

## November 7, 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.

Special Talkbacks

**Thursday, November 8:** "Wherever There's a Fight: How Runaway Slaves, Suffragists, Immigrants, Strikers & poets Shaped Civil Liberties in California"

**Saturday, November 10:** National Origin and Race Discrimination in Employment

More information and tickets (\$20 – \$100) [here](#).

#### The Future of the Supreme Court and the Constitution

**Wednesday, November 7, 6:30 pm**

The Commonwealth Club, 110 The Embarcadero, San Francisco

Join noted constitutional scholar Jeffrey Rosen for an examination of the most hotly contested constitutional questions of our time and what they bode for the future of the country.

President and CEO, National Constitution Center; Professor, George Washington University Law School. Information and tickets (\$15-25) [here](#).

#### A Conversation with Ambassador Susan Rice

**Thursday, November 8, 6:30-8:30 pm**

Marines' Memorial Theater, 609 Sutter Street, Second Level, San Francisco

Presented by World Affairs Council

More information and tickets (\$20-40) [here](#).

### ACTION ITEMS

#### ❖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](#).

## **IMMIGRATION**

### **“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).

### **Challenge Efforts to Increase Immigrant Children Detention**

Almost 13,000 immigrant children are currently in detention. They are protected by the Flores Agreement, which limits the length of their detention and requires standards of care including food, shelter, healthcare and access to legal aid. The Trump Administration wants to terminate the Flores Agreement and detain children indefinitely [NBC report [here](#).] DHS is accepting public comments through Nov. 6, 2018 - but the best time to take action is now. Visit our website to find more information, an email template, and everything you need to tell DHS: #DEFENDFLORES! Information [here](#). - From [Rogan’s List, September 24](#).

Also, Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar has noted a plan to reallocate funding in order to increase immigrant child detention (article [here](#).) Some of the funding will come from cuts to the National Cancer Institute, the Ryan White HIV/AIDS program, and programs within the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Let’s contact Secretary Azar and tell him that not only is it reprehensible to increase child detention, but to draw funding from these other programs is unacceptable: Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex Azar Office of the Secretary Health & Human Services 200 Independence Ave, SW, DC 20201 Phone: 202-690-7000 E-mail: Secretary@HHS.gov.- From [Rogan’s List, September 24](#).

## **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](mailto: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](#).

**Here's How You Can Help Fight Family Separation at the Border - Lawyers, translators, donations, protest.** - Slate, June 15. Read article [here](#). Check full of resources - places to volunteer and **donate**

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

## **Together Rising**

[Together Rising](#) raised 1.4 million dollars to help provide immigrant children with advocates and lawyers. (Donate [here](#).) Now, the non-profit is turning its attention to policymakers with a four-step action plan which includes calling our MoCs and demanding that they take legislative action to keep families at the border together. Details of the action plan, as well as call scripts and contact information [here](#). - From the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights via the [Equal Justice Society](#) ([Rogan's List, June 1](#).)

## **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**

Assist unaccompanied minors and children suffering the trauma of family separation. Provide monetary support to groups that are providing legal and other assistance to immigrant families affected by the Trump Administration's zero tolerance and family separation policy. Donate [here](#).

**RAICES Fundraiser.** RAICES is the largest immigration legal services provider in Texas. For years, RAICES has been working with some of the most vulnerable members of our society to ensure they receive advocacy and fair legal representation. They have two key goals at this time: directly fund the bond necessary to get parents out of detention and reunited with their children while awaiting court proceedings and ensure legal

representation for every child in Texas' immigration courts. Bonds are set at a \$1500 minimum, and are usually in the range of \$5-10K, even for asylum seekers without any criminal history. 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** and they will ensure the money goes towards supporting families facing criminal prosecution on the southern US border. Please include information regarding how Temple Emanuel can contact you with thanks.

Support Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley Respite Center through their [Go Fund Me page](https://www.gofundme.com/humanitarian-respite-center)<https://www.gofundme.com/humanitarian-respite-center>.

## **LEGAL HELP NEEDED AT THE BORDER**

**RAICES Needs Volunteers.** We desperately need your help. Since Trump decided to separate families we've been inundated with hundreds of new cases. We need attorneys, legal professionals, case workers, volunteers and her experts to join our network. You don't need to be based in Texas. Use this [form](#) to sign up for more information: - From [Rogan's List, August 10](#).

### **Lawyers Needed for Humanitarian Relief to Migrants**

From [Good Ally Collaborative](#)

[No More Deaths](#) is an Arizona-based organization that for years has provided humanitarian relief to migrants at the U.S.-Mexican border. Please contact our campaign coordinator at [dropthecharges@nomoredeaths.org](mailto:dropthecharges@nomoredeaths.org) with questions or if you are interested in filling a role.

**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)

We are currently recruiting volunteers indefinitely. The greatest need is for attorneys, law students, and paralegals with interest and experience in asylum work. The project also encourages and appreciates the participation of return volunteers from both Artesia and Dilley, with their vast experience working in a family detention setting. 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. Let's read their "How We Save Lives" and then tell our MoCs that this is what we want Congress to follow. These kids are on the right track to making America safer. - From [Rogan's List, July 11](#).

### **Indivisible California State Strong 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**

<https://gunsdownamerica.org/EveryTownforGunSafety>

[Sandy Hook Promise](#)

[Students Demand Action](#)

[Moms Demand Action](#)

[The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence](#)

[Giffords](#)

[Guns Down](#)

## **RECURRING EVENTS**

### **Freedom for Immigrants (FFI) Bay Area Monthly Trainings**

**Tuesday, November 13, 6 pm**

**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)

<http://www.indivisiblesf.org>

### **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 YOU CAN DO**

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.