

## **May 17, 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**

#### **❖Surviving the next 1345 days: What we can learn from the Tea Party and other movements**

**Wednesday, May 17, 4 pm PST - Facebook Live event**

Indivisible

Join us for a Facebook Live event with some amazing experts who have spent their careers studying civic engagement in our country. They'll take your questions and discuss what we can learn from the Tea Party and other civic movements so we can build the strongest movement possible. Submit your questions [here](#)! Can't join at 7 PM? You can submit your questions in advance, and the video will be available on our Facebook page and YouTube channel afterward. With: Ezra Levin, Executive Director, Indivisible; Vanessa Williamson, Brookings Fellow and co-author, The Tea Party and the Remaking of Republican Conservatism; Theda Skocpol, Harvard professor and author, Diminished Democracy: From Membership to Management in American Civic Life; Hahrie Han, University of California, Santa Barbara political scientist and author of How Organizations Develop Activists: Civic Associations and Leadership in the 21st Century

#### **A Conversation with Bill Moyers on the Freedom of the Press**

**Thursday, May 18, 7pm**

The Castro Theatre, 429 Castro St., San Francisco

Buy [Tickets](#)

#### **Bring the Global Local: Discussion and update on the recent United Nations Commission on Women, 61st Session**

**Thursday, May 18, 5:30-7:30 pm**

425 Market Street, 26th Floor, San Francisco

Hosted by Women's Intercultural Network (WIN) and International Action Network for Gender Equity & Law (IANGEL)

\$20 donation requested; no one will be turned away. RSVP to [info@winaction.org](mailto:info@winaction.org)

#### **❖Healthy California Lobby Day & Rally for SB 562**

**Friday, May 19, 1-7 pm**

Sacramento State Capitol, West Steps, 1315 10th St, Sacramento

Hosted by Healthy California

Join the Statewide Healthy CA Lobby Day & Rally!

In just a couple weeks your State Senator will have a chance to vote on SB 562 which guarantees healthcare for all. Healthy California is joining with California Nurses Association for a lobby day and then rally to let all of the Democrats at their Convention know what Ro Khanna and other progressive leaders already know...“Standing for Medicare for All is a no brainer for Democrats” because it saves billions and covers everyone. PLEASE [RSVP](#) to join lobby meetings, for lunch or buses here. More information [here](#).

#### **Oil Money Out, People Power In Rally**

**Saturday May 20, 12 Noon - 3 pm**

The Governor's Mansion, 16<sup>th</sup> and H Streets, Sacramento

Join us in Sacramento to rally and send a clear message to our elected officials that they need to swear off dirty oil money! [www.OilMoneyOut.com](http://www.OilMoneyOut.com)

**❖ Presidential Accountability Town Hall: From Nixon to Trump**

**Sunday, May 21, doors open at 1:15 pm, program 2-3:30 pm**

MLK Jr. Middle School, 1781 Rose Street, Berkeley

Congresswoman Barbara Lee joins a conversation with John Dean and Malcolm Nance.

RSVP [here](#).

**❖ Voting Rights Institute Training**

**Monday, May 22, 4-6 pm**

Duane Morris LLP, 1 Market Street, #2000, San Francisco

Presented by American Constitution Society Bay Area

The Supreme Court's 2013 decision in *Shelby County v. Holder* effectively nullified a key provision of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, one of the most effective civil rights laws ever enacted.

As a result, attorneys and activists play a key role working with voters to protect their rights against discriminatory voting laws. The Voting Rights Institute, a project of ACS, the Campaign Legal Center, and the Georgetown Law Center, has trained nearly 900 lawyers and law students nationwide. This is an important training opportunity for lawyers who want to do pro bono work related to voting rights. This training will include an overview of voting rights legislation and case law, examples of the ways in which state and local governments are infringing upon the right to vote, information for attendees who want to identify obstacles to voting, and how to fix them. 2.0 hours of MCLE available. Reception to follow. [RSVP here](#).

**Alliance for Girls' Together We Rise Summit**

**Tuesday, May 23**

Oakland

The summit will bring together more than 500 inter-generational leaders from across the country, who positively impacting the lives of 500,000 girls and young women annually, and have dedicated their lives to achieving gender equity for all! Keynote speakers include: Stephanie Schriock, CEO of Emily's List – an organization that has elected more than 900 women into office; Kalisha Dessources, Former Policy Advisor to the White House Council on Women and Girls under the Obama Administration; Genevieve Angelson, actress best known for her role as Patti Robinson in *Good Girls Revolt*; Thuy Vu, five-time emmy award winning journalist. More information [here](#).

