

June 6, 2018 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 week

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ways to be prepared for actions if Mueller or Rosenstein fired

(1) 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](#). If you want to get emergency texts from MoveOn, **text ALERT to 668 366**.

(2) trumpisnotabovethelaw.org

(3) [Resistbot](#), a tool which helps us connect with our senators and representatives, is offering a streamlined way to help take action, should Special Counsel Mueller be fired. If we text "mueller" to 50409 on our cell phones, Resistbot will tell us where our nearest rapid response rally will be and will help us RSVP for the event so that we can be notified ASAP when it's time to take action. To be safe, you can also sign up at the actual [site](#). Remember, the same goes if Rosenstein is let go. - From [Rogan's List, January 31](#).

California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA) Statewide Lobby Day

Friday, June 8

More information [here](#).

March for the Ocean

Saturday, June 9

Washington DC and Sister March SF (details to follow)

Hosted by [March for the Ocean](#), Sierra Club, Greenpeace and others

Groovin' in the Grove - Fundraiser for Democratic Nominees

Sunday June 10, Kensington, 4-7 pm

Two local East Bay chapters of Swing Left & Indivisible are partnering to host a 60's & 70's outdoor concert and fundraiser at Coventry Grove in Kensington. All proceeds benefit the eventual Democratic nominee in two swing districts, the CA-10 and CA-21. T.J. Cox, the only Democrat running in the CA-21, will be the featured speaker. Take back our country with food, drinks, music, dancing and a live auction! More details and tickets (\$75-\$1,000) [here](#).

❖ **Building Equitable and Sustainable Bay Area Communities**

Tuesday, June 12, 6 pm

National Sierra Club Office, 2101 Webster Suite #1300, Oakland

Join the [Sierra Club](#), [East Bay Housing Organizations](#), and [Walk Oakland Bike Oakland](#) for a conversation about transit-accessible development, affordable housing, and bikeable/walkable communities. This is an opportunity to discuss the environmental and social aspects of development and learn how to be an advocate for the most equitable and sustainable avenues of development in your community. More information [here](#).

Environmental Crimes in Alameda County: How to Identify & Report

Tuesday, June 12, 6-9 pm

Castro Valley Library, 3600 Norbridge Ave, Castro Valley

Hosted by Sierra Club, SF Bay Chapter

In this presentation a panel of environmental law experts from the Alameda County District Attorney's office will identify the most common environmental crimes in the Bay Area, provide resources to better understand their impact on the environment, and empower attendees with tools and resources to help identify and report environmental crimes in our communities.

A collaboration between the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, the League of Women Voters Eden Area, and the Sierra Club. Information [here](#).

❖ **March for Stolen Children**

Thursday, June 14 - San Francisco

[Indivisible SF](#).

Hold the date; planning is underway for an action to protest the inhumane treatment of immigrants by ICE and CBP. Stay tuned for more details to come.

League of Women Voters Action & Program Team Meeting

Thursday, June 14, 7 pm

LWVBAE Office, 2530 San Pablo Ave, Ste F, Berkeley

If you want to know what the League is up to--this is the meeting to attend. Issues for education and advocacy discussed every fourth Thursday. Team Leaders and other interested League members bring lobbying proposals and draft letters for improvement and decisions. Information [here](#). Contact: Preston Jordan, action@lwwbae.org

Fighting Racism and Other Forms of Bias: What's Working!?

Friday-Saturday, June 22-23

Oakland Marriott City Center, 1001 Broadway, Oakland

An [Equal Justice Society](#) Mind Science Conference

Topics for discussion will include:

- Responding to assaults on implicit bias
- Effective strategies for reducing bias
- Interplay between mind science and white supremacy
- Practical approaches to reduce bias in various fields such as Healthcare/Medicine, Criminal Justice, Education, Tech, Housing, and Employment
- Mind science in the 2016 elections and beyond

•Debugging implicit bias through storytelling

You must register (\$100) in advance in order to attend. Space is limited. Register [here](#).

❖**SF Pride Parade**

Sunday, June 24

Information [here](#).

