

## **May 22, 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**

#### **❖Families Belong Together Peaceful Action Protest Walnut Creek**

**Saturday, May 25, 11:30 am**

Corner of Ygnacio Valley Rd. & N. Civic Drive, Walnut Creek

The U.S. government lost track of some 1,475 immigrant children, perhaps more, who were placed in sponsor homes. At least 389 migrant children have been separated from their families since a federal judge ruled to stop the practice in June 2018. Families are still being separated at an alarming rate. Babies and young children continue to be exposed to inhumane conditions. We must continue to bring awareness of this issue to our communities and to make a stand against this practice. Bring your signage and snacks. Water will be provided. There will also be a limited number of poster boards and markers available to make your own signage. Sponsored by Indivisible. Link to event information [here](#). Sign up [here](#).

#### **❖Protecting Our Democracy & The Mueller Report Town Hall with Rep.**

**Mark DeSaulnier**

**Tuesday, May 28, 6:30 - 8 pm**

Shadelands Art Center, 111 Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek

With the recent release of the redacted Mueller Report, we got more detail about outside interference in the 2016 election. As the 2020 election draws closer, the question of how to safeguard our democratic systems against outside influences becomes even more important. While we in Congress continue asking the tough questions, I want to hear what Contra Costa residents have to say. More information, call (925) 933-2660. Contra Costa residents register [here](#).

#### **Nancy Pelosi, Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives**

**Wednesday, May 29, 12 -1 pm (11 am check-in - attendees subject to search)**

Marines' Memorial Theatre, 609 Sutter St. (at Mason), San Francisco

In Conversation with Dr. Gloria Duffy, President and CEO, The Commonwealth Club  
Information and tickets (\$15 – \$70) [here](#). Ticket questions, call 415-597-6700 or email [tickets@commonwealthclub.org](mailto:tickets@commonwealthclub.org)

#### **Animal Liberation Conference 2019**

**Wednesday, May 29, 9 am - Tuesday, June 4, 6 pm**

University of California, Berkeley

Tickets · \$75 - \$300

The Animal Liberation Conference is the largest grassroots animal rights conference in the world. It is the best place to learn from experts in open rescue, bearing witness, disruption and community organizing, meet incredible activists from around the world, take part in high-impact actions and vigils, and empower yourself to be the best activist you can be. Previous attendees have called the conference "the best week of the year!" All are welcome, including those new to activism and veganism. You must register to attend. Information and tickets (\$75-\$300) [here](#).

## **Rep. Adam Schiff, Chair of the House Intelligence Committee**

**Friday, May 31, 7 pm**

Sydney Goldstein Theater (formerly Nourse Theater), 275 Hayes Street, San Francisco  
After eight years of Republican control, the blue wave of 2018 put Democrats back in charge of the U.S. House and made Representative Adam Schiff chair of the House Intelligence Committee. With broad power and jurisdiction, Schiff's committee oversees the nation's intelligence agencies, from components of the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security, Justice, and the CIA. With the Mueller report out, what's next for congressional Democrats? How will they lead with their new majority until the 2020 election? Join us for an important conversation. Sponsored by the Commonwealth Club. Information and tickets (\$15-55) [here](#).

## **❖Impeach on the Beach**

**Saturday, June 1, 11 am - 12:30 pm**

Ocean Beach, San Francisco (Great Highway and Balboa Ave)

Sponsored by [IndivisibleSF.org](http://IndivisibleSF.org)

Five thousand people (or more) will arrange their bodies to spell out "IMPEACH" in 150-foot-tall letters stretching for 610 feet on Ocean Beach in San Francisco, to be photographed from above. Please sign up, so the hosts know how to plan.

Arrive via public transportation as possible (parking is quite limited at Ocean Beach).

Arrive by 11 a.m., take an information sheet from one of the volunteers, and follow the directions. At noon, at least one helicopter and one photographer will be overhead to capture imagery that is sure to go viral. More information, registration and updates [here](#).

## **❖Migrants At The Border: What's Really Happening? What Can We Do?**

**Sunday, June 2, 3-5 pm**

Oakland, CA (RSVP for address)

How can we show up in solidarity with migrants at the southern border who have fled gang violence and government brutality to endure traveling on foot for months, family separation, and further persecution? Hear how you can volunteer with Al Otro Lado, (AOL), a wonderful organization known as the "most loving place in Tijuana." Al Otro Lado, is mostly volunteer-run and provides asylum seekers with know-your-rights training, legal consultation, document support, meals and medical care. Bay Area SURJ members who spent several days at the border will share their experiences working with asylum seekers. Hosted by [SURJ - Oakland/Bay Area](#) and [Al Otro Lado](#). More information and registration [here](#).

