

October 11, 2017 Weekly Advocacy Digest

The digest contains:

- Upcoming Events - single date events to put on your calendar
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- But wait, there's more...- action items, news, announcements, articles

❖Denotes new listing since last week

UPCOMING EVENTS

ACLU Online Training on Voting Rights

Wednesday, October 11, 6 pm PST (45 minutes)

Increasing voter registration can change everything.

Expand access to the ballot box #LetPeopleVote

Did you know a new California law allows eligible voters to register to vote and cast their ballots on the same day at select locations? You can now register and vote on Election Day or any day two weeks prior to Election Day. We need your help to expand access to the ballot box for 5.5 million eligible but unregistered California voters. [Sign up for an online ACLU voting rights training](#). Same Day Registration is a game-changer for voter participation in California. States that allow people to register to vote on Election Day have seen higher voter turnouts than states that prohibit it. Our state's voter registration rate is the second lowest in the country. Common obstacles to voting include an inflexible schedule, confusion around eligibility, and not having access to childcare or transportation. These challenges tend to affect African Americans, Latinos, poor people, the elderly, and people with disabilities the most. We need to make sure that Californians aren't facing unnecessary barriers to voting. Our webinar on Wednesday, Oct. 11 will explain how the ACLU is working to expand access to voting by increasing Same Day Registration locations. Voting is a fundamental right. The ACLU's new Let People Vote campaign is working in states across the nation to ensure that every American's right to vote is protected. Please join the Let People Vote campaign and make a difference in your county. Sign up for webinar [here](#).

❖Taking Climate Change Seriously

Thursday, October 12, 6:30-7:30 pm

World Affairs Auditorium, 312 Sutter Street, Suite 200, San Francisco

Katharine Mach and Miyuki Hino, climate scientists at Stanford University

Unprecedented hurricanes brought torrential rain and wind that devastated many parts of southeastern Texas and Florida. Monsoon flooding inundated entire neighborhoods in India, Bangladesh and Nepal. Meanwhile, wildfires combined with record-breaking heat waves that blazed across the Western US. And that was just last month's headlines. While millions of people deal with the aftermath of these disasters, US EPA head Scott Pruitt told CNN that now was not the time to discuss the role of climate change in these extreme weather patterns. Climate scientists say otherwise. For Katharine Mach and Miyuki Hino, climate scientists at Stanford University, it's time for us to address climate change head-on. Their advice: we don't have to be sitting ducks. By taking collective action now, we can be better equipped to weather tomorrow's storm. Join us for this clear-eyed assessment of climate change and a discussion about how we can better anticipate, plan for and mitigate the impacts of our warming climate. Information and tickets (member Free, non-member \$20, student \$7) [here](#).

Appointments Training

Thursday, October 12, 6:30 pm

Civic Park Community Center, 1375 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek

Sponsored by [California Women Lead](#)

Ever considered getting involved in your local community as an appointee to a board or commission? Want to know more about how the process works? How do you access the application? Where to find vacancies? How do you navigate the process? Who can help? Please join California Women Lead and Assemblywoman Catharine Baker for an appointments training to learn the process that one takes to be appointed to a board/commission/committee at the local and state level. With the number of women in government decreasing, we want to empower women to apply for appointments to reach gender equality on boards and commissions. Join us and be part of the movement. Speakers include: Mona Pasquil, Appointments Secretary, Office of Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.; Catharine Baker, Assemblywoman, State of California; Rachel Michelin, Executive Director/CEO, California Women Lead; current Gubernatorial Appointee. This training is free and open to the public. No admittance without prior RSVP. RSVP [here](#). Contact: admin@cawomenlead.org (916) 551-1920

“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 Fight for Public Education

Friday, October 13, 7:30 pm

Oakland Technical High School, 4351 Broadway, Oakland
Discussion with Network for Public Education (NPE) Founder Diane Ravitch and Jitu Brown, Journey 4 Justice Executive Director. For more on this event and Jitu Brown, Journey 4 Justice Executive Director and NPE Action Board Member, [click here](#)
Tickets (\$12) may be purchased [here](#).

