

## **May 9, 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](http://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](#).

##### **❖Contra Costa County Racial Justice Coalition General Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 9, 6-8 pm**

Catholic Charities, 217 Harbour Way, Richmond

This meeting will join with the County's Racial Justice Task Force's Community Forum Learn about, and comment on, the draft recommendations the Task Force has developed to reduce racial disparities in Contra Costa's criminal justice system. Final recommendations will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in June. Cost: We encourage everyone to attend both days of the convention, but have provided options if you are only able to come for one day.

##### **Walls and Bridges: Understanding 2018**

Presented by KQED

For many, 2017 was a year of shocks. We saw the country become increasingly divided — politically, economically and socially. As we look forward through 2018, KQED will present a

six-part series of live conversations exploring some of the most polarizing topics of our time: politics, race, gender, immigration, extremism and more. We'll ask the questions that divide us and look for the answers that unite us. Audience members will have an opportunity to talk about solutions to our growing polarity as they meet and mix during a post-conversation reception. Admission is free, but you'll need a ticket to attend. RSVP to an event near you.

### **Immigration**

**Wednesday, May 9, 7-9 pm**

Oakland Museum of California, Oakland  
Information and RSVP [here](#).

### **Zipcode and Health**

**Thursday, May 17, 7-10 pm**

Bayview Opera House, San Francisco  
Information and RSVP [here](#).

### **Policy & Racism**

**Monday June 4, 7-10 pm**

The Commonwealth Club, San Francisco  
Information and RSVP [here](#).

### **❖March for Our Health**

**Saturday, May 12, 1 pm**

Oscar Grant/Frank Ogawa Plaza, Broadway and 14th St, Oakland  
March to demand our right to health: health care for all, education, housing, a living wage, clean air, clean water, healthy food, and the right to live a life free of discrimination, exploitation, oppression, and violence. That means standing up to the profit motives of private health insurance, pharmaceutical companies, developers, gun manufacturers, and fossil fuel companies. More information [here](#). Sponsored by Sunflower Alliance.

### **❖Mother's Day Protest at Richmond Jail/Immigrant Detention**

**May13, 11 am-noon**

West County Detention Facility, 5555 Giant Hwy, Richmond  
Information [here](#).  
Hosted by [Bend the Arc Jewish Action](#) , [Let Our People Go](#)

### **❖Real Climate Leadership: How California Can Keep Fossil Fuels in the Ground, and build a Just Transition to 100% Renewable Energy**

**Monday, May 14, 7-9 pm**

Scottish Rite Center, 1547 Lakeside Drive, Oakland  
Host Contact Info: [events@350.org](mailto:events@350.org)

Join community members and movement leaders to discuss how California can be a global model for the transition from a major oil-producer to a 100% renewable energy economy based on equity and justice. Reserve your seat [here](#) (\$5-\$50 benefit [350.org](#))

### **❖Town Hall with Congresswoman Barbara Lee (CA-13)**

**Monday, May 14, 7-8:30 pm**

Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Avenue, Albany  
Registration is recommended, but not required. All are welcome. Limited parking is available. Early arrival is suggested. More information and registration [here](#).

## **Immigrant Day 2018**

**Monday, May 14, 8:30 am-4 pm**

Sacramento Capitol

Sponsored by [California Immigrant Policy Center](#)

Join us at the steps of the Capitol for a powerful day of raising a collective voice alongside hundreds of fierce immigrant community members and advocates! Immigrant Day brings together advocates for legislative visits, uplifts immigrant voices, and celebrates immigrants as a vital part of our state. As attacks to the well-being and livelihood of immigrants continue, we can move California forward by championing policies that defend, protect, and expand the rights of our immigrant communities. Join us for #ImmDay18 and let's make this year our most powerful Immigrant Day yet. Register [here](#).

## **The Poor People's Campaign Calls for Moral Revival**

**Monday, May 14**

Sacramento

The [Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism](#) and Reform CA have endorsed the [Poor People's Campaign](#), a summer of moral, nonviolent direct action to challenge the evils of systemic racism and devastating poverty. The Poor People's campaign was inspired by Dr. King's 1968 campaign of the same name. The Poor People's Campaign will unite tens of thousands of people across the country to challenge the evils of systemic racism, poverty, the war economy, ecological devastation and the nation's distorted morality. This campaign will consist of 40 days, during the months of May and June, of moral non-violent direct action, including a major action on Capitol Hill and in 39 state capitals every Monday. The dates for these actions are **May 14, May 21, May 28, June 4, June 11, June 18**, and a culminating event in Washington, DC on **June 23**. People of faith, as moral leaders, have been asked to come to Washington, DC and/or the state capitals across the country to join with impacted people and other activists in these Monday actions. You can attend the action without participating in civil disobedience, but if you want to engage in non-violent direct action, you must attend a training. (See April 28 above). More information [here](#). Registration [here](#).