## **❖Close the Gap California**

**Sunday, June 2, 3 - 5 pm**

TRAX Gallery, 1812 5th Street, Berkeley, CA

Learn about Close the Gap California's strategy to achieve gender equality in the California Legislature. Women picked up a record 10 seats in CTGCA's targeted districts in 2018, increasing the percentage of women from 21% in 2017 to 30% in 2019. Please join Hosts Hon. Loni Hancock, Hon. Dion Aroner and Honorary Host Congresswoman Barbara Lee  
Sponsored by [Close the Gap California](#). RSVP to Eleanor Moses T emoses4@aol.com or (510) 290-4563.

## **❖Earthjustice.org Fundraiser - "Because the Earth needs a good lawyer!"**

**Tuesday, June 4, 6 - 9 pm**

[Paisan Osteria/Bar](#), 2514 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley

Join us for buffet antipasti/pizza/pasta dinner (prix fixe menu, \$20 per person) and drinks at this cozy Berkeley restaurant. All you have to do is show up with friends, buy yourselves a nice dinner and give a separate donation to Earthjustice. Paisan will be donating 20% of your bill to Earthjustice too. Please, bring your friends and your checkbooks. Sponsored by The Blue Wave — an initiative of [the W.A.T.CH. Party](#). Sign up [here](#).

## ❖National Gun Violence Awareness Weekend June 7-8

### **5th National Gun Violence Awareness Day - Wear Orange**

#### **Friday, June 7**

Wear Orange on June 7 when we honor the people shot and killed or wounded by gun violence, and survivors of gun violence. We honor them and renew our commitment to ending gun violence in America by taking action and taking part in Wear Orange. And for the entire weekend (June 7-9), we're gathering at marches, picnics, basketball tournaments, **and** so much more to raise awareness for gun violence prevention. For more information about events in your area, please contact [info@momsdemandaction.org](mailto:info@momsdemandaction.org).

#### **Wear Orange Rally**

##### **Saturday, June 8, 9:30 am**

Castlemont High School, 8601 Macarthur Blvd, Oakland  
East Bay Moms Demand Action are invited to meet at Castlemont High School to join Youth Alive students for a rally before they depart by charter bus to the Golden Gate Bridge March. The bus is primarily for students and their family members, but Moms Demand Action volunteers may also ride in the bus as space allows. If you'd like to meet us at the bridge, we'll meet at the San Francisco bridge plaza at 11:30am, walk over to the Marin side for speakers at 12:30 before walking back to SF. We hope to see you there!

#### **Wear Orange Golden Gate Bridge March**

##### **Saturday, June 8, 11:30 am**

Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco Bridge Plaza Or Marin Vist Pt  
Join Moms Demand Action and our community partners for National Wear Orange Weekend as we march across the iconic Golden Gate Bridge to show we are united in the belief we can do more to stop gun violence. San Francisco marchers checkin at GGB Plaza at 11:30 am and Marin marchers checkin at Marin Vista Point at 12:30 pm. San Francisco marches at noon to the Marin side where we will have speakers at Marin at 1:00 then everyone marches back to San Francisco Golden Gate Bridge Plaza for large group photo. Use link for Bridge Rules and Transportation Information [here](#).

## ❖2019 International Accelerate Peace Conference and Circles of Light Gala Wednesday-Thursday, June 26-27

[URI \(The United Religions Initiative\)](#) will be hosting a two-day international conference on interfaith strategies for global peacebuilding at the Hoover Institution on the Stanford University campus. This conference will bring together grassroots interfaith peacebuilders, policy experts, and representatives from the United Nations and other international organizations. Join us in group discussions exploring questions such as: What is the role of interfaith cooperation in addressing religiously motivated violence? How can we respectfully collaborate to build cultures of peace, justice and healing in communities around the world?

Both the Accelerate Peace Conference and Circles of Light Gala will be streamed live on June 26 and June 27. A link will be available here to view the various part of the events.

Full conference schedule [here](#). Tickets [here](#). Please contact URI via email at [peace@uri.org](mailto:peace@uri.org) or by phone at 415-561-2300.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **❖Indivisible State Action: Call Your State Legislators Every Day**

Call to Action: Use the [toolkit here](#) to call your state legislators to pass critical pieces of legislation. This week, join Indivisible SF in supporting our partner organization CA StateStrong, the California state-wide Indivisible group, in passing the progressive agenda in our state. The last two weeks of May are an exciting time in the California legislature — hundreds of bills will face a floor vote before the deadline on May 31. This means ALL of our legislators will be voting on critical policies that will affect the lives of Californians. They need to hear from us. CA StateStrong is asking us to flood their offices with calls the week of May 20th to let them know how we want them to vote on the Indivisible CA statewide priorities. If we coordinate our calls on the same day, we are more likely to have a bigger impact so we're asking our members to call about a different bill each day. It's Wednesday, so catch up on Monday's and Tuesday's bills, too. There are details on all our priority bills that have made it through the policy and fiscal committees of the first house, and call scripts for you to use to call your legislators. We even have a single phone number to call-- no more looking up the numbers of your legislators.