**❖ Conversation With Sen. Feinstein's State Director**

**Wednesday, May 24, 12 noon-1:30 pm**

Richmond Public Library 325 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond

Hosted by Indivisible East Bay and [Indivisible CA-11 United](#)

Senator Feinstein's staff is coming to Richmond this month. Please bring your questions and concerns for her state director to answer and/or pass along to his boss. We plan to seat people on a first-come-first-served basis, but please let us know on [Facebook](#) if you plan to attend so that we can estimate a headcount.

**Resilience of Racism Conference**

**Thursday, June 1 to Saturday, June 3, 9 am-5 pm each day**

Oakland Asian Cultural Center, 388 9th Street, Oakland

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. Register [here](https://resilienceofracism.eventbrite.com). <https://resilienceofracism.eventbrite.com> See the preliminary conference agenda [here](#).

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

### ❖ **Artists for Fun and Fairness Benefit- art quilt exhibit**

**June 2, 5-8pm**

Rockridge Cafe, 5492 College Avenue, Oakland

100% proceeds (no cost given) to Centro Legal de la Raza and the Council on American/Islamic Relations (CAIR). Exhibit continues through July 12.

### **Love and Justice; Imagining a Table Big Enough for Everyone's Suffering Friday, June 2- Saturday, June 3**

DoubleTree by Hilton, 2233 Ventura Street, Fresno

Sponsored by PICO California.

In a society where the 'us verses them' narrative is becoming common, we are all being presented with choices around how we are going to make decisions about safety. Daily, we are being offered anecdotes that 'we are safer when we are separated from one another'. There has been deep pain and trauma in our communities for decades--caused by law enforcement. Mistrust and fear of law enforcement continues to be reinforced, through daily images and footage of unarmed people of color being brutalized and shot by police. The pain is also felt by law enforcement, with officer suicide rates being at an all time high. Can we imagine a table that is large enough for everyone's suffering--both community and police? We plan to build on our commitment to heal and build trust through reform by reflecting on strategies that Leaders have taken to try and transform the public safety system in their local context. Plenary and breakout sessions, group discussion and provocative panel sessions will share thought leadership and best practices. We're inviting you to participate and bring community leaders and partners--especially those most impacted by the pain. Your voice is absolutely necessary, in order to rebuild a public safety system that works for everyone. Please join us for the second statewide H.E.A.T. Symposium! Click [here](#) to register (\$50).

### **Golden Gate Bridge March to End Gun Violence**

**Saturday, June 3, noon**

North Vista Point - save the date, [details](#) to follow  
[risestronger.org](http://risestronger.org)

### **The Bay Area Book Festival**

**Saturday June 3- Sunday, June 4, 10 am-5 pm**

Downtown Berkeley various locations

Information on other events and tickets [here](#) (\$8 priority ticket per event guarantees a seat; \$15 general admission ticket to all events, first come first serve.) Please check it out. It's a fantastic event! There will be many activist-oriented programs, too many to list. Here are a few:

#### **Understanding the Other: How Emotion Shapes Politics and Can Heal our Divides**

**Saturday, June 3, 11:45 am-1 pm**

UC Berkeley sociologist Arlie Hochschild's recent 'Strangers in Their Own Land: Anger and Mourning on the American Right,' a National Book Award finalist, was one of the six books recommended by the New York Times to help understand Trump's win.

#### **Activism at a Crossroads**

**Saturday, June 3, 11:45 am-1 pm**

Activism is undergoing a re-evaluation. Is protest still effective? What can work today? Micah White (co-creator of Occupy Wall Street and author of 'The End of Protest: A New

Playbook for Revolution'), named by Esquire as one of the most influential young thinkers alive today, and Becky Bond (former senior advisor to Bernie Sanders' presidential campaign and co-author of 'Rules for Revolutionaries: How Big Organizing Can Change Everything') will offer guidance and action for a new era of social change and activism. If you've ever thought of joining a march or demonstration, White and Bond will make you smarter about it. Mother Jones' Monika Bauerlein moderates. Micah White and Becky Bond, moderated by Monika Bauerlein

### **Publishing's Roles and Responsibilities in a Post-Truth Era**

**Saturday, June 3, 11:45 am-1 pm**

Naheed Hasnat Senzai, Marissa Moss, Jessica Powers, Rachael Small and Lise Quintana, moderated by Brooke Warner

In a publishing climate rife with fake news, and following the aftermath of the public fallout of Simon & Schuster's acquisition of Milo Yiannopoulos's 'Dangerous,' questions arise about free speech, our cultural response to truth, and gatekeepers. This panel will be a spirited conversation about the state of the industry and the roles and responsibilities of all the players—from publishers and the media, to authors and readers.