## **❖In Re Marriage Cases: An MCLE Event on the 10th Anniversary of California Marriage Equality**

**Tuesday, May 15, 12-1:30 pm (Lunch 12; program 12:30)**

Morrison & Foerster LLP, 425 Market St, San Francisco

May 15, 2018, marks the tenth anniversary of the California Supreme Court's historic ruling in *In re Marriage Cases*, 43 Cal.4th 757 (2008), recognizing the freedom to marry for same-sex couples and strict judicial scrutiny for laws that discriminate based on sexual orientation.

You're invited to a special conversation about the far-reaching impacts of this historic decision.

This event is co-sponsored by Morrison & Foerster LLP and the National Center for Lesbian Rights. Cost: \$35 for lawyers (1 hour MCLE credit); free for law students. Lunch will be

provided. More information and registration [here](#). For questions about registration, please email [events@NCLRights.org](mailto:events@NCLRights.org).

## **❖Hunger Action Day**

**Wednesday, May 16, 7 am-5 pm**

Hunger Action Day is a fun and inspiring day of engaging your legislators about hunger and encouraging them to support anti-hunger legislation. We will drive up to the State Capitol Building in Sacramento together as a group in a bus and drive back down together as well.

There will be a morning and a lunchtime rally at the Capitol steps. Hunger fighters from the legislature and advocates from across the state will speak. In between rallies, you'll join experienced activists at meetings with legislators and legislative staff to lobby in support of current anti-hunger legislation. Sponsored by [Alameda County Food Bank](#). Information and registration [here](#).

### **Daniel Ziblatt: How Democracies Die**

**Wednesday, May 16, 12 pm**

The Commonwealth Club, 110 The Embarcadero, San Francisco

Across the globe, democracies are sliding further and further toward authoritarianism. Public confidence in democratic institutions, such as the judiciary and the press, is eroding. According to experts Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt, democracy no longer ends with a bang — in a revolution or military coup — but with a whimper: the slow, steady weakening of critical institutions and long-standing political ideals. This decline of democracy, at home and abroad, is both worrying and preventable. Drawing on decades of research and a wide range of historical examples, from 1930s Europe to contemporary Hungary, Turkey and Venezuela to the American South during Jim Crow, Ziblatt shows how democracies die — and how ours can be saved. Information and tickets (\$8-20) [here](#).

### **❖National School Walkout**

**May 19**

“On May 19th, we want you and everyone who attends your [school] walkouts to join us as our movement takes its next steps: to envision a future free from gun violence so that we can start to craft a platform and an agenda together. We want every school to host a meeting where you'll discuss the impact gun violence is having in your community and create a list of what you want the student-led movement to tackle. We want you to play a central role in creating the strategy with us.” Information [here](#).

### **❖And Then They Came For Us: Film, Panel, Refreshments & Call to Action!**

**Sunday, May 20, 10:30 am-12:30 pm**

Landmark's Albany Twin Theater, 1115 Solano Ave, Albany

Join the Albany Democratic Club for this cautionary tale: *And Then They Came For Us* (2017), (about Japanese incarceration during WWII) about the fragility of our Democracy during times of crisis. Knowing our history is the first step to ensuring we do not repeat it! Featuring George Takei and many others who were incarcerated, and photographs by Dorothea Lange. Directed by the Peabody Award winners, Abby Ginzberg (Albany resident) and Ken Schneider. Former Albany Mayor and icon, Jewel Okawachi and her family will be honored during the program. Includes informal brunch reception. Event proceeds will be used to promote civic engagement and mobilize voters for 2018! More information here. Tickets at [www.landmarktheatres.com](http://www.landmarktheatres.com)

### **❖May 21: Deadline to register to vote in the June 5, 2018 election**

Register [here](#).

### **The Great Debate: Single Payer Health Care in California**

**Wednesday, May 23, 7 pm**

The Commonwealth Club, 110 The Embarcadero, San Francisco

Fed up with our dysfunctional U.S. health-care system, many Californians are calling for a state government-run health plan for all residents. Senate Bill 562, which passed in the state senate last year, puts a single-payer plan on the table. Candidates for governor—as well as clinicians,

advocates and voters—are split. Everyone wants access to quality care at lower costs, but is single payer (or “Medicare for all”) the answer? Supporters point out that nearly every other developed country has some form of single payer, and all cover more citizens at lower cost than the U.S. Skeptics say that single payer would be too expensive and disruptive, as several other states have found. Can California afford single-payer health care? Can the state afford not to have it? Dr. Paul Song, co-chair of the group behind SB562, and Micah Weinberg, who heads a think tank focused on economic and policy issues facing the Bay Area, will debate the pros and cons of SB562 specifically and single-payer health care generally. Registration (\$10-45) [here](#).

