

## **September 13, 2017 Weekly Advocacy Digest**

The digest contains:

- Upcoming Events - single date events to put on your calendar
- Recurring Events - events that repeat every week or month
- But wait, there's more...- action items, news, announcements, articles

❖Denotes new listing since last week

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Civil Law Symposium: The Science and Jurisprudence of Implicit Bias September 13, 3:30 – 6:15 pm program, 6:15 –7:15 pm reception**

The Science and Jurisprudence of Implicit Bias (3:30 – 4:45 p.m.)

What Do I Do Now? How to Address Implicit Bias in the Courtroom (5:00 – 6:15 p.m.)

450 Golden Gate Avenue, Ceremonial Courtroom, 19th Floor, San Francisco

The Practice Program for the Northern District of California invites you to a symposium on civil practice issues in our district. The program begins with a panel (Equal Justice Society President Eva Paterson, Prof. Vicky Plaut, Prof. Jack Glaser) that will discuss the science behind Implicit Bias and its impact on judicial decision making. The second panel explores the skills and knowledge necessary to address Implicit Bias in the Courtroom. A reception will follow. Fee: \$25, \$10 small firm/private practice; no charge for judges, government lawyers, public defenders, law clerks, and public interest attorneys – no charge. MCLE: 2.5 hours Register [here](#). Questions: Daniel Bowling at 415-331-5158 or [dbowling04@comcast.net](mailto:dbowling04@comcast.net)

#### **Block by Block Organizing Network (BBBON GA) on Homelessness in Oakland**

**Thursday, September 14, 5:30 pm (potluck and community updates), 7 pm (panel)**

St Mary's Center, 925 Brockhurst Street in West Oakland, San Pablo between 32-33rd Streets  
Homelessness grew in Oakland by 30% last year. What can be done to house unsheltered Oaklanders while providing necessary services during this crisis?

Panelists: Former Council Member Nancy Nadel of the Homeless Advocacy Working Group; Janny Castillo of St Mary's Center; Joe de Vries, Assistant City Manager, City of Oakland. Volunteers working for one Oakland. <http://bbbon.net/>

#### **Pussy Riot Founder Nadya Tolokno in Conversation**

**Friday, September 15, 7:30-9:30 pm**

Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness Ave Ste 110, San Francisco

Hosted by [CIIS Public Programs](#)

[Ticket Information](#)

In addition to the program, you can meet Nadya Tolokno! For just \$30, add a Pre-Show Reception ticket to your order. Meet the artist from 6:00-7:00pm in the intimate CIIS gallery, located at 1453 Mission Street. Attendance very limited.

Feminist, political prisoner, mother, activist, artist, radical. Nadya Tolokno is all of these, but she is best known as the founder of Pussy Riot, an all-female protest group intent on drawing attention to human rights violations in Vladimir Putin's Russia and throughout the world.

In August 2012, Nadya was arrested following Pussy Riot's anti-Putin performance known as "Punk Prayer" in Moscow's Cathedral of Christ the Saviour. This protest, along with Nadya's subsequent two years of imprisonment in a labor camp in Siberia, attracted vast international attention, outcry, and support. Since her release, she has remained a vocal advocate for worldwide social justice, speaking against corruption and injustice through a wide variety of platforms from social media to congressional addresses. Most recently, she produced and starred in three new Pussy Riot music videos that portray the future of the USA under President Trump. Moving forward after the 2016 election remains a daunting task for many

Americans. We find ourselves seeking role models for inspiration to help refuel our resistance efforts, and Nadya Tolokno is certainly one of them. Join her with local artist and activist Jadelynn Stahl for an evening of conversation and advice on how to triumph in the new political and social landscape.

### ❖**Dreamer Fund - Free DACA Renewals**

**Friday, September 15, 2-6 pm, Saturday September 15, 9 am-4 pm**

University of San Francisco School of Law, 2199 Fulton Street, San Francisco

Sponsored by: [Immigration & Deportation Defense Clinic](#), USF School of Law

Attorneys and law students will be assisting with the applications. They are also fundraising in order to pay for some of the filing fees. Please help by donating any amount that you can [here](#).

