

March 27, 2019 Bi-weekly Advocacy Digest

The digest contains:

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

❖Denotes new listing since last digest

UPCOMING EVENTS

ACLU100 Experience: A Multi-City Exhibition on Your Rights and Freedoms

Saturday, March 30, 10 am- 8 pm

Sunday, March 31, 10 am - 6 pm

Jack London Square, 472 Water St., Oakland

Join in the ACLU's celebration of 100 years of activism in support of civil liberties. Walk through groundbreaking interactive exhibits. Meet leading activists in civil rights. Amplify your voice and connect with others who share a desire to create a more just society. A free and family-friendly event for people of all ages. [Register here](#) to receive programming, speaker, and activity highlights.

Moving from Outrage to Action

Sunday, March 31, 1-3 pm

Congregation Beth El, 1301 Oxford St., Berkeley,

Learn volunteering techniques for outreach, coaching, mentoring, tutoring and advocacy.

Freedom for Immigrants (outreach to the incarcerated and others) – Rebecca Merton

Refugee Transitions (coaching, mentoring, tutoring) – Nicole Germanov

Jewish Coalition for Literacy (tutoring and mentoring) – Judy Pam-Bycel

Bay Resistance (advocacy/fundraising for DACA Youth) – Berenice Vega & Alicia Loera

Registration for this free event [here](#). Questions? Mike Austin <mjaustin@berkeley.edu>

Antidotes to White Fragility Workshop

Sunday, March 31, 10 am-1 pm

Sierra Club, 2101 Webster St., Suite 1300, Oakland

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

The Power of Youth in Our Politics

Thursday, April 4, 6:30 pm

The Commonwealth Club, 110 The Embarcadero, San Francisco

In his book Generation Citizen: The Power of Youth in Our Politics, Scott Warren, co-founder and CEO of Generation Citizen, recounts his personal political awakening and the long and inspiring history of young people enacting significant political change in the United States, ranging from the civil rights movement to the Parkland students' stance against gun violence.

Join Warren at INFORUM, alongside other rising voices in youth leadership and civic engagement, for an inspiring conversation about the political potential of youth and students and the future of American social change. Information and tickets (\$7-45) [here](#).

❖Indivisible April National Activist Call

Thursday, April 4, 6 pm PST

Join us for the monthly Indivisible National Activist Call! All group leaders, group members and other Indivisible activists are welcome. Register for webinar call [here](#).

❖Events with Dr. David Campt

David Campt, PhD, is a nationally recognized expert in race relations and civic engagement
Anti-Racism Allyship as Part of Your Spiritual Journey - Book Talk and Signing

Friday, April 5, 7 pm

Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington
Free event. More information [here](#).

Workshops for Anti-Racists Allies

Saturday, April 6

First Unitarian Church of Oakland, 685 14th Street, Oakland

Dismantling Racism One Conversation at a Time (Workshop 1) 9 am-12 noon

Going Deeper (Workshop 2) 1:30-4:30 pm

More information and registration (\$60 per session or \$100 for both) [here](#).

Poor People's Hearing for the Bay Area

Saturday, April 6, 2-4 pm

Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church, 1188 12th St., Oakland

Poor People's Hearing on Homelessness, Mass Incarceration, and the Criminalization of Poverty in the Bay Area. Hosted by [Poor People's Campaign Bay Area](#). More information [here](#).

ACLU of California Conference and Lobby Day

Sunday, April 7 - Monday, April 8

Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza, 300 J Street, Sacramento

Meet up with ACLU activists from across California to bring progressive change to the state capital. Attend workshops, learn about our bills, network with other activists, and meet your representatives. Register [here](#).

2019 Othering & Belonging Conference

Monday, April 8, 9 am - Wednesday, April 10, 5 pm

[Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society](#), Berkeley

The Othering & Belonging conference is a dynamic and uniquely curated event that aims to elevate work in "othering and belonging"—a critical lens for defining structural exclusion and inclusion, and a framework which we can use to design and advance institutions, narratives, and policies that support a more fully inclusive “we.” Information [here](#).

Free Citizenship Clinic

Friday, April 19, 4-8 pm

1005 7th st, Oakland

Council on American-Islamic Relations and Asian Americans Advancing Justice- Asian Law Caucus are sponsoring a Citizenship Workshop. Attorneys will provide:

- Presentation on Citizenship process and eligibility
- Legal consultation to determine eligibility

•Legal assistance with Naturalization and Fee Waiver applications
To get more information or schedule an appointment, please contact us at 408.986.9874 or complete this [registration form](#).

We the People: Restaurants and Living Wages in the #MeToo Era

Tuesday, April 30, 6:30 pm

JCC East Bay, 1414 Walnut Street, Berkeley

With 13 million workers, the restaurant industry is one of the largest and fastest-growing sectors of the US economy—and it is also the lowest paying. Join Saru Jayaraman, cofounder and president of the Restaurant Opportunities Centers United (ROC United), professor of public policy at the Goldman School of Public Policy, and director of the Food Labor Research Center at University of California, Berkeley, in a vibrant discussion about what these low wages mean for tipped workers, how this relates to #MeToo, and what can be done. Followed by a dessert reception. Tickets (member: \$15/general: \$20) [here](#).