### **Paul Hawken's Drawdown: Real Solutions for Climate Change**

**Saturday, June 3, 1:30-2:45 pm**

'Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming' shows a realistic path forward that can roll back global warming within thirty years. Activist and renowned entrepreneur Paul Hawken gathered researchers from around the world to identify, investigate, and model the 100 most substantive existing solutions to climate change. Come learn how humanity has the means at hand to address this potentially devastating threat to our civilization.

### **Masha Gessen on Truth, Lies and Totalitarianism in Russia and the U.S.**

Masha Gessen in conversation with Orville Schell

**Saturday, June 3, 5-6:15 pm**

The relationship between Russia and the West is, shall we say, complicated. Are we headed toward a new Cold War? Join Russian-American and celebrated journalist Masha Gessen ('The Future Is History: How Totalitarianism Reclaimed Russia') and Orville Schell (former professor and Dean at UC Berkeley's Graduate School of Journalism and author of 'Wealth and Power') for insight into the state of protest, free speech, and human rights from powers that now pose the greatest challenges to the liberal democracies of the world.

### **Race and Resistance in the Trump Era: Fighting Words and Wisdom from The Nation and Black Lives Matter**

Alicia Garza, Walter Mosley, Joan Walsh, moderated by Mark Hertsgaard

**Sunday, June 4, 1:30-2:45 pm**

The Nation has been fighting for racial justice since abolitionists founded the magazine in 1865; its writers have included W.E.B. DuBois, Martin Luther King, Jr., James Baldwin, Toni Morrison and Alice Walker. Now join some of The Nation's finest current contributors for a fierce, free-ranging discussion of how to advance racial justice in today's America. Panelists include Alicia Garza, co-founder of Black Lives Matter; Walter Mosley, the essayist and novelist; Joan Walsh, The Nation's national political correspondent; and moderator Mark Hertsgaard, author and investigative editor for The Nation.

### **❖ March for Truth**

**Saturday, June 3 2-4 pm**

[March for Truth](#) - San Francisco (location not advertized yet)

Indivisible, moveon.org, Rock the Vote and others are calling for a [#MarchForTruth](#) to raise our voices and let our elected leaders know that Americans want answers. The legitimacy of our democracy is more important than the interests of any party, or any President. Let's rise together to call for a fair and impartial investigation into the Trump administration's ties to Russia and demand the pursuit of truth. Email [marchfortruth@gmail.com](mailto:marchfortruth@gmail.com) for more information.

### **Safe Harbor Benefit Concert**

**Monday, June 12, 7 pm doors open, 7:30 pm show**

Freight and Salvage Coffeehouse, 2020 Addison Street, Berkeley

Purchase tickets [here](#). \$30 General/\$75 Preferred Seating

Featured performers will be Eliyahu & the Qadim Ensemble and World Harmony Chorus. The evening will also include a chance to hear directly from a refugee resettled by JFCS East Bay. Proceeds benefit Jewish Family and Community Services East Bay's services for immigrants and refugees.

### **Equal Rights Advocates (ERA) Annual Gala Luncheon**

**Wednesday, June 14, 11:15-Registration, Noon-Lunch & Program**

Keynote Speaker: Melissa Harris-Perry

San Francisco Hilton Union Square

Don't miss California's premier women's rights event. [Learn more and purchase your tickets here.](#)

### **Bike-a-Thon/Walk-a-Thon for Pro Bono Legal Services**

**Saturday, July 15,**

The race to raise funds for the Justice & Diversity Center's pro bono legal services begins now. Create your team today and start the countdown. Each team and team member gets a personal page to share with their networks, spread the word, and track fund raising progress. Last year, with the help of over 2,000 volunteers, the Justice & Diversity Center assisted nearly 9,000 clients in need of legal aid. We have provided pro bono services with the help of volunteers throughout the Bay Area for 40 years. Through our social services and contribution of legal assistance, our award winning program changes lives invariably.

[Event details here](#): form a team, add team members, and donate, all in one place.