To confirm your participation, please call (415) 422-4385

### **Greenpeace Non-Violent Direct Action Training**

**Saturday, September 16, 9:30 am-5:30 pm**

955 7th St, Oakland

Join Greenpeace for a full-day workshop on creative, non-violent resistance! This training will introduce the basic concepts of non-violent direct action and how to use creative resistance as a tool for change. With experienced trainers from Greenpeace and right here in California, you'll learn about the history and philosophy of non-violent direct action and explore techniques to apply these lessons to your organizing. This introductory workshop is focused on strategic, non-violent tactics and how to spot action opportunities in your community, not necessarily advanced action skills. We invite anyone interested in taking part in the Summer of Resistance against Trump's harmful agenda to join us- no experience required.

Space for this training is limited, so [please RSVP now](#) to reserve your spot. If it turns out you can't make it, please change your RSVP so someone on the wait list can attend! Full-day participation is required. Please keep in mind that minors who wish to participate must be accompanied by a parent or guardian with a signed waiver.

### ❖**Celebrate Constitution Day - Handwrite the Constitution!**

**Sunday, September 17, 10:00 am-12 noon**

Hosted by Indivisible San Francisco

Rincon Park, 270 The Embarcadero, San Francisco

Celebrate Constitution Day on Sunday, September 17 by taking part in a nationwide writing project with Indivisible SF. We'll be at Rincon Park on the Embarcadero from 10am to 12pm noon to collectively hand-copy excerpts of the U.S. Constitution. How much you choose to write out is at your own discretion. Even a couple paragraphs can provide real insights. This action will raise awareness of our rights as citizens, give us a closer connection to the text and its meaning, and provide a space for discussion of what we discover. We'll be meeting at the bow and arrow sculpture with 50 copies of the Constitution, writing utensils, and paper to share. Please bring a clipboard or other writing surface if possible. Getting there: Rincon Park is a five minute walk from San Francisco's historic Ferry Building -- and is located directly across from the Folsom stop on the Muni's N and T streetcar lines. Learn more about the Handwriting the Constitution project [here](#).

### ❖**Indivisible East Bay September All Members Meeting**

**Sunday, September 17, 2-4 pm**

Oakland Public Library, 125 14th St, Oakland

Join our monthly meeting for members and newcomers interested in opposing the Trump agenda! Free. Register [here](#). For more information, visit [indivisibleeb.org](#).

### ❖**Trump, the Constitution and the Judiciary**

### **September 19, 12-1:15 pm online program**

The Bar Association of San Francisco

- What constitutional questions, doctrines, and crises has the Trump presidency raised?
  - What laws might the administration push and how has it used executive orders?
  - Who is the administration putting forward to fill judgeships, and what is the status of confirmations?
  - What type of litigation against the administration is likely?
  - How does Trump's Justice Department differ from Obama's Justice Department?
- Online only. 1 hour MCLE credit. Information and registration [here](#).

### **❖Moral Revival Mass Meeting for Poor People's Campaign**

**Tuesday, September 19, 7 pm - Livestream**

McCarty Memorial Christian Church, 4103 W. Adams Blvd, Los Angeles

Featuring Rev. Dr. William Barber, II and Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis, along with community leaders from California discussing the issues, history, and vision for the [Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival](#). The call for this Campaign has emerged from more than a decade of work by grassroots community and religious leaders, organizations and movements fighting to end systemic racism, poverty, militarism, environmental destruction & related injustices. It aims to build a broad and deep national moral fusion movement – rooted in the leadership of the poor, marginalized and moral agents and reflecting the great moral teachings – to unite our country from the bottom up. It draws on the history, vision, and unfinished work of the 1967/68 Poor People's Campaign. As our social fabric is stretched thin by widening income inequality, politicians criminalize the poor, fan the flames of racism and xenophobia to divide the poor, and steal from the poor to give tax breaks to the rich and budget increases to a bloated military. At such a time as this, we need a Poor People's Campaign for Moral Revival to help us become the nation we've not yet been. To read more about the Campaign, click [here](#).

### **❖Speakers' Series: Oakland's New Police Chief Anne Kirkpatrick**

**Thursday, September 21, 6-7:30 pm**

Sponsored by League of Women Voters of Oakland

Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church, Harris Hall, 1188 12th Street, Oakland

Concerned about policing in Oakland? Come hear from our new Chief of Police, Anne Kirkpatrick, covering: crime prevention, human trafficking, profiling, recruitment and retention of officers, and more. Register [here](#).

### **No Hate in the Bay: March Against White Supremacy**

**Saturday, September 23, 12 noon, 63rd & Adeline Streets, Berkeley**

Join fellow community members to let fascists, the alt-right and all white supremacists know that they are not welcome in the Bay Area. Stay for a festival of resistance to celebrate our multi-racial, multi-cultural, queer, trans, dis-abled, and interfaith communities!