ACTION ITEMS

❖Move On Response to Mueller Report

MoveOn has a sign up for rapid response if the full Mueller Report is withheld from the people. If that happens, MoveOn is organizing to take to the streets to demand that they #makeitpublic & #releasethereport. Sign up for alerts [here](#).

IMMIGRATION

❖The Dream and Promise Act

The Dream and Promise Act, which was recently introduced in Congress, could protect and provide a roadmap to citizenship for millions of undocumented people, including recipients of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Temporary Protected Status (TPS), and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED). More information [here](#). - From [National Immigrant Justice Center](#).

“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](#).

*[Border Kindness](#) provides migrants, refugees, and the displaced with comprehensive services that include food, shelter, clothing and medical care. Our programs and

interventions are designed to identify, protect and nurture the most vulnerable – including women, children, elderly and families.

*[Border Angels](#) advocates for human rights, humane immigration reform, and social justice with a special focus on issues related to the US-Mexican border. Border Angels engages in community education and awareness programs and serves San Diego County's immigrant population through various migrant outreach programs.

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, April 17, 10 am-noon

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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.

Plant Trees in Oakland with the Sierra Club

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

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

Indivisible Group Meetings

Indivisible East Bay All Member Meeting

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

Indivisible Berkeley Monthly General Assembly

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

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

Indivisible SF General Meeting

Some Sundays, 3:30-5:30pm

Manny's, 16th and Valencia Streets, SF

Indivisible SF information [here](#). Check their events page for meeting dates.

ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union)

ACLU Voter

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

Berkeley/North East Bay Chapter

Monthly meeting-Third Wednesday of most months, 7 pm

Sweet Basil Thai restaurant, 1736 Solano Avenue, Berkeley

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

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

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

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

Barbara Lee Staff Office Hours Every 1st & 3rd Thursday, 2-5 pm 1470

Fruitvale Ave, Oakland. Staff only - Rep. Lee not in attendance.

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

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

PHONE BANKS, TEXT BANKS, POSTCARDS AND OTHER THINGS

A report from a meeting with Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris by a member of 13 Pages, Oakland Indivisible Group: Calls from constituents help our senators fight for justice. Every call is tallied by zip code. We can call several times a day and each call is tallied

separately. The more we call, text, and e-mail the louder our voices are heard. We can speak about more than one issue in the same call. Sen. Dianne Feinstein [email](#), (415) 393-0707; DC: (202) 224-3841) Sen. Kamala Harris [email](#), (415) 355-9041; DC: (202) 224-3553

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DEMONSTRATIONS AND PROTESTS

North Berkeley demonstration demanding higher taxes for the super-rich & big corporations

Mondays 5-6 pm, near the top of Solano Ave by the Oaks Theater, Berkeley

Come sing with OCCUPELLA or just hold a sign. RAIN CANCELS!

Living Graveyard Vigil for Peace

3rd Mondays, 12-1 pm, Oakland Federal Building 1301 Clay. [Ecumenical Peace Institute](#)

Resistance Rally by the Grand Lake Theater, Oakland

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

El Cerrito Shows Up

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

Table with Indivisible Resistance Action East Bay at Rockridge BART

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

ICE protest/vigil

630 Sansome Street, San Francisco

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

[Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity](#)

Rally for Peace

3rd Fridays from 2-3 pm. Acton and University Avenues, Berkeley. Co-sponsored by Berkeley-East Bay Gray Panthers and neighborhood tenants. Info: Steve Geller 913-4682

Lake Merritt Neighbors Organized for Peace

Sundays, 3 pm

Walk around Lake Merritt. We start and end at the colonnade between Grand and Lakeshore Avenues on Embarcadero. near the Grand Lake Theater, across the street from the Lakeview Library, which is at 550 El Embarcadero, Oakland

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

Drake's Dealership, 2325 Broadway Auto Row, Oakland

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

News

❖**Betsy DeVos defends Special Olympics budget cuts: 'We had to make some difficult decisions'** - The Hill, March 26. Article [here](#).

❖Administration Budget Proposes Elimination of Cultural Agencies in FY 2020

The Trump administration released its proposal for fiscal year 2020, in which it proposes shutting down the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities, stating that the administration does not consider the activities of the agencies to be "core Federal responsibilities." This is the third year in a row that the administration has proposed eliminating the cultural agencies. It's also the third year in a row that a bipartisan Congress has demonstrated its support for the agencies by increasing their budgets. The recently passed federal budget gave the agencies a \$2 million increase for FY2019, bringing the funding of both to \$155 million. In addition to eliminating the NEA and NEH, the administration proposes:

- Eliminating the Institute of Museum and Library Services;
- Eliminating the Corporation for Public Broadcasting;
- Reducing funding for cultural exchanges at the State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs by almost \$400 million;
- Eliminating several programs at the U.S. Department of Education such as the Arts in Education program, Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants, and 21st Century Community Learning Centers. More information [here](#). From [The Performing Arts Alliance](#).

❖**U.S. Supreme Court Mandates More Extended Immigration Detention** - From [Immigrant Justice Center](#), March 19, 2019.

Dedicated to Dianne Walker (1952-2017)