

## September 12, 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

#### ❖Protest to Stop Financing of Oakland Coal Terminal

**Wednesday, September 12, noon - 1:30 pm**

San Francisco Marriott Marquis, 780 Mission Street, San Francisco

Come protest the Bank of Montreal's involvement in financing Oakland's unwanted coal terminal. We will be demonstrating outside the conference of Principles for Responsible Investment, running concurrently with Global Climate Action Summit. Inside the conference, bankers and investors will be discussing responsible investment.

Hosted by [No Coal In Oakland](#) and others. More information [here](#).

#### ❖Annual Benefit at El Rio for MUA (Mujeres Unidas y Activas)

**Saturday, September 15, 3 - 8 pm**

Club El Rio, 3158 Mission Street, San Francisco

MUA is a grassroots non-profit of Latina immigrant women with a double mission of promoting personal transformation and building community power for social and economic justice.

More information and tickets (\$15) [here](#) and (415) 621-8140

#### ❖She the People Summit

**Thursday, September 20, 8 am - 5 pm**

Julia Morgan Ballroom , 465 California St., San Francisco

She the People is mobilizing women of color as the leaders, political experts, and voters our country needs. Our three-year initiative will kick off with the People Summit. It will be an unprecedented gathering of women of color who are transforming American politics, and leading the nation as leaders, voters, and strategists. Leading lights of American, progressive politics will be in attendance from regions across the country. More information and registration [here](#).

#### ❖Join Indivisible East Bay and Indivisible Berkeley at the Albany Bowl for Indivisi-Bowl Deux!

**Saturday, September 22, 10 am - noon**

Albany Bowl, 540 San Pablo Avenue, Albany

Want to show off your grace and enjoy big fun? Come to this joint social event, meet and mingle with other dedicated activists. More information [here](#). Have questions? Email Ted at [IndivisibleCA11@gmail.com](mailto:IndivisibleCA11@gmail.com). Please RSVP so we know how many lanes to reserve. All welcome, including children.

#### March for Black Women

**Saturday, September 29 (Washington, D.C.)**

**Sunday, September 30 (New York City)**

Sister marches all over the country. Information [here](#) and [here](#).

### ❖ **League of Women Voters District 15 Candidate Forum**

**Tuesday, October 2, 7 - 8:30 pm**

Berkeley Community Theater, 1930 Allston Way, Berkeley

Candidates Jovanka Beckles and Buffy Wicks

Join the League of Women Voters Berkeley Albany Emeryville, Berkeley City College Political Science Department, Ashby Village, and Elder Action for an Assembly District 15 Candidate Forum. The forum will be recorded and uploaded to our website and Youtube. More information, ground rules and registration [here](#). Free.

### **Representative Barbara Lee: Celebrating 20 Years in Congress**

**Friday, October 5, 6:30 pm**

The Commonwealth Club, 110 The Embarcadero, San Francisco

More information and tickets (\$10-45) [here](#).

### ❖ **The Berkeley Festival of Ideas**

**Friday-Saturday, October 5 and 6**

Downtown Berkeley

Sponsored by Berkeleyside, independent local news website.

Uncharted involves a two-day festival of ideas featuring a mix of conversations and ideas you'll encounter nowhere else. Unscripted. Unpredictable. Uncharted. Some activist and politically-oriented programs included. Information and tickets [here](#).

### ❖ **Political Breakdown Presents Ballots and Brews**

**Wednesday, October 17, 7-9 pm**

Studio To Be, 06 Washington Street, Oakland

Join Scott Shafer and Marisa Lagos, hosts of KQED's popular new weekly radio program and podcast Political Breakdown, for a Ballots and Brews voter party! Can California flip the House? What's at stake with the propositions on this year's ballot? Ballots and Brews will help you make sense of the issues and have a whole lot of fun at the same time. Participate in an election pub quiz, enjoy refreshments, take part in lively conversations with fellow citizens and get familiar with KQED's 2018 Voter Guide. More information [here](#).

### ❖ **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**

### **GET OUT THE VOTE**

#### ❖ **When We All Vote - Michelle Obama/OFA Initiative**

There are so many ways you can help When We All Vote in this final push before Election Day:

Host an event in your neighborhood to register voters. Train your friends on how to spread the word to others. Fire folks up to do their part in our democracy. Talk to everyone you know.

There's too much at stake this year to sit it out, friend. Join me on the When We All Vote team - and say you're ready to get to work: Thank you, Michelle Obama

Click here to join - [I'm in](#).

#### ❖ **Make Sure College Students Know How to Vote**

Are you or do you know a college student who needs help in navigating voting from college? The following link gives them (and you) all the operative dates and how to go about doing it. Please vote and help someone else by sharing this information with them! Link [here](#). - From [Rogan's List, September 12](#).

