committotoflipblue.com. [Commit to Flip Blue website](#) and follow us on our new Facebook Commit to Flip Blue or on twitter @Commit2FlipBlue

[Working America](#)

Working America is mobilizing volunteers in the Central Valley to build the resistance and a majority for progressive change. Before you attend an event with us, be sure to fill out this volunteer form and email or fax it to (510) 835-4913 in order to attend a training or volunteer shift.

More opportunities for working for Democrat candidates in other districts

Indivisible Berkeley on [Facebook](#)

[Democracy Action](#) (Phone bank opportunities for Doug Jones, Democratic Senate candidate Alabama [here](#).)

[Together We Will Albany-Berkeley](#) and Sister District Project CA-13 are teaming up to help flip red states to blue! You need to join their Facebook page.

[Wellstone Democratic Club](#)

[One Thing You Can Do](#) postcard writing campaigns

Barbara Lee Staff Office Hours

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

1470 Fruitvale Ave, Oakland

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

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...

ACTION ITEMS

❖'Beyond the Pale': Outcry as Trump Administration Considers Separating Immigrant Families at Border

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has approved a plan which would separate families if they enter the U.S. illegally, rather than keeping the families together in detention centers. Read article [here](#). Before the plan is enacted though, it must be approved by Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen. Let's contact Secretary Nielsen and ask that she oppose this cruel plan. We can call the DHS comment line (202-282-8495) or mail the Secretary directly: The Honorable Kirstjen M. Nielsen Secretary of Homeland Security Washington, D.C. (That is complete address) - [Rogan's List](#), January 9.

Take Action: Urge Congress to Pass the Dream Act Now!

From Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism

Time is running out for Congress to enact a permanent, legislative fix to the termination of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. Congress should act now to protect undocumented immigrant youth known as DREAMers by passing a clean Dream Act.

DACA protects nearly 800,000 DREAMers who were brought to the United States as children from deportation and provides them the opportunity to obtain work permits, attend school, and contribute openly to our economy. Many DREAMers know no other home but the United States. Each day that Congress delays acting on the Dream Act, approximately 122 people are losing their DACA protections. The bipartisan Dream Act of 2017 (S.1615/H.R.3440) would grant DACA recipients permanent residence status and provide a pathway to citizenship for these undocumented immigrant youth who attend college, work in the U.S., or serve in the military. Text RAC4Dream to 877877 to call your Senators and Representative and hold them accountable for protecting vulnerable immigrant youth by passing a clean Dream Act immediately. For more information and to send an email to your Senators and Representative, visit rac.org/dreamact.

❖Challenge Net Neutrality Repeal

❖Net Neutrality will come up for a vote in Congress, now that at least 30 Senators have signed on to the bill. Article [here](#). It is time to call our senators and remind them that we are counting on them to vote to restore our free and open internet. From [Rogan's List](#), January 9.

❖“The FCC has now released the final text of its order gutting net neutrality, starting the clock for it to be entered into the Federal Register. Once that happens, we'll have 60 legislative days to get Congress to reverse it using the Congressional Review Act (read it [here](#)). We have a limited amount of time to make our voices heard, and we need to be sure to use it. Let's call our members of Congress using this link and make sure they know we expect them to stand up for net neutrality and the free and open Internet.” - [Rogan's List](#), January 8.

❖Partisan Pick to Lead Census Bureau Will Further Skew Voting Districts in Favor of Republicans

Tom Brunell, a political scientist, is apparently Trump's top pick to lead the Census Bureau and therefore the 2020 Census. "Brunell, a registered Republican, has no prior government experience and a deeply partisan background. He has testified or produced expert reports for Republicans in more than a dozen redistricting cases and has defended new voting restrictions passed by Republicans." His publication history indicates too that appointing him to the job is a clear "effort to shape the 2020 census, the nationwide count that determines which states lose and gain electoral votes and seats in the House of Representatives. In other words, manipulating the census to their advantage is yet another way in which the Republicans will try to skew the electoral system in their favor. Let's call our MoCs and tell them to put on the pressure against this unqualified and clearly biased candidate. - [Rogan's List](#), January 10. Another article on the subject "Trump's pick to run 2020 Census has defended racial gerrymandering and voter suppression laws." - [Mother Jones](#)

❖Attorneys - Pro Bono Help Needed For Sexual Harassment Cases

In this nationwide moment of raising awareness of sexual harassment and assault, a national fund has been created for victims of sexual harassment. The [TIME'S UP Legal Defense Fund](#) focuses on victims without the resources or means to obtain legal representation and is currently looking for attorneys from all different practice areas to help support individuals who have experienced sexual harassment and assault. Help is needed with transactional advice and plaintiff-side and defense work. Attorneys will be asked to provide help on a pro bono or reduced fee basis, depending on funding. The Fund will be housed and administered by the [National Women's Law Center](#) and the participating attorneys will be working with the Center's [Legal Network for Gender Equity](#). If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up [here](#) and be sure to spread the word with your network.

❖Support a Free Press

Newspaper subscriptions surged in the aftermath of the 2016 election. Serious journalism has been crucial to the resistance. Through subscriptions or donations, let's continue to support to the extent that we can the sources of journalism that have mattered to us and to our country this year. These may include the [New York Times](#) , [the Washington Post](#) , [ProPublica](#) , and your local or regional newspaper. - [Rogan's List](#), January 8.