### **How to talk to Trump Supporters**

**Saturday, June 17, 9am-5pm**

Location TBD

Hosted by Indivisible East Bay

With Sharon Strand Ellison, creator of the Powerful Non-Defensive Communication process, Learn how to prompt others to drop their defenses and voluntarily shift their positions.

Sign up [here](#). Suggested donation \$20.

## **RECURRING EVENTS**

### **ACLU**

#### **Know Your Rights Presentations**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

There are lots of Know Your Rights presentations happening. The ACLU needs volunteers to observe and help out. If you recently took the KYR training, here are opportunities to get involved. Pick the day(s) that work for you. You can select more than one. You can volunteer with someone else. Most events require several volunteers (even more at larger school/church events). Contact Antonio Medrano [antonio.medrano2275@sbcglobal.net](mailto:antonio.medrano2275@sbcglobal.net) for specific locations, details. We need your help!

**Thursday, May 18, 8:30 am-1pm** (Antonio) Vision y Compromiso, "Conozcan Sus Derechos, Napa

**Thursday, May 25** San Ramon Valley Dem. Club - Jail Expansion

## **Webinars for Know Your Rights Canvasser**

### **Every Thursday at noon**

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](#). Know Your Rights 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.

## **ACLU People Power Initiative**

Turn your city into a Freedom City that protects and respects the rights of immigrant families in this country. Read more at the [People Power Freedom Cities website](#), or a one-page explanation [here](#). **The events listed below are only a few of the many that are happening in our area - too many to list here!** You can find more events near you on our [map](#).

## **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.

Questions about either of the above events: Barbara Dilts [bdilts@redshift.com](mailto:bdilts@redshift.com)

More information about this and chapter [here](#).

List of other ACLU chapters [here](#).

## **Defend the ACA Red State Phone Banks (from your own home!)**

From California Calvary

It is time to mobilize for the Senate. We will be getting Virtual Phone Banks for different states over the next few days. Check [California Calvary website](#) for additional phone banks in the coming days. We have one now for Tennessee. Senators Alexander and Corker are considered on the fence. Click on the Nashville link below. You need an Action Id account to make phone calls. If you do not have one. Click on the Log in button and then the "Create Action ID" tab. The script for calls into TN asking constituents to do three things: (1) Call Senators Alexander and Corker (2) Volunteer with a local team (3) Sign up for text messages

Go to this website to sign up to make calls from your home. You will need a computer (laptop okay) and cell phone to do this. [Nashville ACA Call Senators](#) Here is the code you will need: VPB FF4422A-5038

## **Barbara Lee Staff Office Hours**

### **Every 1st & 3rd Thursday, 2-5 pm**

1470 Fruitvale Ave, Oakland

Staff only - Rep. Lee not in attendance. [Details](#).

## **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)

### **Weekly Resistance Presence**

**Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30 pm**

RESIST! Join us on Tuesdays at the Oakland Grand Lake Theater intersection from 4:30-5:30! We have signs and banners, so just bring yourself! We have a good solid group there! Contact: [glenfriends@yahoogroups.com](mailto:glenfriends@yahoogroups.com); Alice Philips [philips511@sbcglobal.net](mailto:philips511@sbcglobal.net)

### **Oakland Dimond Neighborhood Neighbors for Racial Justice**

Join our weekly vigil, Saturdays, 12-1 at Fruitvale and MacArthur, Oakland. We have signs to share. Kat neighborsforracialjustice.org

### **Reverberating Echoes - art exhibit**

**Through May 27. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10 am- 3 pm**

Doug Adams Gallery at the Graduate Theological Union, 2465 Le Conte Ave, Berkeley  
"An exhibit of contemporary art serves as a balm to anti-Muslim rhetoric" - [berkeleyside.com](http://berkeleyside.com)

### **Artists for Fun and Fairness - art quilt exhibit**

**June 2-July 12, 7:30 am-3 pm**

Rockridge Cafe, 5492 College Avenue, Oakland

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

#### **New Posts**

#### **❖The Johnson Amendment: Houses of Worship and Partisan Politics From Reform Judaism's Religious Action Center (RAC)**

For more than 50 years, a provision in the federal tax code has prohibited 501(c)(3) organizations, including houses of worship, from engaging in partisan politics. This crucial provision, known as the "Johnson Amendment," has safeguarded the integrity of both religious institutions and the political process by protecting the separation of church and state.