“Now More Than Ever: Fight for Public Education” -NPE Action 4th Annual National Conference

Saturday, October 14-Sunday, October 15, Oakland

We will join with friends and allies to learn, share and prepare for the challenges that lie ahead during an administration that wants to privatize our schools. Public education is the pillar of our democracy. Come and learn what you can do to fight for equitable, democratically governed public schools for America's children. Register (\$150) [here](#)

❖Medicare-for-All Weekend of Action Petitioning Event

Saturday October 14-Sunday, October 15

Click [here](#) to find the event nearest you.

(The calendar is incomplete, so check back if your district's event isn't posted yet.)

We're planning events to build support for SB 562 in all 80 Assembly districts across the state! We'll talk to thousands of Californians about what Medicare-for-All could do for their lives, and we'll ask for their support. We need to build as much grassroots pressure as possible over the next few months to ensure that our elected officials return in January ready to hit the ground running to pass SB 562. Sponsored by [Healthy California](#).

Saturday, October 14, 12-4 pm

The Pergola at Lake Merritt, 599 El Embarcadero, Oakland

Join us for our Medicare-for-All October Weekend of Action as we host events to build support for SB 562 in all 80 assembly districts across the state! We'll talk to thousands of California residents about what Medicare-for-All could do for their lives and ask for their support. We need to build as much grassroots pressure as possible over the next few months to ensure that our elected officials return in January ready to hit the ground running to pass SB 562, and that starts this weekend. We'll be talking to community members and ask them to sign our

petition in support of SB 562. Dress for the weather, wear your walking shoes, and bring snacks and water. We're going to have a lot of fun, get to know each other and our community, and start to do the work in order to expand healthcare to all. Questions? Contact healthcareaction.now@gmail.com

Understanding Trump's Unfitness/Invoking the 25th Amendment - a Duty To Warn Town Hall

Saturday, October 14, doors open 10 am, program at 10:30

Castro Valley Library Meeting Room, 3600 Northbridge Ave., Castro Valley

This program is one of dozens of educational Duty to Warn town halls, seminars and marches being held across the country on October 14. We hope to arrange a symbolic delivery of the Duty to Warn Petition (over 60,000 professionals and their supporters have signed declaring Trump unfit and demanding the 25th be invoked) and then commence a short Solemn March to the center of town where we will give warning to the public. (Please wear dark clothing or business attire if you plan to participate.) We will leave the library at noon. (Less than one mile to corner and back). Duty to Warn is an association of mental health professionals who believe it is their ethical duty to warn the public that Donald Trump is psychologically unfit to be president. Register [here](#).

And Then They Came for Us - Film Premiere

Sunday, October 15, 3:30-6 pm

AMC Theater-Van Ness 14, 1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco

Please join us at the SF premiere of AND THEN THEY CAME FOR US, a timely film about the Japanese American incarceration as seen through the eyes of the famous photographer, Dorothea Lange, whose photos were commissioned by the US Government but censored until this year. It connects the dots to the discrimination against Muslims and Arabs today. Seventy-five years ago, Executive Order 9066 paved the way to the profound violation of constitutional rights that resulted in the forced incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans. Featuring George Takei and many others who were incarcerated, And Then They Came for Us brings history into the present, retelling this difficult story and following Japanese American activists as they speak out against the Muslim registry and travel ban. Knowing our history is the first step to ensuring we do not repeat it. And Then They Came for Us is a cautionary and inspiring tale for these dark times. Please join filmmakers Abby Ginzberg and Ken Schneider, Satsuki Ina, Zahra Billoo and Dale Minami for a discussion after the film. To view trailer, click [here](#). Buy tickets [here](#).

