

November 21, 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

Why Would I Mispronounce My Own Name?

One woman show written & performed by lawyer/activist Irma Herrera

October 25 – December 8, Thursdays at 8 m, Saturdays at 5pm (no show 11/22)

What's in a name? A minefield of misplaced notions – comical, sad, demeaning. Irma's observations from the front-lines, notes from American history, and laugh out-loud humor allow us to consider what it will take for all of us to get along. More information and tickets (\$20 – \$100) [here](#).

❖ Resiliency in Action: How We Can Move Forward For Refugees HIAS Briefing Call

Wednesday, November 28, 11 am PST

Sponsored by [HIAS \(Hebrew Immigration Aid Society\)](#)

On the call, we will provide an overview of HIAS and our work, bring you up to speed on current issues affecting refugees and asylum seekers, and let you know how you can get involved.

Pre-registration for this call is required. Click [here](#) to RSVP and receive call-in instructions.

❖ Voting Reform Talk and Q&A

Thursday, November 29, 7-8:30 pm

3045 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley

Aaron Hamlin is the executive director of The Center for Election Science, which studies and advances better voting methods. Information [here](#). Hosted by [The Berkeley REACH](#) and [The Center for Election Science](#)

❖ Beyond the Bay: Building Power for California's Future

ACLU of Northern California's annual Bill of Rights Day celebration!

Saturday, December 8, 12:30 pm (doors open), program begins at 1 pm

Impact Hub, 2323 Broadway, Oakland

Join us as we celebrate our victories, honor our heroes, and gear up for 2019.

Information and tickets (\$10-25) [here](#).

❖ Women's March

Saturday, January 19, 2019

[Women's March Oakland](#), 10 am

[Women's March SF](#), 11 am, Civic Center

The 2019 Women's March is mid-January, but some local organizers are taking objection with the Women's March leadership to separate themselves from antisemitism, in particular with Louis Farrakhan. (Atlantic article [here](#).) Although the Women's March leadership came out with a public statement decrying antisemitism, they still defend "Linda Sarsour and Tamika Mallory, who have been accused of aligning themselves with Louis Farrakhan." (Article [here](#).) Some local groups, such as Chicago Women's March,

are distancing themselves from Women's March. Perhaps the leaders of the Women's March need to hear from us. We can see the irony when we say that folks who are for Trump may not be racist, etc., but we know they support someone who is. Email: info@womensmarch.com, Twitter: [@womensmarch](https://twitter.com/womensmarch) Let's ask our local march organizers where they stand. - From [Rogan's List, November 19](#). See also Women's March Founder Calls For Sarsour To Step Down, Citing Farrakhan (Forward article [here](#)) and Linda Sarsour's belated apology to Jewish women marchers (Forward article [here](#)).

❖ **The Impact of Slavery on American Jurisprudence and Activism** **Thursday, February 21, 2019, 5-7:30 pm**

U.S. District Court, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, Ceremonial Courtroom, 19th Floor, San Francisco 19th Floor,

2019 is the 400th anniversary of the beginning of slavery in the USA. In August of 1619, twenty Africans landed at Jamestown Virginia. In the 400 years that Africans have been here, their history has been full of struggle, resistance, and the achievement of excellence despite all the barriers erected. This panel will explore lawsuits brought by enslaved people; rebellions against the cruelty that was a feature of slavery; activism challenging Jim Crow; changes in American jurisprudence that flowed from their quest for "equal Justice under law," and how the efforts of African Americans shaped the activism of other groups in our country. Racism is still a vibrant and toxic part of our country. This panel will explore its origins as well as ways we can minimize its impact. MCLE 1.5 credits (elimination of bias). More information [here](#).

ACTION ITEMS

❖ **Wildfire Relief**

Donate

List of organizations [here](#) from Wall of Us.
From Indivisible SF - Please use (and share!) [this Amazon list](#)
[The Patch](#) resource list.

How to offer fire victims temporary housing on Airbnb

Airbnb has launched a program called Open Homes to help find temporary housing for Camp Fire victims and relief workers. More than 11,000 homes were destroyed in only 11 days, leaving tens of thousands of people homeless. Information [here](#).

Pets

The UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine is busy treating burned animals. A [Facebook page](#) they set up to help pets and their owners find each other has been viewed more than 50,000 times and has led to some truly joyful reunions.

How to Protect Yourself from Wildfire Smoke - UC Berkeley Lab has put out helpful guidance on how to protect yourself from the unhealthy air blanketing much of the state. Read [here](#).

IMMIGRATION

❖ **Comment on Public Charge Rule by December 10**

From [Jewish Family and Community Services of the East Bay](#)

A proposed federal rule would penalize legal immigrants who access public benefits and services. The "Public Charge" rule would change how U.S. immigration officials decide who is likely to be primarily dependent on the government to meet their basic needs. Being deemed a public charge can impact an immigrant's ability to secure a visa or lawful permanent resident

status. The [new proposed rule](#) would broaden the definition of public charge to include accessing multiple vital government support programs, including health care, food security, and housing subsidies. By intention, the new rule will undoubtedly deter many eligible people from accessing these supports. The Department of Homeland Security is soliciting public comments about this proposed new rule until **December 10**. We strongly encourage you to join us in submitting your own comment. This week, many of us will gather with family and friends on Thanksgiving. We invite you to take this opportunity to express your gratitude for your blessings, and pay them forward to the current generation of immigrants. Your comment does not have to be technical; it can simply express your own concern for the health and well-being of our country's immigrants. We've created a sample comment for you to consider, hoping that you'll personalize and [submit it here](#). Sample Public Comment

I am writing as a citizen concerned about the well-being of immigrants and of our entire community, strongly opposed to DHS's proposed Public Charge rule. I believe that immigrants should not be penalized for using essential services that support their quest to build healthy and successful lives in our community, free from fear and deprivation. I am particularly concerned with how this rule will ultimately affect children's access to food, health care, and housing. [Here, you could add references to how your stance reflects your own Jewish/humanitarian values as well as your own family's immigration history and how they received help along the way to succeed.] Please count me among the large number of Americans who are firmly opposed to the Public Charge rule.