Using the prophetic voice to speak truth to power is a core characteristic of houses of worship, and is enhanced, not hindered by the Johnson Amendment. In an ever more polarizing political climate, it is important that houses of worship remain spaces where people can come together in faith across so many other lines of difference. President Trump's recent executive order does not meaningfully change how the Johnson Amendment is enforced, but it does remind of us of the important role the Johnson Amendment has played in enriching congregational life by leaving polarizing political conversations at the door of the synagogue. We must maintain this uniqueness, integrity and independence of houses of worship by opposing efforts that would undermine or do away with this key legal protection.

More information [here](#).

#### **❖Save the Institute of Museum and Library Services**

**From the American Library Association (ALA) and the Association for Library Services for Children (ALSC) c/o Jenn Hoffman**

The White House budget that was released on Thursday, March 16, calls for eliminating the Institute of Museum & Library Services (IMLS), the only federal agency charged with providing support to our nation's hundreds of thousands of libraries and museums. The ALA and ALSC

seek your help to ensure that IMLS is saved, because without strong, well-supported libraries, our children and families will not have the resources and support they need to succeed in school and prepare for college, careers, and life. ALSC leadership and the Advocacy and Legislation Committee are working on this issue with ALA and will be preparing additional information for ALSC members, but here is what you can do right now:

1. Start calling and emailing!

Go to <http://cqrcengage.com/ala/home> to begin making calls or to email to #SaveIMLS.

2. Call or email your Members of Congress.

Ask them to publicly oppose wiping out IMLS, and ask them to commit to fighting for federal library funding. [se ALA Talking Points](#)

3. Share your library's IMLS story on social media using #SaveIMLS.

Tell us how IMLS funding supports your local community. If you aren't sure which IMLS grants your library has received, you can check the [searchable database](#) on the IMLS website.

4. Sign up to receive ALA's action alerts.

We will let you know when and how to take action and send you the talking points and background information.

5. Register to participate in National Library Legislative Day on May 1-2, either in Washington, DC, or online.

6. Share this information widely!

Don't underestimate the power of collective voice. Share this information widely with colleagues, friends, and other advocates so they can help, too.

## **News:**

### **❖From 350.Org**

#### **An important update: the Trump administration has delayed its decision about the Paris Climate Agreement**

A meeting about the deal that was scheduled for this Tuesday between key administration officials was cancelled, and the President's Press Secretary said the decision will be made sometime after the G7 meeting at the end of this month.

This shows that the global outcry by other heads of state, business leaders, scientists and regular people like us is working. A phone call from the new president of France supposedly played a key role in delaying the meeting, but the voices of investors, mayors and scientists also appear to be influencing the administration's decision. This news only broke late Monday night (5/8) and took us all a bit by surprise -- I'm going back to the drawing board and talking with allies around the globe to see how we can use the next few weeks to deliver your message to Trump and world leaders. The more pressure we can apply between now and the end of May, the better. Tens of thousands of people across the globe have stepped up to show their support for the Paris Agreement and climate action. Sharing the petition to keep the pressure on would be a big help --

click here to share on [Facebook<current document>https://www.facebook.com/login.php?skip\\_api\\_login=1&api\\_key=966242223397117&signed\\_next=1&next=https%3A%2F%2F](#) and here to [tweet](#).

### **❖Senate Rejects Repeal of Obama Drilling Rule From Indivisible and The Hill**

We got a big win on the environment! The Senate rejected a resolution to permanently do away with the BLM Methane and Waste Prevention Rule, which limits waste of natural gas on public lands. We beat this dangerous resolution thanks to constituents like you who called in to say no to giving oil and gas companies a free pass. Check how your Senator voted and give them feedback-especially to say thank you if you're represented by one of the three Republicans who voted no. [Republican Sens. Lindsey Graham (S.C.), Susan Collins (Maine) and John McCain (Ariz.) joined all 48 members of the Democratic caucus in rejecting the resolution under the Congressional Review Act (CRA). Read more [here](#).



## ❖ **Appointment of Kris Kobach to lead commission to study voter fraud** **From The Southern Poverty Law Center**

President Trump's decision to appoint Kris Kobach to help lead a new commission to study voter fraud shows that the commission itself will be fraudulent - as was the president's ludicrous claim that millions of illegal ballots cost him the popular vote in November.