Medicare for All Fundraiser

Sunday, October 15, 2-4 pm

[California Physician's Alliance](#) (CaPA) House Party Fundraiser at private residence in Oakland. Featured Speaker: Dr. Wendel Brunner, Former Health Officer for Contra Costa County. RSVP [here](#). <mailto:info@caphysiciansalliance.org>

❖The Resistance Guide Webinar

Thursday, October 19, 5 pm

From 350.org

Live, interactive discussion with the authors of the [Resistance Guide](#), a hard, data-driven research about building and sustaining massive movements. This handbook and webinar is for anyone who wants to better understand what makes movements succeed, and how we can use this knowledge in our local communities. [You can download and read the guide here for free](#). The resistance is already working. As we'll review during the webinar, creative mass protest has been successful throughout history, and has already derailed Trump's agenda on multiple fronts. But we have so much work left to do. Here are some of the key ideas from the guide that we'll be reflecting on during the call: • Developing a comprehensive strategy: Creating

plans that include public protests, acts of resistance focused on people in power, and electoral strategies that bring movement-allied leaders into office. • Building to scale: Growing numbers of people to consistently support (and be a part of) social movements • It takes everyone: We can't just rely on professional organizers and leaders, we all have a role to play in keeping the movement alive. And if we want to sustain it, to keep it growing, we can only do so together. [RSVP here](#) to join the webinar by phone or computer. There will be a live Q&A section so you'll have the opportunity to ask questions (we recommend reading over the guide before the webinar).

Indivisible Fundraisers

Wednesday, October 18, 8 pm - 1045 Divisadero St., San Francisco

Thursday, October 19, 6:30 pm - 1887 Camino de los Robles, Menlo Park

Co-Executive Directors Leah Greenberg and Ezra Levin will speak about the growth of the Indivisible movement, our upcoming electoral strategy, and the resources needed to effectively execute it. As you know, the past nine months have witnessed a historic wave of grassroots organizing. Since the release of the Indivisible Guide, an open-source manual for congressional advocacy, more than 6,000 local groups have formed to put it into action. These groups are taking action in every single Congressional district in the country, mounting a spirited resistance to the Trump administration's legislative agenda and playing a critical role in policy victories like the defeat of TrumpCare. Many of these groups are led by people who are highly passionate but new to organizing, and who are actively seeking support from the national group to be more effective. Meeting that demand by investing in local leadership is Indivisible's core strategy to realize the potential of this movement. RSVP to casey@indivisible.org

❖CASH Conference, exploring basic income in a changing economy

Thursday, October 19, 10 am-9 pm

The San Francisco Mint, 88 5th Street, San Francisco

The Economic Security Project invites you to our first ever CASH Conference. We will meet at the historic Old Mint, a building that once housed a third of our nation's wealth, to reimagine what an economy built on the well-being of everyone could look like. We want to redefine what 'work' means and explore how a basic income could provide economic stability to Americans and fundamentally change society. The Economic Security Project is a two-year fund to support exploration and experimentation with unconditional cash stipends. We fund academic research, state and local basic income campaigns, and cultural projects around economic security. The event is free with registration and entrance is first come, first serve. More information and registration [here](#).

❖Diversity and Inclusion v. Intolerance and Hatred: Where Do We Go From Here?

Thursday, October 19, 5-8 pm, program starts at 6 pm

Duane Morris LLP, Spear Tower, One Market Plaza, Suite 2200, San Francisco

The Bar Association of San Francisco will hold The 5th Annual Citywide Diversity and Inclusion Networking Event. Please [register](#) for this event by October 16. Approved for 1 Elimination of Bias MCLE credit and 0.5 hours of general MCLE credit.

❖DeRay Mckesson: Power of the People

Thursday, October 19, 6:30-7:30 pm, check-in 5:30 pm

The Commonwealth Club, 110 The Embarcadero, San Francisco

DeRay Mckesson, Host, "Pod Save the People"; Civil Rights Activist and Organizer

Dan Pfeiffer, Co-Host, "Pod Save America"; CNN Contributor; Former Senior Advisor for Strategy and Communications for President Barack Obama—Moderator

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

**❖Protecting Voting Rights in Uncertain Times (live event or webcast)
Friday, October 20, 12-1:15 pm (registration starts 11:30 am)**

BASF Conference Center, 301 Battery Street, 3rd Floor, San Francisco

Presented by the San Francisco Bar Association's Disability Subcommittee of the Equality Committee. Topics: overview of current federal and state voting rights litigation, current barriers to voting faced by disenfranchised communities because of their national origin or disability, efforts to protect and enforce the Voting Rights Act in California and beyond

Speakers: Denise Hulett, National Senior Counsel at MALDEF, Claudia Center, Senior Staff Attorney, Disability Rights, ACLU Foundation, Michael Nunez, Associate at Rosen Bien Galvan & Grunfeld LLP. Registration (\$30-\$55 pre-registration fee) MCLE Credits - 1 H, in Elimination of Bias Credit. This is a brown bag luncheon. Information and registration for event or webcast [here](#).