Stacey Abrams: Leading from the Minority

Wednesday, June 27, 5:30 pm check-in, 6:30 pm program, 7:30 book signing

The Commonwealth Club, 110 The Embarcadero, San Francisco

Stacey Abrams is former Georgia House minority leader and the first African-American woman to be a major party (Democrat) candidate for governor. In her new book, *Minority Leader: How to Lead from the Outside and Make Real Change*, she emphasizes the importance of knowing your own passion, regardless of the scale or target. She discusses personal stories about launching a company, starting a daycare center for homeless teen moms and running a successful political campaign to show how ambition, fear, money, and failure function in leadership. Join this special conversation about how being in the minority can provide unique and vital strength! Information and registration (\$10-\$55) [here](#).

Malcolm Nance: How Russia Is Destroying Democracy

Monday, July 9, 5:30 pm check-in, 6:30 pm program, 7:30 book signing

The Commonwealth Club, 110 The Embarcadero, Taube Auditorium, San Francisco

Retired intelligence officer Malcolm Nance knows about Vladimir Putin and the threat he poses to American sovereignty. From the ongoing investigation into Russian interference in our elections to Putin's persistent presidency, Russia has a looming presence. Nance suggests this presence isn't benign but part of a greater plan to break down western democracy. His new book, *The Plot to Destroy Democracy: How Putin's Spies Are Winning Control of America and Dismantling the West*, exposes how Russia has supported the campaigns of right-wing extremists throughout the United States and Europe. By seeking to create antidemocratic sentiment around the world, Nance argues Putin can leverage his strength to build a Russian-led alliance of nondemocratic autocracies. With the future of democracy hanging in the balance, Nance digs into the plans and goals of its enemies. Information and tickets (\$10-\$55) [here](#).

The Lives of the Constitution: Ten Exceptional Minds that Shaped America's Supreme Law

Monday, July 9, 6 pm

The Commonwealth Club, 110 The Embarcadero, Toni Rembe Rock Auditorium, San Francisco

Monday Night Philosophy investigates Joseph Tartakovsky's blend of biography and history, which tells the epic and unexpected story of our Constitution through the eyes of ten extraordinary individuals — some renowned, like Alexander Hamilton and Woodrow Wilson, and some forgotten, like James Wilson and Ida B. Wells-Barnett. Tartakovsky brings to life their struggles over our supreme law from its origins in revolutionary America to the era of Obama and Trump. From Gold Rush California to the halls of Congress, Tartakovsky's vivid Dickensian cast grapples with questions like democracy, racial and sexual equality, free speech, economic liberty, and the role of government. He also chronicles how Daniel Webster sought to avert the Civil War; how Alexis de Tocqueville misunderstood America; how Robert Jackson balanced liberty and order in the battle against Nazism and Communism; and how Antonin Scalia died warning Americans about the ever-growing reach of the Supreme Court. From the 1787 Philadelphia Convention to the clash over gay marriage, this is a grand tour through two centuries of constitutional history and an education in the principles that sustain America in

the most astonishing experiment in government ever undertaken. Information and tickets (\$0 (members) - \$20) [here](#).

ACTION ITEMS

❖Advocacy for Immigrant children

[Together Rising](#) raised 1.4 million dollars to help provide immigrant children with advocates and lawyers. (Donate [here](#).) Now, the non-profit is turning its attention to policymakers with a four-step action plan which includes calling our MoCs and demanding that they take legislative action to keep families at the border together. Details of the action plan, as well as call scripts and contact information [here](#). - From [Rogan's List, June 1](#).

"Shelters for Child Migrants Near Capacity as Children Are Separated From Parents at the Border" - Slate, May 30 article [here](#).

"How To Help Immigrant Kids Who Are Taken From Their Parents At The Border" - You can help kids who have been separated from their families at the U.S. border. This [article](#) offers some options that will allow you to immediately take a stand on their behalf. - From [Equal Justice Society](#)

❖Sinclair-Tribune Merger

"Sinclair is already the country's largest broadcast company, and even with adjustments to its original Tribune buyout plan, it would still own more than 200 stations—far above the legal limit." (Article [here](#).) June 12 is the deadline for comment to the FCC on the Sinclair-Tribune merger [Link](#) to comment. - From [Rogan's List, June 5](#).

❖Easing of Sport Hunting Regulations

The Interior Department is planning on easing regulations on sport hunting in Alaska national reserves. The new rule would allow bear cubs to be killed along with their mothers, caribou to be killed while swimming, and wolves and their pups to be killed in their dens. (ABC News story [here](#).) The proposed rule has a 60-day open comment period. Let's make sure we leave a comment opposing the rule at this [link](#). - From [Rogan's List, June 5](#).

