

## **March 1, 2017 Weekly Advocacy Email**

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Monthly Interfaith Vigils to Support Immigrant Detainees**

**Saturday, March 4, 11 am- 12 noon**

West County Detention Facility, 5555 Giant Highway, Richmond  
Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights - ICIR-CLUE-CA (Interfaith advocacy in Northern California for the rights and dignity of the immigrant community)  
<http://icir-clue.blogspot.com/p/action.html>

1st Saturday of every month. 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. Please bring a noisemaker for our sacred Moment of Noise- where we let the detainees know that we have not forgotten them. This month will be led by Bishop O'Dowd High School students

#### **Phone Bank to Support the ACA**

**Saturday, March 4, 1:00-4:00 pm**

Calling in Red States for Health Care!

We're continuing to call red states to activate Democrats in areas where they have little support! Please bring a cell phone, charger and your laptop and or a tablet.

Host: Mark Badger Contact Phone: (510)444-0247

12 Hillcrest Court, Berkeley

#### **Bay Resistance Training for ICE response**

**Saturday, March 4, 1:30-5:30 pm**

Mission High School, San Francisco

Childcare provided.

[bayresistance.org](http://bayresistance.org)

<https://actionnetwork.org/events/bay-resistance-march-4th-mass-meeting-trainings>

#### **Panel Discussion On 13th Amendment Documentary titled "13th"**

**Saturday, March 4** - 10:30am door opens, 11:15am film screening, 1:00pm panel discussion

Sponsored by the League of Women Voters, West Contra Costa County

Special Guests De Anza High School, Theatre- 5000 Valley View Rd Richmond, CA 94803

US Congressman Mark DeSaulnier - Senator Nancy Skinner, Assemblyman Tony Thurmond -

Supervisor John Gioia, Superior Court Judge Diana Becton, Contra Costa County Public

Defender Ali Saidi; Moderator David Gray

Contact: Joan Carpenter (510) 932-5354

#### **East Bay Interfaith Immigration Coalition Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 8th 9:00 - 10:30 am**

University Lutheran Chapel 2425 College Ave, Berkeley

#### **Voter Registration for new citizens**

**Wednesday, March 8 and 29, 10 am to about noon**

Paramount Theater, Oakland. We'll do a refresher training - or new training for new people - and balance the volunteers at the 2 stations. If you've done this before, still come at 10 and help train new volunteers. Contact Susan Pfeifer [mediasusan2@gmail.com](mailto:mediasusan2@gmail.com) or 415-860-8081

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## **A Day Without Women National Strike**

**Wednesday, March 8 (International Women's Day)**

sponsored by Women's March

The event recognizes the enormous value that women of all backgrounds add to our socio-economic system--while receiving lower wages and experiencing greater inequities, vulnerability to discrimination, sexual harassment, and job insecurity. We recognize that trans and gender nonconforming people face heightened levels of discrimination, social oppression and political targeting. We believe in gender justice. Anyone, anywhere, can join by making March 8th A Day Without a Woman, in one or all of the following ways:

1. Women take the day off, from paid and unpaid labor
2. Avoid shopping for one day (with exceptions for small, women- and minority-owned businesses).
3. Wear RED in solidarity with A Day Without A Woman

## **"Women's Role in the Three Abrahamic Religions" Jewish/Muslim Discussion Group**

**Thursday, March 9, light dinner at 6:45 p.m., program starts 7:30 p.m.**

Pacifica Institute, 979 San Pablo Ave, Albany

The program will start with a vegetarian light dinner, followed by 3 short presentations/speeches by women from each of the 3 religions (Jewish, Christian and Muslim) and a group discussion. Feel free to invite your friends. Please RSVP using the link below:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/interfaith-discussion-group-womens-day-gathering-tickets-32384218068?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term=listing>

## **Know Your Rights and Options: A Webinar for Community College and Adult School Students**

**Friday, March 10, 12-1:30 PST**

Are you a DACAmented or undocumented community college or adult school student? If so, then join the staff of the National Immigration Law Center (NILC) on Friday, March 10th at noon PST for a webinar covering the future of DACA, what to do and not to do if approached by ICE, and considerations to keep in mind when planning to continue your education and/or to join the workforce.