**Immigrant Rights, Activism and Resistance: Book Talk and Panel
Sunday, October 22, 3-5 pm**

Eastwind Books of Berkeley, 2066 University Ave, Berkeley

Join Eastwind Books for author presentation with Chris Zepeda-Millán, author of Latino Mass Mobilization: Immigration, Racialization, and Activism and Robyn Magalit Rodriguez, author of In Lady Liberty's Shadow: The Politics of Race and Immigration in New Jersey. Book talk followed by round table panel with authors and community member, Amy Lin, moderated by Harvey Dong. The panel will discuss the present attacks on immigrant and DACA rights through deportation. More information [here](#).

**❖For the Sake of the Children - Film Screening & Discussion
October 22, 2 pm**

New People Cinema, 1746 Post Street, San Francisco

The Poston Community Alliance and the National Japanese American Historical Society will present a film screening of For the Sake of the Children, followed by a panel discussion on civil liberties with representatives from the ACLU, the Muslim community, as well as the Japanese American community. This documentary film explores the legacy of the Japanese American incarceration, its impact on current generations who are descendants of those imprisoned, and the complex interplay of culture, racial prejudice, history, and intergenerational differences. Watch the trailer [here](#). To make a suggested donation of \$10.00 to the Poston Community Alliance or for more information visit <http://www.forthesakeofchildren.org/>.

**White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide
Monday, October 23, 6:30-7:45 pm**

World Affairs Auditorium, 312 Sutter Street, Suite 200, San Francisco

Sponsored by [World Affairs Council](#)

The images of hatred and violence in Charlottesville shocked our national conscience: white supremacists on the march; a car murderously plows into anti-racism protesters, a political leadership is unable to provide moral clarity. How can this be happening in America, in 2017? Carol Anderson, renowned Professor of African American Studies at Emory University and author of the New York Times Bestseller, "White Rage," argues the violence such as that seen in Ferguson, Baltimore and Charlottesville, reveals a deeper, ugly truth - this fever of white resentment gripping the nation has always existed to derail African American progress. "With so much attention on the flames," she argues, "everyone had ignored the kindling." Each milestone in the civil rights movement, Professor Anderson argues, has generated its own backlash. Is this the thread that connects Charlottesville to Ferguson and back further to Selma? And, most importantly, what can be done? Join us for this important and timely conversation about race. As part of our "Engage" series, this event features a short, off-the-record post-discussion Q&A with the speaker and moderator. Information and tickets (non-member \$20, student \$7) [here](#).

Listening to Trump's America - Joe Simitian, Santa Clara County Supervisor, Former California State Senator

**In Conversation with John Diaz, Editorial Page Editor, San Francisco Chronicle
Monday, October 23, 5:45 p.m. check-in, 6:30 p.m. program**

The Commonwealth Club, 110 The Embarcadero, San Francisco

Supervisor Joe Simitian says that in the immediate aftermath of the election, some were inclined to dismiss Trump voters as racist, sexist, homophobic, misogynistic or xenophobic. But is it fair to claim that 46 percent of the American electorate fits this profile? Simitian didn't believe so, but he did wonder what prompted a large portion of the electorate, some of whom had previously voted for President Obama, to vote for President Trump. To get some answers, Supervisor Simitian traveled to three counties, in three states--Robeson County, North Carolina; Cambria County, Pennsylvania; and Macomb County, Michigan-- to talk with locals from both parties. Come hear what he learned about America beyond the Bay Area. Free for Commonwealth Club members; \$10 for non-members. Tickets and more information [here](#).