GUN CONTROL ADVOCACY

The Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives (ATF); is deciding whether or to ban bump stocks, which turn a semiautomatic weapon into a machine gun. These devices were used in the Las Vegas Massacre, and are still unregulated and available to anyone. (Washington Post article [here](#).) Fortunately, the Giffords Organization informs us that the "ATF counts every comment submitted and takes them into account when making their decision, so every comment counts. "We have only until June 27th at 11:59 pm EST, to get our comments in, so let's act now. Learn more and submit comments [here](#). - From [Rogan's List, May 21](#).

Indivisible California StateStrong Gun Control Guide

Includes [Indivisible Guide for Preventing Gun Violence](#), list of current gun control laws in California and pending legislation. Get the guide [here](#).

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

Thursday, June 7, 10 am-12

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Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway, Oakland

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

Free Citizenship Workshops

July 10, October 9, 9 am-2 pm

Monument Crisis Center, 1990 Market Street, Concord

Sponsored by [International Rescue Committee](#)

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

Indivisible Group Meetings

Indivisible East Bay All Member Meeting

Last Sunday of the month, 1-3 pm

Sports Basement, 2727 Milvia Street, Berkeley

Join our monthly meeting for members and newcomers interested in opposing the Trump agenda. 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

Every Sunday, 4-6 pm

Urban Life Center next to St. Mark's Church (1111 O'Farrell @ Franklin)

RSVP [here](#).

ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union)

Berkeley/North East Bay Chapter

Monthly meeting-Third Wednesday of most months, 7 pm

Sweet Basil Thai restaurant, 1736 Solano Avenue, Berkeley

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

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

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

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

Barbara Lee Staff Office Hours

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

1470 Fruitvale Ave, Oakland

Staff only - Rep. Lee not in attendance.

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 YOU CAN DO

Democracy Action. Phone banks almost every week on current issues (i.e., DACA, budget.)

Afternoon of Action: Text Bank

Sundays, 2 pm (Check website for which Sunday of the month)

Drake's Dealership, 2325 Broadway Auto Row, Oakland

Hosted by [Indivisible East Bay](#)

Join Indivisible East Bay for food, drinks, socializing, and most importantly text-banking to support the resistance. We'll be using a system created by our partner, [Rapid Resist](#), to mobilize voters for local organizers' events around the country. They've recruited for organizations like the Dolores Huerta Foundation, Indivisible Jacksonville, and Working America, moving thousands to oppose the Trump administration's agenda. More information [here](#).

Action Checklist for Americans of Conscience (Jen Hoffman)

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.](#)

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)

[One Thing You Can Do](#) attempts to select the most effective thing you can do that day to push back against Trump. New posts go up between 6 am and 9 am EST on weekdays, and between 8 am and 10 am EST on weekend days. Also has links and resources where you can find other suggestions for things you can do.

Postcards for America

Postcards for America has created some postcards we can print at home. [Website](#). We send postcards to our own senators and representatives at federal and state levels about suggested topics which are kept updated. Postcards for America gives you PC2As (Postcarders Calls to Action) on key bills, topics and issues so you can write them about your concerns. Addresses, background information and even suggested wording provided. ALL 50 STATES have members in the Postcards for America Facegroup [here](#).

Indivisible Berkeley

[This 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.

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](#)

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. Bring your noisemakers, signs, friends, family, and neighbors. Let Our People Go was initiated by members of the Kehilla Immigration Committee, modeled in part on the first Saturday vigils held by our partners at Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity. 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.

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

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE...

NEWS

❖Affordable Care Act Repeal

“After the failure to repeal the healthcare law last year, the Trump administration is weighing two controversial new rules to loosen regulations governing health plans. One would expand the availability of short-term coverage plans that last less than a year. The other would make it

easier for self-employed Americans and small businesses to band together to form so-called association health plans. Altogether, more than 95% — or 266 of 279 — of the healthcare groups that filed comments about the proposed association health plan regulation expressed serious concern or opposed it, the Times analysis found. Not a single group representing patients, physicians, nurses or hospitals voiced support in the public comments for the two Trump administration proposals. The Trump administration has not indicated when it will finalize the proposed new insurance regulations.” - LA Times, May 30 article [here](#).