Register at: <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/7667187431469561090>

## **International Women's Day Climate Change Impact on Women's Health: Urban, Rural, International**

**Saturday, March 11, 1-3 pm**

University of California, Berkeley Campus in Berkeley, University Hall Room 110

Sponsoring organization: The United Nations East Bay Chapter

A celebration of International Women's Day highlighting the topic of climate change and women's health while exploring policy issues.

The Director of Climate Change and Public Health of the Public Health Institute's Center for Climate Change and Public Health, Dr. Linda Rudolph, will discuss the integration of health in all policies in local jurisdictions around California. Moderator, Professor Isha ("Eesha") Ray of U.C. Berkeley's Energy and Resources Group will be joined by panelists from the School of Public Health's Global Environmental Health, California Consortium of Urban Indian Health, the Women and Gender Studies at U.C. Davis and Sela Sustainability, LLC.

Admission is free.

Weekday telephone number of contact person: Liliane Koziol, Phone | Fax: (510) 849 1752

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## **Town Hall with the Contra Costa County Racial Justice Coalition**

**Saturday, March 11, 10 am-2 pm**

Join the movement to stop Trump's agenda in our county and create our vision for a fair and inclusive county where everyone has the opportunities they need to thrive.

First Christian Church, 3039 Willow Pass Rd., Concord

For more information: Claudia Jimenez - [jimenez.claudia78@gmail.com](mailto:jimenez.claudia78@gmail.com) (510) 414-9025; David Sharples - [dsharples@calorganize.org](mailto:dsharples@calorganize.org) (415) 377-9037; Tamisha Walker - [tamisha@safeturnproject.org](mailto:tamisha@safeturnproject.org) (510) 493-3875

## **Faith Rooted Organizing Training**

**Sunday March 12, 2:00-5:30 and Monday March 13, 9:00 am-4:00 p.m.** The Oakland Peace Center, 111 Fairmount Ave, Oakland

\$25 - \$75 (sliding scale); To register email [kristi@workingeastbay.org](mailto:kristi@workingeastbay.org)

This training is for clergy, lay leaders, and spiritually-motivated social change agents. This two-part training will deepen your understanding of the theory and skills of how to be an effective organizer in the world. It will help you to tap into your own deep values, motivations and visions. It will help you more fully integrate the gifts of your own faith and religious practices into your social justice work. It will connect you to a rich organizing model and ethos that grows out of the civil rights movement, liberation struggles in other countries and worker justice struggles in the U.S. This training has proven transformative to the veteran and novice social justice advocate alike. It is an effective way to energize yourself and others in your congregation or network and help build a common framework and ethos among colleagues. Faith Rooted Organizing invites us to move beyond winning campaigns and calls us closer to our goal of building the beloved community—which we urgently need to live into.

Sponsored by: Faith Alliance for a Moral Economy, The Oakland Peace Center & Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity.

## **Leadership Breakfast with Barbara Lee and special guest Barbara Boxer**

**Monday, March 13, 2017, 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.**

Leadership Breakfast with Barbara Lee

HS Lordships, 199 Seawall Dr, Berkeley, CA 94710 **(PLEASE NOTE LOCATION - different from what was posted last week)**

<https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/031317leadbfast?refcode=ev-em-170217>

## **Health Care Forum with Representative Barbara Lee**

**Monday, March 14, 4:00-5:00**

UC Berkeley Campus, 2050 Valley Life Sciences Building

Sponsored by the Berkeley Center for Social Medicine.

## **Borders and Identity Conference, Featuring Jose Antonio Vargas**

**Friday, March 17, 10:00 am - Saturday, March 18, 5:00 pm**

Pacific School of Religion, 1798 Scenic Way, Berkeley

Join us for a two-day conference on “Borders & Identity” addressing the critical theological, pastoral and social issues of our day. Migration across all kinds of borders—both physical and metaphorical—is reshaping our understanding of identity across boundaries of race, culture, religion, sexuality, gender, and nationality. It has been a major, and divisive, theme of national politics. Halfway through the first 100 days of Trump's presidency, join us for an engaging weekend of workshops, worship, direct action, and community building. The conference will emphasize practical skills, timely resources, and a deeper analysis of the critical issues facing us at this moment. Our goal is to equip leaders to stand for justice with all those on the margins and borders. The keynote address will be delivered by Jose Antonio Vargas, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, filmmaker, immigration activist, and founder of Define American. Jose