Engaging in Democracy: Short Films & Panel Discussion

Tuesday, October 24, 6-7:30 pm

San Francisco Main Library, Koret Auditorium, 100 Larkin Street, San Francisco

Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of San Francisco

Lately it's become abundantly clear that we must all work to protect and defend our democratic process. You can help make democracy work. To learn how, join the League of Women Voters of San Francisco for an inspiring (and free!) film screening and panel discussion.

The evening will feature a series of short films by We the Voters that help us understand what is happening in our world. The films showcase urgent civic issues such as being an engaged citizen, voting, and running for office. After the films, a panel of local experts will share specific ways YOU can take action in the democratic process. Panelists: Kate Maeder, Women Get It Done; David Moren, Generation Citizen; Melissa Santos, Mi Familia Vota. This event is free to attend, but RSVPs are requested. Information and registration [here](#).

Van Jones

In Conversation with Alexis Madrigal

Wednesday, October 25, 7:30 PM, San Francisco

City Arts & Lectures

Van Jones is the President & Co-Founder of Dream Corps, a collection of initiatives including #cut50, #YesWeCode, Green For All, and #LoveArmy. A Yale-educated attorney, he is a correspondent for CNN, a regular guest on political talk shows, and the author of The Green Collar Economy, the definitive book on green jobs, and Rebuild the Dream, a roadmap for progressives. In 2009, Jones worked as the green jobs advisor to the Obama White House. There, he ran the interagency process that oversaw \$80 billion in green energy recovery spending. His newest book, Beyond the Messy Truth: How We Came Apart, How We Come Together, is a passionate manifesto that exposes hypocrisy on both sides of the political divide and points a way out of the tribalism that is tearing America apart. Tickets (\$29+) and more information [here](#).

❖The Immigration Impasse

Thursday, October 26, 11:30 am check-in, noon program, 1 pm book signing

The Commonwealth Club, 110 The Embarcadero, San Francisco

Socially dangerous views on immigration were once confined to the margins of political discourse. Now, in the wake of refugee crises and terrorist attacks, these sentiments have become politically more acceptable, helping propel Donald Trump to the White House, influence the vote on Brexit and make Marine Le Pen popular in France. Go Back to Where You Came

From explains how we got here and why the extreme Right has grown stronger in countries that have historically been defenders of human rights and models of tolerance. By combining narrative history and on-the-ground reporting, including interviews with refugees, alt-right activists, the rising stars of the new Right and the intellectuals who enabled them, Sasha Polakow-Suransky shows how this phenomenon has quickly reshaped the political landscape. Information and tickets (\$7-20) [here](#).

Center for Reproductive Rights & Justice at 5 Conference

Friday, October 27, 8:30 am-4:15 pm

UC Berkeley School of Law, 215 Boalt Hall

A full day of presentations and conversations about some of the most complex and compelling reproductive rights and justice issues of the day. Hear from leading experts in academia and advocacy speak about efforts to restore insurance coverage for abortion, abolish welfare family caps, and halt the criminalization of self-induced abortion. Discuss trends and best practices for teaching reproductive rights and justice in law schools. End the day in the company of friends at a rooftop cocktail reception. Free and open to the public. More information and registration [here](#).

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](#). Plenaries and discussions will include a growing list of speakers including Congresswoman Maxine Waters, Georgia gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams, Bend the Arc Jewish Action CEO Stosh Cotler, Our Revolution president Nina Turner, domestic workers rights advocate Aijen Poo and actress and author Amber Tamblyn! The program will include a wide range of workshops, trainings and panels that reflect our growing, intersectional community, such as: Say Her Name: Police Violence Against Women of Color is a Feminist Issue; This Moment: Anti-Semitism and White Supremacy; Texas Handmaids : Political Theater as an Organizing Strategy; Not All Pussies Are Pink and Not All Women Have Pussies: Trans-Inclusive Feminism; Fighting for Survivors of Sexual Assault in the Age of Betsy DeVos; Self Defense and Healing: Security for Self and Community; Making Waves: The Flint Healing Stories; Out of Sight and Out of Mind: The Status of Women in the US Colony of Puerto Rico; Love Trumps Hate: Addressing the Rise of Hate in 2017; In addition, the Women's Convention will include powerful film screenings, a Social Justice Concert, numerous opportunities to connect with Women's March Chapters and activists from all over the country and a Social Justice City with a Women's Market where socially conscious businesses can showcase their work.