#StopRepeatingHistory - Reject the Shameful Legacy of Japanese American Incarceration

Last month the U.S. Supreme Court allowed the Muslim Travel Ban to take effect pending appeal. On the day of that decision, Karen Korematsu, daughter of Fred T. Korematsu, penned an [Op-Ed in the Washington Post](#) urging the courts not to make the same mistake that the United States did during World War II in the wartime cases of Hirabayashi, Yasui and Korematsu. Later in the week the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth and Ninth Circuits heard the appeals. The government in the appeals refused to produce the report, which formed the basis of its decision for the Travel Ban, citing "Executive Privilege." The result is that the courts have no way of testing the factual rationale for the ban and must take the government's "word for it." This situation is eerily similar to the government's position in the Hirabayashi, Yasui and Korematsu cases where it offered virtually no evidence supporting its curfew and exclusion orders. The scant evidence offered was later determined to be fabricated. We fully expect the Travel Ban cases to be heard in the U.S. Supreme Court in March or April of this year. We hope the Court will not repeat history by failing to scrutinize the government's claim that immigrants from Muslim majority countries constitute a threat to our national security. As we kick off the new year, our country patiently waits for the courts to issue a final decision on the Travel Ban, but YOU CAN DO MORE by TAKING ACTION TODAY. Help us protect the Constitution and our checks-and-balances system. [Website](#) for more information.

Federal Budget

After passing their latest stopgap funding bill, Congress now has until January 19th to work together to pass a budget <http://politi.co/2BJvLpr> This budget must include a clean Dream Act, funding for CHIP, and funding for healthcare subsidies. If our senator or representative was among those who voted against the continuing resolution, let's be sure to send our thanks to them. We can find a list of those who voted against the bill [here](#) and a "thank you" call script is available at [Indivisible](#). If our MoC voted in favor of the bill, even though it did not include a clean Dream Act, had only temporary funding for CHIP, and no funding for healthcare subsidies, let's give them a call to hold them accountable, then tell them we expect better for this month's vote. - From [Rogan's List](#), January 3.

NEWS

❖**Read GPS Fusion transcript relased by Senator Dianne Feinstein [here](#)**

❖**Republican Rep. Ed Royce is out. Democrats' chances to flip Orange County seat just got better** - Sacramento Bee, January 8. Story [here](#).

❖**Trump signs executive order to reduce veteran suicides** - [The Hill](#), January 9. (he did something good-this **is** news)

❖**Ministers Look to Revive Martin Luther King's 1968 Poverty Campaign**
New York Times, December 3, 2017

RESOURCES

❖**Housing Advocates**

❖**[YIMBY Action](#)** - The San Francisco Bay Area, and California generally, has an extreme housing shortage. This Housing Shortage is causing unacceptably high home prices and rents. High housing costs kneecap our ability to save money, force us into crowded conditions, and trap us in jobs and housing conditions that are inadequate. They make it impossible for San Francisco to continue to be an engine of opportunity or social mobility. The shortage of housing close to jobs forces us to commute long hours, increasing carbon emissions and robbing us of time with our families. We must build housing everywhere in the Bay Area to end the shortage. Build Housing Now!

❖**[SF YIMBY Party](#)**- SF's organized pro-housing voting constituency. Read our platform [here](#). The San Francisco YIMBY Party is a chapter organization of YIMBY Action. We are the organized pro-housing movement, advocating for infill development in every neighborhood in San Francisco.

❖**[East Bay for Everyone](#)** - East Bay for Everyone (formerly East Bay Forward) is a network of people fighting for the future of housing, transit, tenant rights, and long-term planning in the East Bay. We believe in more housing, more renter protections, better public transit, and better infrastructure.

ARTICLES

❖**CA Bill Would Bring Mass Housing To Transit Stations**

A bill proposed by a San Francisco senator Scott Wiener would lift land use laws in an effort to build more housing near transit. Wiener's efforts come as California works to solve its housing crisis, while also reducing greenhouse gas emissions.- [SF Patch](#), January 8.

❖**In wake of net neutrality decision, should cities build internet networks?**

"The fallout from the FCC's decision to repeal net neutrality—the principle that all internet traffic and data must be treated the same without favoritism—is still taking shape. But some see the policy shift as a potential boost to the movement for more municipal broadband networks. In an era where broadband connection and competition comes from just a handful of large companies, it's tempting for many to envision high-speed internet access as a true public utility, controlled by local government and managed in a way that provides maximum access. More than 185 communities nationwide offer some form of publicly controlled broadband service, including many that have laid their own fiber networks." Read December 27, 2017 Curbed article [here](#).

❖**There aren't enough farmworkers**

For generations, rural Mexico has been the primary source of hired farm labor in the U.S. According to a federal survey, 9 out of 10 agricultural workers in places like California are foreign-born, and more than half are in the U.S. illegally. But farm labor from Mexico has been on the decline. And under the Trump administration, many in the agricultural industry worry that deportations — and the fear of them — could further cut the supply of workers. But try as they have to entice workers with better salaries and benefits, companies have found attracting enough U.S.-born workers to make up for a shortage from south of the border an impossible task. - [Los Angeles Times](#), January 4

“As long as people are people, democracy, in the full sense of the word, will always be no more than an ideal. One may approach it as one would the horizon in ways that may be better or worse, but it can never be fully attained. In this sense, you, too, are merely approaching democracy. You have thousands of problems of all kinds, as other countries do. But you have one great advantage: You have been approaching democracy uninterruptedly for more than 200 years, and your journey toward the horizon has never been disrupted by a totalitarian system.” Václav Havel's speech to the United States Congress, February 1990

Dedicated to Dianne Walker (1952-2017)