Antonio Vargas' keynote address is free of charge to the public, made possible by the Earl and Boswell endowments. Seating is limited, however, so please register here.  
<https://psr.edu/events/borders-identity-2017-earl-and-boswell-lectures>

## **A Jewish Community Forum: Championing Democratic Freedoms, Advancing Social Justice and Ensuring Security**

**Sunday March 19, 9:30 a.m. - 5 pm**

Jewish Community High School of the Bay, 1835 Ellis St., San Francisco  
Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC)

This Jewish Community Forum is intended to provide community members with an opportunity to learn effective strategies for advocacy and the powers of government in our participatory democracy. Attendees will leave empowered with the information, ideas and training needed to engage in civic affairs at the federal, state and municipal levels. Learn To SPEAK OUT on issues! oSPEAK UP when faced with discrimination!

BE AN AMBASSADOR for our Jewish community!

Cost \$25 - Advance Registration Required!

<https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/JCRCSanFrancisco/Forum.html>

## **Immigration Law Basics**

**Friday, March 24, 2017, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm**

UC Hastings College of the Law, Alumni Reception Center (ARC), 200 McAllister St, SF  
Free event

Topics will include:

- A guide to the naturalization and permanent residency processes
- Non-citizens and the criminal justice system
- The basics of asylum and refugee law

RSVP here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/immigration-law-basics-tickets-32316549670>

\*MCLE credit approval pending. Credit is NOT guaranteed as of now.

## **Notes Against the Ban - musical concert**

**Saturday, March 25, 7-9 pm**

1433 Madison Street, Oakland

ZAWAYA & Islamic Cultural Center of Northern California (ICCNC) will sponsor a concert by the Aswat Ensemble showcasing the music of the 7 countries listed on January 27th's Executive Order. The beauty of such a concert will lie in expressing the complexity and many cultural layers in the seven countries – Libya, Yemen, Iran, Syria, Iraq, Somalia, and Sudan-- with music acting as ambassador from these countries to our own. The event is free but advanced registration is requested and recommended. Register at [AGAINSTTHEBAN.EVENTBRITE.COM](http://AGAINSTTHEBAN.EVENTBRITE.COM)

## **Jewish-Muslim Dialogue**

**Sunday April 9, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm**

Pacifica Institute, 979 San Pablo, Albany

## **California Live! A Dream denied? The Immigrant Experience in the Campus Community**

**Tuesday, April 11, 7-9 pm**

Cal Alumni Association will present a panel discussion focusing on how Cal and other public universities can safeguard their undocumented students.

The panel will include several esteemed members of the Cal alumni community: Moderator Diane Dwyer '87, veteran Bay Area journalist; Robert D. Haas '64, Chairman-Emeritus, Levi Strauss & Co.; Ali Noorani '96, Executive Director, National Immigration Forum; Saira Hussain '09, J.D. '13, Staff Attorney, Asian Law Caucus; Meng So '10, M.A., Director, Undocumented

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Student Program, UC Berkeley; Valeska Castaneda-Puerto '16, Program Manager, Student Support, Cal Alumni Association  
Registration will open in late February. We hope you can join us!

## **APRIL MARCHES**

### **Tax March on Washington**

**Saturday, April 15**

Demand Trump release his tax returns

### **March for Science**

**Saturday, April 22 (Earth Day), Washington, D.C.** (and Oakland and San Francisco)

The organizers of the Sister March for Science sister march in San Francisco are looking for help with various legal, regulatory, and charity issues related to the march. If you are interested in helping, please sign up here:

<https://goodally.mobilize.io/registrations/groups/10090>

### **March for Climate Action**

**Saturday, April 29, Washington, D.C.** (look for information about local marches)

Excerpts from 350.org email: "I don't know if you're like me, but there are days when the sound of Mr. Trump's voice just makes me want to curl up in a fetal position. The losses we've suffered just in the past week, as the new EPA head started gutting water and air protections, makes me think of the earlier generations of activists who worked so hard to get these laws enacted. . . . [F]or those of us focused on the climate questions that will define the future of our planet, we need to be fixing on the end of April. On April 22, Earth Day, scientists will march . . . Then on April 29, which falls on about the hundredth day of the new administration, we need to gather in Washington DC and across the country for the People's Climate March. . . It will be a solemn day-we've just come through the hottest year ever measured on this planet, after all. But it will also be a joyful and rousing one: we'll be celebrating the launch of a new drive to make our nation run on a 100% renewable energy economy that works for all. We know Trump won't support it, but we're getting on with the job at hand: demonstrating the political will for climate justice so that every other politician sprints as far ahead as possible.

Here's the place to sign up:

[https://peoplesclimate.org/?source=350&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=actionkit](https://peoplesclimate.org/?source=350&utm_medium=email&utm_source=actionkit).

But we need you doing more than signing up and showing up. We need you, as always, organizing: getting others to come, filling buses, creating art, suggesting themes. We need each other, really. That's what a movement is.

### **Consultation on Conscience**

**Sunday, April 30 - Tuesday, May 2, Washington D.C.**

The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism's biennial social justice leadership conference. Held over three days in Washington, D.C., Consultation empowers the Reform Jewish Movement through leadership development; opportunities for network and community building; and active dialogue culminating in an afternoon of advocacy on Capitol Hill. It is open to Congregational Delegations as well as individuals looking to build relationships and deepen their engagement in the fight for progressive social change in North America. In 2017, there will be a special focus on issues of racial justice, including conversations on how to better organize to combat voter suppression and the staggering problem of mass incarceration in America. For more information, go to [www.rac.org](http://www.rac.org)

### **Planned Parenthood Benefit with Capitol Steps**

**Friday, May 5**

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Culinary Institute of America at Copia, 500 1st Street, Napa, CA

5:30 - 6:45 PM Reception and Cinco de Mayo Buffet

7:00 - 8:30 PM Capitol Steps Performance

8:30 - 10:00 PM After-party

Reserve your tickets today \$250

<https://secure.ppaction.org/site/Ticketing?view=Tickets&id=130993>

For more information please contact [events@ppnorcal.org](mailto:events@ppnorcal.org) or 925.887.5285

Join us for an evening of laughter benefiting Planned Parenthood Northern California!

The Capitol Steps have been a Washington, DC institution for over thirty years, providing a unique blend of musical and political comedy to our nation's capital and beyond. Each show consists of tasteful lampooning guaranteed to leave both sides of the political spectrum laughing. Their show is constantly changing, strenuously bipartisan, and includes songs about the election madness, as well as other things in the news, such as "How Do You Solve a Problem Like Crimea," "Ain't No Pipeline, Now It's Gone," and "The iMpossible iWatch."

### **Resilience of Racism Conference**

**June 1-3, 2017 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day**

Hosted by the Equal Justice Society. The conference will explore mind science concepts such as implicit bias and racial anxiety to help us understand and ameliorate racism in all its manifestations.

Oakland Asian Cultural Center, 388 9th Street, Oakland

Register - <https://resilienceofracism.eventbrite.com>

See the preliminary conference agenda - <https://equaljusticesociety.org/mindscience>

Conference contact: [events@equaljusticesociety.com](mailto:events@equaljusticesociety.com) 510-629-9EJS (9357)

### **Events sponsored by the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity**

There are now 16 Bay Area Sanctuary Congregations!

Address inquiries for all events to:

Rev. Deborah Lee ([dlee@im4humanintegrity.org](mailto:dlee@im4humanintegrity.org)); (415) 534-5620

#### **Immigration Forum in These Times**

**Tuesday, March 7, 6:00 - 8:30 pm** - Ygnacio Valley Presbyterian Church  
2140 Minert Road, Concord

#### **East Bay Interfaith Immigration Coalition Monthly meeting**

**Wednesday, March 8, 9:00-10:30 am** - 2425 College Ave. Berkeley

**Seder Worship and Discussion on Sanctuary and Accompaniment**

**Friday, March 10, 6:30 pm** - Congregation B'nai Tikvah, Walnut Creek

#### **Root Causes of Migration Presentation**

**Sunday, March 12, 11:00 am** - Temple Beth El, Berkeley (with First Church Berkeley)

#### **Regional Sanctuary Strategy Session for Bay Area Congregations**

**Friday, March 17 - 9:30 am - 12 pm**

With leaders from the National Sanctuary Movement

#### **Sanctuary in Action**

**Saturday, March 18th - 9:30 am** - Mt. Diablo UU Church, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek

#### **SF Sanctuary Congregations Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 28, 6-7:30 pm** - St. Agnes Church, SF