We've followed Kobach for years. We're the experts on his work as a longtime lawyer for the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR), which we've named as a hate group since 2007 because of its long history of ties to white supremacists and eugenicists. Kobach has served as counsel to the Immigration Reform Law Institute (IRLI) since 2004. IRLI is the legal arm of FAIR. He is also the architect of Arizona's notorious "papers, please" law and similar statutes in Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and elsewhere. The laws Kobach championed varied in scope, but all encouraged racial profiling of Latinos by local and state law enforcement. Most provisions of those laws have been overturned by federal courts or gutted by lawsuits like the one we filed in Alabama. Kobach has been the Kansas secretary of state since 2011, where he has aggressively sought to undermine voting rights. The evidence is clear - and we all know - that voter fraud is virtually nonexistent in our country. The real threat to our democracy is voter suppression. Kobach, a leader in the movement to suppress the votes of minorities, is unfit to serve in this capacity. His appointment is nothing less than an outrage.

Please read our [profile of Kobach](#) and share it on social media. And please sign our [petition](#) calling on Trump to remove Kobach from the commission.

## **New Resources**

### ❖ **From Indivisible**

❖ **The IndivisiBlog.** Indivisible now has a [blog](#), featuring in-depth analysis from the Indivisible team, groups, and allies.

❖ **The Payback Project.** Indivisible recently joined with MoveOn, Town Hall Project, and Women's March to create [The Payback Project](#) to showcase your amazing work across the country holding accountable the 217 representatives who voted for TrumpCare. Register your events targeting these 217 MoCs; use the toolkit to plan a die-in in your district; and add your pictures, videos, and stories from Twitter and Facebook to the Accountability Wall.

❖ **Adopt-a-District.** After their disastrous vote for TrumpCare, some MoCs seem to be set on hiding from their constituents. If you're not getting the answers you need from your MoC, check out our new Adopt-a-District Guide. You can connect with a neighboring district whose MoC is willing to step in and help out-or, if your MoC voted no, you can connect them to a nearby district that isn't being heard by their own representative. This strategy is already catching on around the country-check out how your group can make an adopted town hall happen near you: Adopt-a-District Guide.

## **Articles**

### **From Pacifica Institute**

❖ **Fethullah Gulen: The Turkey I No Longer Know (op-ed in the Washington Post)**  
Fethullah Gulen is an Islamic scholar, preacher and social advocate. He is the cleric who lives in Pennsylvania and who Turkish president Erdogan wants deported. He is the leader of the Hizmet movement. May 16, 2017. Read his op-ed [here](#).

### **From ProPublica**

❖ [Immigrants in Detention Centers Are Often Hundreds of Miles From Legal Help](#)

Only a tiny percentage of detained immigrants have attorneys, leaving even those with solid cases to stay in the United States to fend for themselves. May 16, 2017

## **Announcements**

### **You Can Be the Next U.S. Youth Observer to the UN (ages 18-25)**

UNA-USA, in partnership with the U.S. Department of State, is looking for the next U.S. Youth Observer to the UN. The U.S. Youth Observer is a critical role aimed at bringing the voice of youth to the world's table. If you are (or know someone) age 18-25 who is driven to engage young people in international affairs, please apply today! [Applications](#) are open now for the year-long term, which begins in July 2017, and American youth ages 18-25 are eligible to apply **before May 21**. This year's Youth Observer will have exciting opportunities to engage with youth across the nation and the international community. A few highlights include: attending events in NYC during the opening week of the UN General Assembly; traveling around the United States and inspiring young people to be a part of solving global challenges; diving into digital media to be a correspondent between U.S. missions to the UN and American youth; meeting with youth delegates from around the world to foster international cooperation for our generation.

### **Bend the Arc Fellowship for ages 22-32, Los Angeles and Bay Area**

Join a community of young Jewish leaders learning and working together to fight back against the dangerous Trump agenda and make progressive change. If you are 22-32 and identify as Jewish, we invite you to apply today for the 2017 Jeremiah Fellowship! In addition to building leadership skills and a bonded community, last year's fellows: were part of a historic win in the battle against mass incarceration, shaped our work in Los Angeles fighting homelessness, launched an anti-racism drop-in series, wrote powerful op-eds to make an impact on key issues, helped secure victories in Propositions 55 and 57. During the 6-month program, Fellows come together to learn about pressing social justice issues, develop widely applicable organizing and leadership skills, and engage in meaningful study of Jewish history and texts. Through joining a campaign team, mentoring, peer learning, and Jewish reflection, Fellows expand their skills and vision and root their activism in a progressive Jewish context and community. Fellowship retreats during the year offer in-depth training and community-building among participants. Applications are currently being accepted for the 2017 Jeremiah Fellowship Cohorts in Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay Area. **The deadline to apply is May 19th, 2017.** Application [here](#).