### ❖ **Sanctuary: Caminando Hacia la Libertad**

**Friday-Saturday, June 1-2, 8:30 am-5 pm**

Islamic Cultural Center of Northern California, 1433 Madison St., Oakland

This two-day conference serves to strengthen and organize people of faith in our sanctuary work across California to respond in an increasingly dangerous climate for immigrant communities in 2018. Join us to learn tools and best practices to create a more prophetic path towards liberation, caminando hacia la libertad, where all can live with dignity and wholeness.

Program [details](#). We encourage everyone to attend both days of the convening, but have provided options if you are only able to come for one day. Registration cost includes breakfast and lunch for both days. We are accepting two forms of payment; via PayPal or via check by mail. If you have any questions or may need scholarship please contact Sarah Lee at [slee@im4humanintegrity.org](mailto:slee@im4humanintegrity.org). We encourage anyone who may require financial assistance (scholarship) to contact Sarah as early as possible as funds are limited.

Early Registration before May 15: -Two days \$70, one day: \$45. After May 15: Two days: \$80, one day: \$50. Register [here](#).

### **Equal Rights Advocates 2018 Gala Luncheon**

**Wednesday, June 6, 11:15 Registration, Noon Lunch & Program**

San Francisco Hilton, 333 O'Farrell St, San Francisco

Keynote Speaker Mónica Ramírez has focused her work on ending gender-based violence in the workplace and achieving gender equity. She has served farmworker, Latina and immigrant women as an organizer and advocate for more than two decades. She has also represented individuals as a civil rights and gender justice attorney since 2004. Mónica also has a long history promoting women's leadership and political power, including helping women secure public leadership positions. More information and registration [here](#).

### **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

### ❖ **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](#).

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **❖ Progressive Initiatives Seeking Support**

Many progressive initiatives are circulating petitions seeking support for getting onto the 2018 November ballot. Three initiatives in particular are being recommended by the [Wellstone Democratic Club](#). Look for petition gatherers for the following initiatives:

- [California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act of 2018](#) – reform the commercial property side of Prop 13 so that commercial properties are assessed on a regular basis.
- [Repeal the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act](#) which prevents rent control from being applied to all housing built after 1995.
- [Voting Restoration and Democracy Act](#) - restore the right to vote to approximately 162,000 people in state prisons and on parole in California

### **❖ Save Net Neutrality**

Several prominent websites are rallying to save net neutrality. (Article [here](#).) We can join in this “red alert” by signing in [here](#) and using the resources on our own websites or in our social media. We can also watch this short [public service announcement](#) by [Our Next Four Years](#) and use their site to contact our MoCs and the FCC. - From [Rogan’s List, May 9](#).

### **❖ Baby Boxes to Syria**

Last summer, a group of women quickly raised \$124,000 to buy and deliver 1,500 boxes of baby essentials to moms in Syrian refugee camps. Recently they asked doctors still in Syria: What can we do right now to help? The answer: More Baby Boxes. In honor of #MothersDay and the brave women in Syria, we are launching the next round of #ParcelOfLove. The goal: 2,000 Baby Boxes. Join us! Donate [here](#). Then, tell your family and friends to do the same [here](#). Together we will show Syrian women they are not alone. From [Rogan’s List, May 8](#).

## **GUN CONTROL ADVOCACY**

### **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**

**Thursday, June 7, 2-4 pm**

**Thursday, July 12, 10 am-12**

**Thursday, July 12, 2-4 pm**

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 Sunday 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](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 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](mailto: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](mailto:prap@centrolegal.org)

## **Monthly Protest at Richmond Immigration Detention/County Jail**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

### **❖Election 2018: Early Voting In California Primary Started Monday May 7**

Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked on or before Election Day on June 5.

Monday is the first day California residents can vote in the June 5 statewide primary election, election officials announced. Every registered voter will receive a vote-by-mail ballot this year due to the California Voter's Choice Act, according to election officials. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked on or before Election Day on June 5 and received by June 8 to be accepted.

"Vote Centers" will replace traditional polling centers to offer voter registration, multilingual assistance and disabled access voting options, election officials said.

California News Wire Services via [The Patch, May 7](#)

### **❖Dick's Sporting Goods hires gun control lobbyist**

After ceasing sales of assault rifles and banning gun sales to anyone under 21 shortly after the Parkland shooting, Dick's Sporting Goods has taken another strong step and hired a lobbyist to push for common sense gun control efforts. Read article [here](#). - From [Rogan's List, May 7](#).

## **RESOURCES**

### **❖The Civil Conversations Project**

Speaking together differently in order to live together differently.

The [Civil Conversations Project](#) seeks to renew common life in a fractured and tender world. We are a conversation-based, virtues-based resource towards hospitable, trustworthy relationship with and across difference. We honor the power of asking better questions, model reframed approaches to entrenched debates, and insist that the ruptures above the radar do not tell the

whole story of our time. We aspire to amplify and cross-pollinate the generative new realities that are also being woven, one word and one life at a time.