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**Root Causes of Migration & Sanctuary**  
**Friday, March 31, 7:30 pm** - Christ the King, Pleasant Hill

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**Reverberating Echoes – art exhibit**

**Through May 27. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

2465 Le Conte Ave, Berkeley

"An exhibit of contemporary art serves as a balm to anti-Muslim rhetoric"

<http://www.berkeleyside.com/2017/02/13/exhibit-contemporary-art-serves-balm-anti-muslim-rhetoric>

**But wait, there's more...**

**Oppose Steve Bannon with Senate Committee on Homeland Security**

The Senate Committee on Homeland Security is inviting comment and counting calls before it decides whether to approve Steve Bannon's appointment to the National Security Council. Call! 202-224-4751. (You don't have to talk to anyone. It automatically goes to voicemail). Just say: "Hi my name is \_\_\_\_\_. I am from \_\_\_\_ [state] and am an American citizen. I oppose Steve Bannon being confirmed to sit on our National Security Council."

**Bay Area Rapid Response Hotline Numbers in case of ICE activity**

Alameda County (ACILEP): 510-241-4011

SF County (SFILN): 415-200-1548

California Statewide: 1-844-878-7801

Nationwide- United We Dream: 1-844-363-1423

**ACLU webinars for Know Your Rights Canvasser**

Canvassers engage in 1 minute conversations with participants at rallies and protests or other community events, passing out Know Your Rights wallet cards. Sign up for one of our weekly webinars here. (Every Thursday at noon)

<https://zoom.us/webinar/register/2b66fed89e18a28d4ac87b605f06faf5>

Know Your Rights Workshop Facilitator: Workshop facilitators teach people about their rights in a classroom-like setting, utilizing the ACLU of California developed curriculum. They also form a network of individuals who can rapidly push out changes in the law and its practical implications to past participants of their workshops. If interested, contact barbara dilts <[bdilts@redshift.com](mailto:bdilts@redshift.com)> from the Berkeley/North East Bay ACLU chapter

**Support state legislation protecting immigrants**

From [CASanctuaryCampaign@googlegroups.com](mailto:CASanctuaryCampaign@googlegroups.com)

Our immediate next step is to help pass SB 54 and companion bills SB 6 and AB 3. SB 54, the "California Values Act", would prevent the use of state and local resources to aid ICE with detainers and deportations. You can learn more about SB 54 here:

[http://sd24.senate.ca.gov/news/2016-12-](http://sd24.senate.ca.gov/news/2016-12-07-senate-leader-de-leon-introduces-bill-freeze-out-ice)

[07-senate-leader-de-leon-introduces-bill-freeze-out-ice](http://sd24.senate.ca.gov/news/2016-12-07-senate-leader-de-leon-introduces-bill-freeze-out-ice)

SB 54 has passed the Safety Committee and is now in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

You can call 916-651- 4101 to register your support. You can also call individual committee members: <http://sapro.senate.ca.gov/>

While SB 54 has strong support in the State Senate, it would be helpful if you also called Speaker Rendon, 916-319- 2063, to bolster support in the Assembly.

SB 6 and AB 3 address funding for legal defense and an increase in the number of providers of legal assistance in regional centers. In Marin, the wait time to see an attorney is currently a

least a month which will be alleviated by these two bills. SB6 is currently before the Senate Human Services Committee, 916-651-1524. You can find the full committee here: <http://shum.senate.ca.gov/>. AB 3 is before the Assembly Human Services Committee, 916-319- 2089. You can find the full committee here: <http://ahum.assembly.ca.gov/>

**This week's resources:**

#ResistTrumpTuesdays <http://resisthere.org> calendar of congressional representative events by zip code

<https://www.resistancecalendar.org> (Michael Moore)