### **❖The Mueller Report Book Club**

Thousands of Americans are committed to reading the Mueller report — cover to cover — together. Join us! Sponsored by [The March for Truth](#). Sign up [here](#).

### **❖ACLU Monitoring Local Government**

If you're concerned about the Trump administration's actions and the loss of our civil liberties, but need a way to do SOMETHING without uprooting your life, we have some easy ways you can help protect our rights. Much of the help we need can be done from your home and/or computer with just a few clicks.

[The Berkeley/North East Bay Chapter of the ACLU](#) is seeking your help. We are looking for local volunteers who would like to get more active in their communities by keeping abreast of what elected officials are doing and by monitoring, observing, and participating in meetings of city councils and local boards making important policy decisions.

Here are a few ways to get involved in this effort:

1. Look at the agendas for specific public meetings. These agendas are posted on-line on a regular basis (usually, but not always, weekly). Then notify our chapter when an issue is scheduled that deals with the individual rights and liberties guaranteed by the Constitution and laws of the United States.
2. Attend or watch local public meetings. Often these meetings are also broadcast live on cable television and/or streamed live or archived for internet viewing. Then notify our chapter when discussions deal with the individual rights and liberties guaranteed by the Constitution and laws of the United States.
3. When the ACLU identifies an issue of concern we can amplify our voice by having several volunteers attend particular meetings and provide public comment. (Note: Please do not represent yourself as an associate of the ACLU unless you have coordinated with the ACLU Chapter Board or ACLU staff.)
4. Express your views on issues by meeting, calling, e-mailing, or writing to your representative.

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If you are interested in participating in this effort, please e-mail barbara dilts <bdilts@redshift.com> with your contact information and which of these activities interest you. We will provide you more information and support for your involvement.

## **IMMIGRATION**

### **❖Project Corazon Immigrant Rights Seeks Spanish-Speaking Interviewers**

Without representation, the chances of asylum seekers passing a Credible Fear Interview, the first step towards being awarded asylum, could be as low as 5-10%. With the help of volunteer lawyers the odds increase to about 50%. We've been able to help nearly 1,000 families through Project Corazon, with lawyers traveling to the border, lawyers representing immigrants in remote proceedings, lawyers doing research, and soon, lawyers representing immigrants in bond hearings. [Lawyers for Good Government Foundation](#) make its mark in the fight against immigrants, with much, much more room to grow. We're looking for Spanish-speaking volunteers to conduct remote intake interviews (by phone) with detained asylum-seekers. Volunteers will be asked to sign up for shifts (each shift will be approx. 4 hours) during which you will be "on call" to handle intake interviews. Sign up [here](#).

### **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 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, June 12, 10 am-noon**

**Wednesday, June 12, 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.

### **Plant Trees in Oakland with the Sierra Club**

**Sundays, 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, 16<sup>th</sup> and Valencia Streets, SF

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

## **ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union)**

### **ACLU Voter**

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

### **Berkeley/North East Bay Chapter**

**Monthly meeting-Third Wednesday of most months, 7 pm**

Sweet Basil Thai restaurant, 1736 Solano Avenue, Berkeley

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **PHONE BANKS, TEXT BANKS, POSTCARDS AND OTHER THINGS**

A report from a meeting with Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris by a member of 13 Pages, Oakland Indivisible Group: Calls from constituents help our senators fight for justice. Every call is tallied by zip code. We can call several times a day and each call is tallied separately. The more we call, text, and e-mail the louder our voices are heard. We can speak about more than one issue in the same call. Sen. Dianne Feinstein [email](#), (415) 393-0707; DC: (202) 224-3841 Sen. Kamala Harris [email](#), (415) 355-9041; DC: (202) 224-3553

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **DEMONSTRATIONS AND PROTESTS**

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

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

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

**Living Graveyard Vigil for Peace**

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

**Resistance Rally by the Grand Lake Theater, Oakland**

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

**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**

❖**Two Trump nominees confirmed to 9th Circuit Court in California, and third likely to join** - Sacramento Bee, May 22. Read article [here](#).