Oppressive Heat: Climate Change & Civil Rights

Tuesday, October 31, 6 pm check-in, 6:30 pm program, 7:30 pm networking reception

Hosted by the Commonwealth Club of CA. While solar panels and electric cars are typically associated with upper-class white folk, the transition to clean energy is also a civil rights issue. Communities of color often live closest to factories and refineries that spew toxic pollution. That's one reason why polls show more African Americans and Latinos say climate is a serious concern than non-Hispanic whites. Rev. Dr. Gerald Durley works with Interfaith Power and Light, a group of religious leaders, across the country advocating for a cleaner and more inclusive economy. Join us for a conversation about the climate and civil rights movements. More information and tickets (\$7-20) [here](#).

❖Trump, the Constitution and the Judiciary - webcast replay

Tuesday, October 31, 12-1:15 pm

Presented by the Bar Association of San Francisco.

Speakers: Pamela Karlan, Stanford Law School, Co-Director, Stanford Supreme Court Litigation Clinic, Montgomery Professor of Public Interest Law; Rory Little, Professor of Law UC Hastings College of the Law; Aimee Feinberg, Solicitor General's Office, California Department of Justice; David DeGroot, President, Federalist Society SF Chapter, Topics: • 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? [Information and registration for online program.](#)

❖**How To Make Change**

Thursday, November 2, 6:30-8 pm

World Affairs Auditorium, 312 Sutter Street, Suite 200, San Francisco

Do you want to influence real change in the world? Whether you want to improve public services or build communities through art, the path to success requires an understanding on how institutions and power systems shape change and how to influence them. Duncan Green, Oxfam's senior strategy advisor, joins us to share insights from his recently published book "How Change Happens." In the book, Green explores how events, individuals and institutions have changed the world. He points out that our current change models are often simplistic and usually lead to failure and missed opportunities. Before protest movements, civic coalitions and other forms of activism should happen, Green says people need to know the navigation points in order to successfully bring about change. By drawing from top research from change-makers around the world, as well as his own experience, Green will offer his insights on practical solutions for social and political change. Following the conversation, connect with other aspiring change agents and share ideas for creating impact in your own community. Light refreshments will be served. Information and tickets (members free, non-member \$10, student \$7) [here.](#)

❖**From a Silk Cocoon - Film screening**

Sunday November 5, 3 pm (doors open 2:30)

Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington CA

This is the story of a Japanese American couple who struggled being incarcerated in Tule Lake internment camp. Their story connects US history of the past to US history of the present, DACA youth and the undocumented, and into the future with the possibility of a Muslim registry. Join us for a free screening and Q&A with filmmaker Satsuki Ina, immigration lawyer Laura Craig, and Zahra Billoo, Executive Director of Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR). [Tickets required.](#) Wheelchair accessible. Questions: silkcocoonuucb@gmail.com

❖**Fixing American Foreign Policy: A Conversation with Ambassador**

Samantha Power

Wednesday, November 8, 6:30-7:30 pm

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

On the anniversary of Donald Trump's election, Samantha Power, former US ambassador to the United Nations and current professor of practice at Harvard Kennedy School and Harvard Law, will join World Affairs CEO Jane Wales for a discussion on the state of US Foreign Policy, and challenge the assumptions behind the Trump administration's strategic direction. How can we make America good again, and where might we go from here? More information and tickets (member \$15, non-member \$35, student \$10) [here.](#)

Remembrance and Resistance: Día de los Muertos 2017 Exhibition Unveiling

October-November 9

Thursday, November 9, 6–9pm closing event (\$7–10 sliding scale admission)

remembrancecloses.eventbrite.com

SOMArts Cultural Center, 934 Brannan Street, San Francisco

\$12–15 sliding scale admission, features music by San Francisco-based Caribbean fusion band La Gente and multi-disciplinary performance from the all-female group La Mezcla.