(No information about this group except [Facebook page](#).)

### **Activism and Civic Engagement Open House**

**Saturday, September 23, 2-4 pm**

Hayward Castro Valley Moose Lodge, 20835 Rutledge Rd, Castro Valley

(Not sure if an organization is sponsoring this event. Found on Indivisible East Bay events page) [Facebook page](#).

Have current events inspired you to become more politically engaged? Do you want to plug into local opportunities for civic involvement and activism, but need to know where to start? Come hear representatives from community groups like Organizing for Action; Indivisible, and the Alameda County Democrats as well as representatives from local elected officials. Find out about opportunities to impact local, state, and federal politics, from serving on local boards and committees, to getting involved in campaigns, even volunteering with your local elected

official. This event is free and open to the public. We will be collecting donations at the door to support the Hayward-Castro Valley Moose Lodge's charitable foundation.

### ❖ **DACA Renewal Workshop in SF**

**Saturday, September 23, 1-5 pm**

Mission High School, 3750 18th St San Francisco

Hosted by [Dream SF](#) and [SF Office of Civic Engagement & Immigrant Affairs](#)

Free DACA renewal workshop and information session

Renew your DACA now if your work authorization expires between September 5, 2017 and March 5, 2018.

- DACA Renewal Application Assistance
- Informational Presentations on the Future of Deferred Action and Immigrant Rights
- General Attorney Consultations for DACA recipients
- Fee Assistance and Resources to Pay Application Fee

### **BLM Bay Area: A Meet-Up for Black Communities**

**Tuesday, September 26, 6:30-8:30 pm**

Center for Media Justice, 436 14th St, Oakland

Hosted by Black Lives Matter Bay Area

Black folk of the Bay Area -- it's been a long time/we shouldn't have left you/without a strong fight to step to. We're back and ready to build! As the white nationalist right rears its hateful head, let's re-connect, examine the current local conditions, and develop strategies to strengthen Black communities and leadership in the Bay. RSVP and bring a dish to share if you can! Post in the event to let us know what you'll be bringing. The space is accessible for members of our disabled community, and we encourage folks to keep it low-scent or scent free so ALL Black folk seeing liberation can participate. See you in September! Free Admission [More information here.](#)

### **Equal Justice Society Annual Gala 2017**

**Wednesday, September 27, 6-9 pm**

Robertson Auditorium, Mission Bay Conference Center, 1675 Owens Street, San Francisco  
The Equal Justice Society celebrates its 17th anniversary with an "Art + Youth" gala uplifting art as a vehicle for social justice and the youth and young adults as our torchbearers in the civil rights movement. [Tickets](#) are \$150 and sponsorships are available (sponsor benefits). For more information, contact [info@equaljusticesociety.org](mailto:info@equaljusticesociety.org) or 415-288-8700.

### **Fighting for Justice: Fred Korematsu Speaks Up**

**Thursday, September 28, 7:30-8:30 pm**

Hosted by Kepler's Literary Foundation and 2 others

Kepler's Literary Foundation, Menlo Park

ACLU of Northern California presents a special evening reflecting on the life and work of Fred Korematsu. Korematsu defied the governments WWII orders that all Japanese Americans leave the west coast to be incarcerated. The ACLU-NC represented Korematsu all the way to the Supreme Court. Now, when the lessons of Fred Korematsu's life are even more important to remember, Laura Atkins and Stan Yogi will speak about their new book for children, *Fred Korematsu Speaks Up*, which tells the story of Fred Korematsu and the imprisonment of Japanese Americans, linking that injustice to the struggles of other groups. With politicians citing the WWII incarceration of Japanese Americans as a precedent for a Muslim registry, Fred Korematsu's story of defiance is especially relevant now for all people in America, especially young ones, to understand. Free Admission. Kid Friendly RSVP [here](#).

### **Take Back The Vote: National Election Integrity Conference**

**Saturday, October 7, 10 am - Sunday, October 8, 5 pm**

South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis St, Berkeley  
California Election Integrity Coalition (CEIC), a non partisan voting rights organization, is hosting its 2nd Annual National “Take Back The Vote” Conference. Over 25 nationally recognized leaders in the election integrity movement will be assembling from across the country. Among them are computer scientists and election officials as well as federal, state and local legislators. Our guests will be making presentations, answering questions, sharing ideas, debating critical issues, and creating a strategy for the future. Speakers include Drs. Barbara Simons & David Jefferson (Verified Voting), John Brakey (AZ), Lulu Friesdat (NY), Jan BenDor (MI), Lu Aptifer (MA), Karen McKim (WI), Dr. Laura Pressley (TX) and more. Co-sponsors: California Election Integrity Coalition, Voting Rights Task Force, Ballots for Bernie, Wellstone Democratic Renewal Club, Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists  
We need your help to put this conference on. It is funded entirely by individual contributions. [Donate here](#) \$25 day. Early bird discount: \$40 for 2 days! Nobody will be turned away for lack of funds. Register [here](#).