“Missing Neighbors” Poster Campaign

There are over 25 million refugees in the world today. Yet, President Trump confirmed that the U.S will resettle no more than 30,000 refugees in the coming fiscal year. This number is heartbreakingly low. Until very recently, the United States was the global leader in resettling the most vulnerable refugees. In a moment of dire need, we should be treating refugees with compassion, not turning them away. Let's show how strongly we believe that the U.S. should welcome thousands more refugees, as we did not long ago. Our potential new neighbors are “missing” from communities across the country, while we wait to welcome them. It is time to take action, and we need your help to send a powerful message in a creative way to raise awareness of the real cost of this decision: the safety of the people who have been denied the chance to come to our country. Download and print “Missing Neighbor” flyers and hang them in your neighborhood. Then post photos on social media using the #MissingNeighbors hashtag. This is a project you can do alone - or you can cover more ground by putting together a small team. More information [here](#). Sponsored by HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society).

From National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC)

Call your Senators and House representative at the U.S. Capitol switchboard [(202) 224-3121] to tell them to take strong action to support immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers. Speak out in support of sanctuary city ordinances. Thank city council members and mayors who have supported sanctuary city and welcoming city ordinances, and tell them you expect them to stand firm in defending immigrants. Become an ambassador for immigrant rights. Help educate friends, colleagues, and neighbors about the importance of supporting immigrants and asylum seekers in our communities. Read [NIJC's Ambassador Toolkit](#) for more information. Volunteer to translate and interpret. Join [NIJC's volunteer interpreter corps](#). Volunteer to represent an immigrant, refugee, or asylum seeker. Contact NIJC's pro bono coordinator for more information. Join our team. NIJC is hiring legal and non-legal staff across all projects. [View open jobs at NIJC](#). We'll be adding more positions soon, so keep checking our careers page on our website.

Write to Detained Migrants

Write to the Southeastern Immigrant Freedom Initiative's clients with words of encouragement and support. Email Maggie at maggie.schumann@splcenter.org and let her know how many

folks you would like to write to. We can also check out this site and sign up to be a pen pal [here](#). - From [Rogan's List, July 12](#).

RiseStronger compendium of information and resources [here](#). June 20.

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](#)

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 thier

[Go Fund Me page](#)

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.](#)

You can click [here](#) to make a tax-deductible donation.

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

The March for our Lives students have put together a [10-point policy for gun safety](#) in our country.

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](#)

Show Solidarity and Support for Victims of Tree of Life Shooting

Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburg Fund for Victims of Terror

Help the Victims of the Tragedy at Tree of Life*Or L'Simcha, Dor Hadash and New Light. Funds are earmarked for the psychological services, support for families, general services, reconstruction, additional security throughout the community, medical bills, as well as counseling and other services that may prove necessary for victims and first responders during their recovery. Our religious and day schools will also most likely require additional resources to help our youth process this tragic episode. This fund will help both the Jewish community members and the first responders affected. Information and donate [here](#).

Pittsburgh Chevrah Kadisha Fund

All of the monies raised through this campaign will go directly to the local burial society and their members as required, and as their needs emerge over the next few days and weeks. More information and donate [here](#).

Support Refugee Services

HIAS (Hebrew Immigration Aid Society)

HIAS works around the world to protect refugees who have been forced to flee their homelands because of who they are, including ethnic, religious, and sexual minorities. For more than 130 years, HIAS has been helping refugees rebuild their lives in safety and dignity. Honor the victims by donating to HIAS in their names. More information and donation opportunities [here](#).

If you prefer to support local refugee efforts, please consider a donation to the **Jewish Family and Community Services of the East Bay**. More information and donation opportunities [here](#).

RECURRING EVENTS

Voter Registration for New Citizens Swearing In Ceremony

Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway, Oakland

❖ **Wednesday, December 5, 10 am-noon**

❖ **Wednesday, December 5, 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.

Freedom for Immigrants (FFI) Bay Area Monthly Trainings

Tuesday, December 11, 6 pm

Berkeley Finnish Hall, 1970 Chestnut Street, Berkeley
Monthly training for new volunteers for [Freedom for Immigrants Bay Area](#). Covers current immigration system, local detention facility status, our volunteer programs, and how to get involved. Information [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

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)

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 almost every week on current issues (i.e., DACA, budget.)

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 \(OTYCD\)](#) 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 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.

Action for Introverts. If you want to be involved, but uncomfortable, here's some activism for you <https://resistancelabs.com/volunteer/text/> - From Rogan's List, July 30.

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](#)

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

Help get America voting! Bring a mobile device or laptop with a good battery charge; the "Hustle" P2P and/or Relay texting apps available via iTunes Store or Google Play to your laptop or phone;

a few bucks to buy your refreshments from Drake's Dealership which is kind enough to host us. Updates and registration [here](#). Sponsored by Indivisible East Bay.

RESOURCES

❖ **Indivisible on Offense and Indivisible States**

New Indivisible Guide [here](#).