Now in its 18th year, the annual Day of the Dead exhibition at SOMArts Cultural Center offers one of the most internationally diverse Día de los Muertos celebrations in the United States.

Merging traditional Mexican altars with contemporary art installations, the exhibition presents an incredibly wide array of perspectives remembering, honoring, and celebrating the dead.

Inspired by cherished relationships, current events, and personal and collective histories, more than 25 altars by over 60 participating Día de los Muertos artists build a dense environment of creativity that creates space for meaningful reflection and community engagement.

Chosen by father and son curators René & Río Yañez, this year's theme, Remembrance and Resistance emphasizes the importance of mourning in the context of resistance struggles. In the Trump era, the intense focus on political resistance can overshadow the need for collective mourning. Since its inception, Day of the Dead at SOMArts has offered a space for community reflection and remembrance, refusing to forget those who have been lost to police brutality, gentrification and displacement, and environmental destruction. Now more than ever, it's imperative to honor the dead and reflect on their legacies. What can the lives of our ancestors teach us about resistance and creativity in the current political climate?

Tickets and list of exhibiting artists [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.)

Slate Trumpcast Live in San Francisco

Tuesday, November 14, 7:30 pm

Nourse Theater, San Francisco

Join chairman of The Slate Group Jacob Weisberg, Slate chief political correspondent Jamelle Bouie, and author Virginia Heffernan for a Trump administration news roundup with frank and fun commentary on the most pressing topics of the week. Peabody- and Emmy-winning host of Reveal, Al Letson will be there to discuss his work. And enjoy a special live appearance from Trumpcast's Trump impersonator extraordinaire, John Di Domenico.

For a very limited number of fans, we will also host a pre-show cocktail hour with the hosts from 6–7 p.m. Those who purchase the ticket package will receive one complimentary drink with the hosts beforehand. The venue will be within a short walk of the live show, and an email with the location will go out to attendees two weeks prior.

Tickets \$15-\$45 and more information [here](#).

California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA) Fiesta!

Thursday, November 16, 5:30-8:30 pm

Ciry Club, 155 Sansome Street, San Francisco

Join us after work for a celebration with leading Latino legal professionals and members of the business community to celebrate CRLA's work! Guests will enjoy a festive, Latino-culture inspired event that brings together new and old friends to honor our advocates and the communities they serve. The silent and live auction will feature artwork from Latino artists as well as getaway packages, all to support CRLA. Justice requires the resources of urban

supporters, who understand that the well-being of rural areas is deeply tied to the urban communities where they live. Sponsorship & Tickets: CRLA offers gratifying Sponsorships for Corporations and Individuals. For complete info and purchase of Sponsorship Packages and Individual Tickets click [here](#). To reserve tickets please book online, contact Kim Jones at (213) 361-8208, or email kjones@crla.org.

❖Three Local Police Chiefs in Conversation with the Public

Sunday, November 19, 3-4:30

Albany Community Center 1249 Marin Ave, Albany

The Berkeley/North East Bay Chapter of the ACLU invites you to a panel including the Chiefs of Police of Berkeley, El Cerrito and Richmond. Admission is free.

RECURRING EVENTS

Voter Registration for New Citizens Swearing In Ceremony

Thursday, October 26, 10 am - 12 Noon

Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway, Oakland

New Citizens Swearing In Ceremony: 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. Join us at 10 am in front of the Paramount Theatre in Oakland. 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. RSVP [here](#). Naturalization/Immigration Services is changing to holding swearing in ceremonies to once a month. Starting with November, there will be 2 ceremonies on the same day (10 am and 2 pm) which will have separate sign ups.

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

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

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 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](#).

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

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

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE...