### ❖“Awake” - Screening of a Film About Standing Rock

**Thursday, October 12, 7-9 pm**

Richmond Progressives Alliance, 2540 Mcdonald Avenue, Richmond  
Q&A with director Myron Dewey after the screening.  
<http://www.awakethefilm.org/> Event [Facebook page](#).

### **The Women’s Convention, Detroit, Michigan**

**October 27-29**

Three days of workshops, strategy sessions, inspiring forums and intersectional movement building from the organizers of the January Women’s March. Register [here](#).

### **Reform CA Regional Gatherings**

**Sunday, November 12, 10 am-2 pm**

Congregation Beth El, Berkeley

The next step to follow up from lobby day is Reform CA’s Fall Regional Gatherings. For the first time ever, leaders of Reform congregational social justice work will come together to share their successes and challenges, evaluate Reform CA’s work this year and plan for the future. This event will leave congregational social justice leaders energized for the tasks ahead – please make sure your whole social justice team has the dates for the Regional Gathering near you in their calendars. (Registration link broken. Look for link in future digests.)

## **RECURRING EVENTS**

### **Voter Registration for New Citizens Swearing In Ceremony**

**10 am - 12 Noon at the Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway, Oakland**

**Tuesday, September 26.** Register [here](#).

Helping brand new Americans activate their citizenship by registering to vote is one of the most fulfilling activities we can participate in. From countries all over the world, they pour out of the Paramount Theater after taking the oath of allegiance to their new homeland, where we welcome them with an offer to register to vote the same day. Look for a row of ironing boards on both sides of the entrance. No experience is necessary - we will train on site at 10 am.

If you Register and get a message that the event is Full, please email [mediasusan2@gmail.com](mailto:mediasusan2@gmail.com). Several people who signed up early are now not able to make it. I am not able to change the capacity but we can use more people.

The 19th St. BART station is 1/2 block from the Paramount Theatre. If you drive, allow extra time to find street parking. Look for us on Broadway Street set up on both sides of the entrance

to the Paramount Theater. Please plan to be on site by 10 am for training and distribution of volunteers. This is an outdoor event and you will be standing for approx. 2 hours.

### **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)

### **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

### **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](#)

### **El Cerrito Shows Up**

#### **Wednesdays, 6 pm**

6050 El Cerrito Plaza, El Cerrito, West entrance to El Cerrito Plaza, intersection of San Pablo Ave & Carlson Ave. (In front of Daiso)

[Facebook page](#) or [Eventbrite link](#)

Our goals are to create a significant community presence to speak out in favor of equality, justice, inclusiveness and more. We say NO to hatred, racism, white supremacy and nationalism, bigotry, and anti-Semitism. We'll have two large poster-board signs, one that says "YES" and one "NO." You can bring your own sign with your own words expressing what you stand for and against. Use BIG lettering so people in cars can see! We'll also have sign-making materials. We are from the El Cerrito area. Our first Show Up location is at the borders of El Cerrito, Richmond and Albany -- all are welcome!

We will assemble lawfully, and won't block the sidewalk. All locations we select will be wheelchair-accessible. To participate you must commit to non-violent and respectful conduct.

### **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

### **ACLU - 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](#).

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. [here](#).

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

#### **News**

❖ [Support Grassroots Florida Organizations Helping Communities Recover and Rebuild](#)

From 350.org

#### **GUN SAFETY**

❖ **Congress to vote on NRA-backed bill** - From Everytown for Gun Safety

The distinctive noise that a gun makes is one of its most important safety features: when people hear a gunshot, they know to run, hide, protect themselves or notify law enforcement. For decades, federal laws have kept silencers accessible only to law-abiding citizens and prevented them from falling into the wrong hands. Now the corporate gun lobby, gun silencer spokesman Donald Trump, Jr., and their friends in Congress are pushing for radical legislation that would profit gun companies by gutting silencer safety requirements. [Send your letter now](#) urging your representative to OPPOSE roll back of gun silencer safety laws -- and don't put gun industry profits over public safety!

