

## **May 8, 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**

#### **Managing California: Governor Newsom's Chief of Staff Ann O'Leary**

**Saturday, May 11, 6pm-7:30 pm**

Manny's, 3092 16th Street, San Francisco

Ann O'Leary is Governor Gavin Newsom's Chief of Staff. In that role, she is charged with helping to manage the 5th largest economy in the world. She is one of most important political figures in California and she is the one in the room. How is she thinking about her role? How will she help the Governor prioritize and strategize? What are her goals? More information and tickets (\$6-72) [here](#).

#### **❖Indivisible Berkeley General Assembly: Health Care Forum 2019**

**Sunday, May 12, 7-9 pm**

Berkeley Finnish Hall, 1970 Chestnut St, Berkeley

Topic: Legislative progress, priorities and action options in the California Legislature, including increasing universality and affordability of health care coverage, improving quality and equity of health care through accountability, reducing health care prices.

California is in position to lead the nation in Health Care reform in 2019-2020. Our large, numerous, relatively healthy state led the nation in increasing the health insurance coverage under ACA. Governor Newsom took bold Health Care policy actions on his first day in office. Leaders in our Legislature are pushing the Governor to support bills that further increase universality and affordability of Health Care coverage, improve quality and equity, and reduce prices. Speaker: Yasmin Peled, Policy Advocate, [Health Access](#), Campaign Communications Coordinator, [Care4All California Campaign](#) will review California's progress to date, introduce Care4All California's Legislative agenda for 2019, and outline possible future policy options in 2019-2020. Information and RSVP [here](#).

#### **❖Homelessness & Justice Summit**

**Saturday, May 18, 2 - 4 pm**

San Francisco War Memorial Veteran's Building, 401 Van Ness ave., Rm. 210, San Francisco

The United Nations Association of San Francisco (UNA-SF) and the American Legion Post #315 present this program as part of the UNA's "Rule of Law" Series. Exhibitors include non-profit organizations and NGOs dedicated to achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable and to ensure access to adequate, safe, and affordable housing, and basic services and upgrade slums. Information and online ticket reservations (\$0- \$10) [here](#).

#### **❖Seeds of All Things Film**

**Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Screening at The New Parkway Theater**

**Sunday, May 19, 12:30 - 3 pm**

The New Parkway Theater, 474 24th Street, Oakland

Join this special screening of a film that follows migrant and refugee families moving through a community health clinic as they build a new home in America

The screening, hosted by Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO) in partnership with the Firestarter Group, will be followed by a community conversation with director Dr. Yehuda Sharim and special guests. Information and tickets [here](#).

**❖Meet Youth Alive!**

**Tuesday, May 21, 6 pm**

3232 Elm Street, Oakland

Youth ALIVE! is an Oakland nonprofit dedicated to preventing violence and developing youth leaders and a recipient of Cal-VIP funding. Join Oakland's Temple Sinai Social Action Committee for a one-hour Meet Youth ALIVE! tour to learn first-hand how they are saving lives through violence prevention, intervention and healing. 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](#).

**ACTION ITEMS**

**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 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, May 15, 10 am-noon**

**Wednesday, May 15, 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](#)

**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](#).