### ❖ **March for Our Lives GOTV Initiative**

The students of March For Our Lives are calling on mayors to support a national, bipartisan youth voter registration initiative in high schools and college campuses leading up to September 25, National Voter Registration Day. Mayors will pledge to make registration forms readily available to all eligible students, maintain goals for registration, participate in get out the vote campaigns, collaborate with other mayors, and empower their communities to have their youth voices be heard during elections. Link [here](#). - From [Rogan's List, September 12](#).

### **Block Kavanaugh's Nomination**

❖ There is no shortage of reasons Brett Kavanaugh is an unsuitable nominee for the Supreme Court, and this list has already provided numerous sources to explain this. Now, for those of us who want to take the next step, Indivisible is asking for volunteers to reach out to voters, to ask them to tell their senators to vote "KavaNOPE!" Indivisible will be providing training for this effort, and using a phonebank system that uses your computer and automates the connection process, making the whole affair much easier. Information [here](#). - From [Rogan's List, September 12](#).

Join us in making calls to mobilize progressives in Maine and Alaska to pressure Senators Collins and Murkowski to vote no on Kavanaugh. We have excellent lists, a good script and an easy online calling system. Experienced callers can sign up to make calls from home, immediately. We will train new callers. The phone bank coalition [OFA Berkeley/Albany](#) + Indivisible Berkeley Health Care Team. RSVP by email to [phonebankcoalition@gmail.com](mailto:phonebankcoalition@gmail.com)

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.

Senators want to hear from more of us regarding the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court. It seems dark money (\$\$ that can't be traced) is giving millions of dollars to conservative organizations and asking them to call their senators to approve this supreme court appointment. To stop this appointment we have to call, text, and e-mail as often as possible.

Sample script:

My name is \_\_\_\_\_. My zip code is \_\_\_\_\_. Thank you for demanding to review all of Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh's relevant documents. Please keep it up! What we know about his views on reproductive rights, health care, and executive power is frightening enough already. I want to know what else is in his record that Republicans are so desperate to hide from the American people.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein [email](#), (415) 393-0707; DC: (202) 224-3841)

Sen. Kamala Harris [email](#), (415) 355-9041; DC: (202) 224-3553

### **FIGHT FAMILY SEPARATION POLICY**

**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.

### **Action Items from [Rogan's List, July 4](#)**

#### **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](#).

Not only is there no process in place for reuniting immigrant families, but there is now a requirement that all adults in the household where a migrant child will reside submit fingerprints to ICE. The policy manual of the Office of Refugee Resettlement makes sponsors pay transportation costs for both the child and any escort, as well as airline fees charged for transporting unaccompanied minors. Given the distances these children have been taken, the amounts of money involved are enormous. We can tell ICE and Homeland Security these onerous requirements, preventing the return of stolen children, must be changed: ICE, (New) Acting Director Ronald Vitiello, 1-888-351-4024 or 500 12th St., SW, Washington DC 20536; Secretary of DHS Kirstjen Nielsen, 202-282-8495

**Here's How You Can Help Fight Family Separation at the Border - Lawyers, translators, donations, protest.** - Slate, June 15. Read article [here](#). Chock 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 w/ 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**

[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**

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

**Tuesday, October 9, 6 pm**

**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)

RSVP <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**

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**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.

## **BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE...**

### **News**

❖ **More than 23,000 Californians were registered to vote incorrectly by state DMV** - L.A. Times, September 5. Article [here](#).



**❖Judge rules DACA renewals can continue**

In the latest development in the ongoing litigation around the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, a federal judge in Texas ruled earlier this week that the government must continue accepting DACA renewal applications. The government is still not accepting new DACA applications from individuals who have never previously received DACA. NIJC encourages individuals to seek legal consultations and apply to renew their DACA immediately if eligible. Read NIJC's latest DACA advisory [here](#). - From National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC), **September 7**.

**❖ICE begs Congress for a bail out. Advocates demand they reject it**

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) routinely overspends its budget and then asks Congress for more funding to bail it out. For the second time in six months, ICE is requesting additional funding to lock up and deport more of our immigrant neighbors. 175 immigrant and civil rights organizations sent a letter to Congress urging it to reject this request and instead hold ICE accountable for its fiscally irresponsible and inhumane actions. Read more [here](#). - From National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC), September 5.

**❖Tariffs glower over almond harvest** - by Chico Enterprise-Record's Steve Schoonover:

"Almonds have gotten entangled in President Donald Trump's trade wars, with three of the major overseas markets for the California nuts placing stiff tariffs on their import." Story [here](#). From [Politico's California Playbook, September 12](#). (Almonds are California's biggest crop)

Dedicated to Dianne Walker (1952-2017)