News

❖ **The Clean Power Plan is under attack.**

From 350.Org - President Obama's Clean Power Plan was on track to keep vast quantities of fossil fuels in the ground. The EPA even estimated the Clean Power Plan would prevent up to 6,600 premature deaths and 150,000 asthma attacks in children. Yet, EPA Chief Scott Pruitt just announced that the Trump Administration will start the process of dismantling this bedrock climate policy. Submit a public comment to support the Clean Power Plan and demand that the EPA hold public hearings in all 50 states. [Submit your comment today.](#) As Trump tries to quash climate action from the top down, we're continuing to fight back from the ground up. [Archived EPA Fact Sheet on the Clean Power Plan](#)

❖ **Comment on DHS Proposed Rule to Collect Social Media Data on Immigrants**

From RiseStronger: The Department of Homeland Security published a new rule that calls to include "social media handles and aliases, associated identifiable information and search results" in the department's immigrant files." In other words, DHS wants to collect social media information on all immigrants, including permanent residents and naturalized citizens. This rule will go into effect October 18 after a public comment period. You can submit a comment by clicking [here](#). Tell DHS that this rule should NOT go into effect.

❖ **Trump administration seeks personal social media data from protesters**

The Department of Justice (DOJ) has tried to obtain a warrant to search IP addresses of thousands of people who may have simply clicked on either the Facebook page or the main webpage of DisruptJ20, an activist group that organized anti-Trump protests on Inauguration Day. The DOJ is targeting three organizers of the protest for additional scrutiny and seeks their entire Facebook activities for 90 days. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has taken up their case, representing the activists in arguing that the proposed social media search will expose private information about thousands of Facebook users who visited their page. This is the second such move the DOJ has made against users and creators of the site. Just last month, the DOJ attempted to gain access to the information of millions of visitors to the site from its web hosting provider, Dreamhost. Although it dropped its larger effort, the DOJ did compel Dreamhost to turn over user data. It would appear that the administration is using these cases to establish the limits of how it can gain the ability to access and search the Internet activity of those opposed to administration policies.

❖ **#StopRepeatingHistory Campaign**

#StopRepeatingHistory Campaign Joins #AAPIAction Week to Protest Attacks on Immigrants Asian American and Pacific Islander organizations around the nation will take part in #AAPIAction, a Week of Action starting October 7, 2017, to protest the racist and nativist attacks on our communities. The #StopRepeatingHistory campaign joins more than 30 Asian American and Pacific Islander organizations in 15 cities organizing rallies, demonstrations, teach-ins, and other activities to draw attention to racist and nativist policies. Read more [here](#).

Articles

❖ [California to become a 'sanctuary state' in 2018](#) - Sacramento Bee, October 5
Gov. Jerry Brown placed new limitations on state and local law enforcement's ability to help the federal government enforce immigration violations by signing California's controversial "sanctuary state" bill into law on Thursday.

❖ ["California frets over funding after Congress misses health care deadlines,"](#) by KQED's Carrie Feibel: "More than a million California children get their health insurance from the Children's Health Insurance Program, also known as "CHIP." Like they do with Medicaid,

states split the costs for CHIP with the federal government. But Congress missed an Oct. 1 deadline to renew CHIP funding - a lapse that many blame on the drawn-out effort to repeal the Affordable Care Act."

❖ "California Moved Its Primary Up. What Does That Mean For 2020?" via FiveThirtyEight.com: "California Gov. Jerry Brown made one of the biggest moves yet in the 2020 Democratic primary last week."

❖ [Stephen Miller solidifies influence in White House](#) - The Hill Tipsheet, October 5
The young policy aide has solidified his influence, even as would-be allies such as Stephen Bannon have been forced out of the West Wing. In just the past month, he played a key role in developing the administration's new travel ban, pushed Trump to scrap an Obama-era program for young immigrants living illegally in the U.S. and argued for a historically low refugee cap.

❖ [Column - Even in California, some people think Trump is doing just fine as president](#) - LA Times, Steve Lopez, October 7

Announcements

Spring & Summer 2018 Law Clerk Positions Available at EJS

The Equal Justice Society has law clerk positions available for both Spring and Summer 2018 at our office 1939 Harrison St. Suite 818, Oakland. EJS law clerks participate in legal research, writing, and analysis in the areas of civil rights and racial justice. The positions are open to law students who have completed at least their first year of law school. Rolling applications must be received by **December 5 for spring and December 15 for summer**. Complete position announcements [here](#).