

January 9, 2019 (1/9/19) 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

Green New Deal-Sunrise Movement Training

Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 9:30 am-5:30 pm

Oakland near BART station-exact location TBD

Hosted by [Sunrise Movement Bay Area](#)

Sunrise is building a movement of young people to make climate change an urgent political priority and create a #GreenNewDeal. Sunrise is partnering with Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Justice Democrats, and dozens of other organizations to build support among the Democratic party for a Select Committee on a #GreenNewDeal. Register [here](#).

Why Has Nationalism Come Roaring Back?

Monday, January 14, 5:30 pm check-in, 6 pm program, 7 pm book signing

The Commonwealth Club, 110 The Embarcadero, San Francisco

John Judis, Author, *The Nationalist Revival: Trade, Immigration, and the Revolt Against Globalization*

Monday Night Philosophy investigates why the world is grappling with a fierce resurgence of "us versus them" nationalism. Veteran political reporter and author John Judis analyzes the underlying causes of the nationalist revolt and its global impact, arguing that nationalism is an inescapable aspect of politics that the Left has ceded to the Right. The result: the rise of leaders such as Donald Trump in the United States and Viktor Orbán in Hungary. Judis looks to the future and urges leaders to identify and reclaim what is valid in nationalism while recognizing that it is in a country's national interest to work together with strong international institutions. Information and tickets (\$8-\$24) [here](#).

Women's March

Saturday, January 19, 2019

[Women's March Oakland](#), 10 am

[Women's March SF](#), 11 am, Civic Center

Some local organizers are taking objection with the Women's March leadership to separate themselves from antisemitism, in particular with Louis Farrakhan. (Atlantic article [here](#).) Although the Women's March leadership came out with a public statement decrying antisemitism, they still defend "Linda Sarsour and Tamika Mallory, who have been accused of aligning themselves with Louis Farrakhan." (Article [here](#).) Some local groups, such as Chicago Women's March, are distancing themselves from Women's March. (see update below) Perhaps the leaders of the Women's March need to hear from us. We can see the irony when we say that folks who are for Trump may not be racist, etc., but we know they support someone who is. Email: info@womensmarch.com, Twitter: [@womensmarch](#) Let's ask our local march organizers where they stand. - From [Rogan's List, November 19](#).

Update: Chicago organizers will not hold a Women's March in January 2019 - article [here](#).

New Orleans and Eureka, CA also cancel march. Article [here](#).

See also **Women's March Founder Calls For Sarsour To Step Down, Citing Farrakhan**

(Forward article [here](#)) and **Linda Sarsour's belated apology to Jewish women marchers** (Forward article [here](#).)

Is the Women's March Melting Down? [Tablet article here](#).

Women's March Roiled by Accusations of Anti-Semitism - NY Times, December 23. Article [here](#).

❖ **Celebrate Martin Luther King Day** **Monday January 21**

Celebration Train – This annual train runs between San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties to allow the community to commemorate the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. Take the Caltrain MLK Celebration Train to the 2019 Martin Luther King, Jr. parade and celebration events in San Francisco. The train departs from San Jose's Diridon Station in the morning and will make stops at the Palo Alto and San Mateo stations before heading into San Francisco. Check [website](#) for times. Free.

MLK 2019 SF – The event includes a march and parade, children's activities, music festival and more. Information [here](#).

MLK Celebration: Advancing the Dream **11 am-2 pm**

War Memorial Veterans' Building, 401 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco
Youth learn about employment opportunities, participate in small discussion groups and talk to mentors about their career path, participate in mock interviews and have their resume reviewed. Free event. (415) 252-2500.

MLK Day of Service

8:30 am-12 pm

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.

Celebration & Oratorical Festival

10:30 am

Senior Community Center, 13909 E. 14th St., San Leandro
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. 10:30am. Free. 510-577-3473. Information [here](#).

El Cerrito MLK Celebration - 30th Annual Parade and Rally

Gather El Cerrito City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Avenue, 8:30 am
March to El Cerrito High School, 540 Ashbury Avenue, 9:30 am
Rally and program 11 am
Free. Information [here](#). 510-234-2518.