#### **IMMIGRATION**

##### **DACA**

❖ From Indivisible - Defend DACA recipients. Tell your members of Congress (MoCs) that you want the Dream Act attached to every must-pass bill in Congress [using our new script and](#)

[state-specific explainer](#). You can also check out our comprehensive resource on how to stand up for Dreamers and all immigrants-- in partnership with United We Dream and the National Immigration Law Center-- at [standup.indivisibleguide.com](http://standup.indivisibleguide.com). Oppose H.R. 3697. The House is expected to vote this Tuesday on a bill that criminalizes immigrants, including those fleeing gang violence, and allows more of them to be detained and deported. It also affects vulnerable populations such as asylum seekers, TPS holders, and unaccompanied children. Tell your MoCs to vote no on H.R. 3697, the Criminal Alien Gang Member Removal Act.

Ways to fight back from [Here to Stay](#)

From Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism

1. Urge your Senators and Representative to immediately pass a clean Dream Act of 2017 (S.1615/H.R.3440). Congress must act now to protect DACA recipients from deportation or detention. The bipartisan Dream Act would grant DACA recipients permanent residence status and provide a pathway to citizenship for DREAMers who attend college, work in the U.S., or serve in the military.

2. Show broad, public, and unified support in your community by joining events, vigils, and other activities to support DREAMers. Visit <http://www.weareheretostay.org> to find events in your community. By joining with others, we will help show the full breadth of support for DREAMers and for a just immigration system.

## **Alameda County Youth Leadership Academy**

The Alameda County Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) is a free, educational program for high school students in the 11th or 12th grade to learn about local government and complete a career development program alongside their peers from around the County. In five Saturday morning sessions in Fall 2017, young leaders will learn about County programs, engage with County staff and elected officials, and build leadership skills to solve community problems. To be eligible, applicants must be a high school junior or senior at a school within Alameda County, and reside in Alameda County. The online application will be **available from the week of September 26, 2016 up until October 21, 2016**. Please note the application period may close earlier than the October 21, 2016 date if all slots have been filled. More information [here](#). Please encourage any young leaders you know to apply!

## **Articles**

❖ [California sues Trump over DACA: 'We don't bait and switch in this country'](#) - Sacramento Bee, September 11

❖ [UC sues Trump administration over DACA decision](#) - Sacramento Bee, September 8

❖ [White House Weighs Lowering Refugee Quota to Below 50,000](#) - New York Times, September 13

The Trump administration is considering reducing the number of refugees to be admitted to the country next year to fewer than 50,000, which would be the lowest level in 37 years, the New York Times reported on Tuesday. National Security Council officials are weighing lowering the annual quota of refugee admissions to 40,000, less than half of the 110,000 quota set under President Obama for 2016. White House adviser Stephen Miller has pressed to reduce the ceiling further. The Department of Homeland Security, which favors deep cuts in refugee admissions, has been embroiled in an intense debate with the State and Defense Departments, which oppose any extreme reduction. By law, the administration must decide by the start of the fiscal year on October 1. - From Lawfare RoundUp Team



❖ [How California could jolt the 2020 presidential race: The nation's largest state is poised to upend the primary election schedule](#) - Politico California Playbook, September 10

California is pushing forward with a plan to change the state's primary date from June to March, a move that could scramble the 2020 presidential nominating contest and swing the early weight of the campaign to the West. If adopted by the legislature this week — as is widely expected — and signed into law by Gov. Jerry Brown, the early primary would allocate California's massive haul of delegates just after the nation's first contests in Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada and South Carolina.

❖ [California's poverty rate remains nation's highest](#) - Sacramento Bee, September 12

One in five Californians lives in poverty, the highest rate in the country, according to new data from the U.S. Census Bureau. The "Supplemental Poverty Measure," factors in cost of living and shows a stubbornly high share of Golden State residents in poverty even as the national rate has dropped slightly.

"As long as people are people, democracy, in the full sense of the word, will always be no more than an ideal. One may approach it as one would the horizon in ways that may be better or worse, but it can never be fully attained. In this sense, you, too, are merely approaching democracy. You have thousands of problems of all kinds, as other countries do. But you have one great advantage: You have been approaching democracy uninterruptedly for more than 200 years, and your journey toward the horizon has never been disrupted by a totalitarian system."  
Václav Havel's speech to the United States Congress, February 1990