Service the Richmond Greenway

Richmond Greenway, Harbour Way, north of Ohio Avenue, 8 am - 3 pm
Celebrate the Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service with volunteer projects at the Richmond Greenway followed by speeches, tours, performances and other educational entertainment. Free. Information [here](#). 510-778-5886.

More MLK events and details [here](#).

Rethinking Crime and Punishment in the United States

Thursday, January 24, 5:30 pm check-in, 6 pm program, 7 pm book signing

The Commonwealth Club, 110 The Embarcadero, San Francisco

Tony Platt, Author, *Beyond These Walls: Rethinking Crime and Punishment in the United States*

The roots of the American criminal justice system reveal how the past bleeds into the present. The United States currently imprisons more people than any other country in the world and regularly turns a blind eye to the astonishing cruelty and institutionalized racism on display 24/7 in its prisons. How did a nation built on the rule of law get to this point, and what can be done about it? Tony Platt begins by asking what a prison is and considers the commonalities between prisons, ghettos and reservations. He urges us to think about the public functions of private security and how the welfare system demeans and criminalizes many, but mostly poor women. Platt also explores the deep historical roots of the Trump administration's law-and-order agenda, with specific attention to race, class and gender, and explains the failure of past reform efforts that have, ironically, led to an expansion of the police state rather than a contraction. Platt's *Beyond These Walls* is a call to action, a bold plan for structural reforms to improve justice for all. Information and tickets (\$8-\$24)

[here](https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2019-01-14/why-has-nationalism-come-roaring-back)<https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2019-01-14/why-has-nationalism-come-roaring-back>.

❖ 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](#).

The Impact of Slavery on American Jurisprudence and Activism

Thursday, February 21, 2019, 5-7:30 pm

U.S. District Court, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, Ceremonial Courtroom, 19th Floor, San Francisco 19th Floor,

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](#).

❖ 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!

ACTION ITEMS

No Relief: William Barr Is as Bad as Jeff Sessions — if Not Worse

Trump has nominated William Barr to be the new Attorney General. He now must go through the Senate confirmation process. As with others, there are concerns about this nominee. (NPR article [here](#).) ACLU Legal Director David Cole has released a statement about attorney general nominee William Barr saying this nomination ought to raise alarm bells across the country. Barr is a longstanding advocate of expansive executive power. (Read Cole's full statement [here](#).) Let's tell our senators that we oppose Barr for attorney general. - From [Rogan's List, December 10](#).

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.http://www.equaljusticesociety.org](http://www.equaljusticesociety.org)

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 pagehttps://www.gofundme.com/humanitarian-respite-center](https://www.gofundme.com/humanitarian-respite-center).

LEGAL HELP NEEDED AT THE BORDER

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

information<https://us16.campaign->

[archive.com/?e=9e8e3df64a&u=953a8f18603fd20ee5e2bec0a&id=4a29d58331](https://us16.campaign-archive.com/?e=9e8e3df64a&u=953a8f18603fd20ee5e2bec0a&id=4a29d58331).

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

<https://gunsdownamerica.org/>Every Town for Gun Safety

[Sandy Hook Promise](#)

[Students Demand Action](#)
[Moms Demand Action](#)
[The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence](#)
[Giffords<https://www.sandyhookpromise.org/urrentdocument>https://www.sandyhookpromise.org/](https://www.sandyhookpromise.org/urrentdocument)
[Guns Down](#)

RECURRING EVENTS

Voter Registration for New Citizens Swearing In Ceremony

Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway, Oakland

Wednesday, January 16, 10 am-

noonhttps://demaction.us/events/52858925469/?mc_cid=b193a0b623&mc_eid=3ec238be74

Wednesday, January 16, 2-4 pm

Wednesday, February 13, 10 am-

noonhttps://demaction.us/events/52858925469/?mc_cid=b193a0b623&mc_eid=3ec238be74

Wednesday, February 13, 2-4 pm

Wednesday, March 13, 10 am-

noonhttps://demaction.us/events/52858925469/?mc_cid=b193a0b623&mc_eid=3ec238be74

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](#).

<http://www.indivisiblesf.org> **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](#)

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](#).

❖Pre-register California High School Students to Vote

16 or 17 year-olds may pre-register to vote [here](#). Sacramento Bee article [here](#).

<https://www.splcenter.org/> Dedicated to Dianne Walker (1952-2017)