

## **June 14, 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**

#### **Phone Banks to Mobilize Red State Progressives to Defend the ACA**

Organized by Democracy Action. Many East Bay and SF opportunities listed [here](#).

#### **Volunteer Training for ICE Rapid Response Network**

**Thursday, June 15, 5-8 pm** ☐

3411 East 12th Street, Suite 200, Oakland (@Fruitvale BART station)

The Alameda County Immigration Legal and Education Partnership (ACILEP) invites you to join our team of volunteer responders to resist the raids and deportations. Learn how to verify ICE activity and be a legal observer in order to protect our communities from ICE!

Please register by filling out this [form](#). Direct any questions to acilepgroup@gmail.com.

#### **☐Where We've Been and Where We're Going - A RISE Stronger All Hands On Call**

**Thursday, June 15, 8 pm** (probably EST)

You are invited to join RISE Stronger for an all hands call next Thursday, June 15 at 8pm. Andy Kim, founder of RISE, will walk you through where RISE is today, what is to come in the future, an assessment of the current United States of Resistance landscape, and some exciting new opportunities for him and the team at RISE Stronger. We hope you will take an hour to join us next Thursday. Please use call in number (515) 739-1205 and Access Code: 364329.

#### **☐Town Hall with State Legislators**

**Saturday, June 17, 1-3 pm**

**Cesar Chavez Education Center, 2825 International Blvd., Oakland**

Please join Assemblymember Rob Bonta, Senator Nancy Skinner and me on Saturday, June 17 for a town hall to discuss recent leadership by California on immigration, climate protection, social justice, education, and healthcare. The event will also feature a resource fair of local advocacy and community organizations.

RSVP [here](#).

#### **☐Electoral system presentation**

**Wednesday, June 21, 7-9 pm**

Richmond Progressive Alliance, 2540 Macdonald Ave., Richmond

Californians for Electoral Reform and FairVote California will present an overview of local election systems and discuss possible reforms. Free event. For information: (510) 412-2260.

#### **☐What We Carry With Us: A Refugee Storytelling Lab with Guest Curator Citizen Film**

**Thursday, June 22, 7:30 pm**

JCC East Bay, 1414 Walnut Street, Berkeley

Co-presented by the Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life and Jewish Family and Community Services East Bay

The panel discussion will be moderated by Citizen Film's Sam Ball and will include Ugandan refugee Zander Berkeley Liberty and other refugees; Amy Weiss, Director of Refugee & Immigrant Services at Jewish Family and Community Services of the East Bay; and Francesco Spagnolo, Curator of UC Berkeley's Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life.

Citizen Film is a media arts nonprofit guided by the belief that documentary film and multimedia projects crafted with care and dignity provide audiences with a powerful means for engaging with culture, community and the most pressing issues of our time. The program is part of an ongoing collaboration between Citizen Film and UC Berkeley's Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life, with participation from students in the Mapping Diasporas research project and course, led by Professor Spagnolo; supported by Digital Humanities at UC Berkeley.

Fee: \$8 (presale, senior, student, member); \$12 (door). More information and tickets [here](#).

Contact: Rachel Whittom Phone: 510-848-0237 ext.142 Email: [rachel.whittom@jccceastbay.org](mailto:rachel.whittom@jccceastbay.org)

## **“From the Ashes” - a National Geographic documentary about coal**

**Thursday, June 22, 7 pm**

La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley

Film followed by a discussion on the environment and climate. For information:

[NoCoalinOakland](#).

## **In the Fields of the North Book Launch**

**Thursday, June 22, 5:30-7:30 pm**

CRLA (California Rural Legal Assistance) 1430 Franklin Street, Oakland

Farm worker photographs on the U.S./Mexico border wall by photo-journalist David Bacon.

Published by the University of California Press. Will include update on the H-2A or

“Guestworker” program, a visa program that has been used by growers and farm labor

contractors to obtain and often exploit temporary foreign labor from Mexico and other countries.

California now has the 5<sup>th</sup> largest number of H-2A workers in the country.

RSVP [here](#).

## **MoveOn.Org Resistance Summer Community Cookouts**

**Saturday-Sunday, June 24-25, July 1-3**

Click [here](#) to search for a Resistance Summer Community Cookout near you on the weekends of June 24–25 or July 1–3! Or create your own if there isn't a cookout near you. The MoveOn team makes it easy for you to do, and we'll support you every step of the way.

These cookouts are an opportunity to

1. come together with friends old and new,
1. build relationships,
2. build momentum for the campaigns in the months ahead,
3. recharge our self-care batteries, and
4. celebrate the diversity that makes the Resistance strong and resilient.

We'll provide everything you need to plan a successful cookout—including a Host Guide, Checklist, Sample Agenda, and more—and we'll be with you every step of the way, coaching, answering questions, and helping to recruit fellow MoveOn members to attend your event. These events will also be a kickoff to Resistance Summer, during which we'll host monthly national events to rebuild progressive power and fight the Trump Republican agenda. Through this program, we will train and support 1,000 mobilizers across the country, gear up for the big August congressional recess, and lay the groundwork to bring Resistance energy to next year's midterm elections. It's a lot of work! And we'll do that work if we take a moment to get to know each other, take a step back to relax, and enjoy a Community Cookout as summer heats up.

## **Supreme Court Term Review**

**Thursday, June 29, 12-1:30 pm**

Orrick, 405 Howard Street, 8th Floor Cafe, San Francisco

Sponsored by The Bay Area Lawyer Chapter of the American Constitution Society

Come join our distinguished panel of U.S. Supreme Court experts for a lively discussion of the significant cases of the 2016-2017 term and the state of the U.S. Supreme Court after the addition of Justice Neil Gorsuch. Featuring: Rory Little, Professor of Law, U.C. Hastings College of the Law; Justice Goodwin Liu, Supreme Court of California; Melissa Murray, Interim Dean, Alexander F. and May T. Morrison Professor of Law, Faculty Director, Center on Reproductive Rights and Justice, University of California, Berkeley School of Law. Moderated by: Brian Goldman, Orrick, Supreme Court & Appellate Practice. Lunch will be provided courtesy of Orrick. 1.0 hour of CLE credit available. RSVP [here](#).

**World Refugee Day: Standing Together in Community**

**Friday, June 30, 12:30pm arrival and registration, 1-4:30 pm**

Laney College Student Center and Quad, 900 Fallon Street, Oakland

**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.

**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 [antoniomedrano2275@sbcglobal.net](mailto:antoniomedrano2275@sbcglobal.net) for specific locations, details. We need your help!

**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 are the code you will need:

Nashville VPB Code FF4422A-5038

Rural Middle VPB Code AA5422B-3054

Chattanooga VPB Code OA5422I-9596

Knoxville VPB Code 5A5422N-2051

**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

### **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**

##### **☑PICO Live Free Campaign**

The Live Free Campaign is a national movement of the PICO National Network of faith-based organizations and congregations committed to addressing the causes of pervasive violence and crime in our communities. We believe that the mass criminalization and incarceration of people of color, coupled with the lack of meaningful and quality opportunities, have contributed to a state of crisis in our country. Live Free is committed to dismantling the mass-criminalization of people of color by mobilizing the faith community to action using the voices of those closest to the pain in order to build communities where all of God's children can live free. Learn more at [livefreeusa.org](http://livefreeusa.org)

PICO (People Improving Communities through Organizing) National Network is the nation's largest network of faith-based community organizations, working with 45 organizations in more than 120 cities and 21 states, with a collective membership of more than one million families from more than 1,200 congregations. Together, our mission is to create racial and economic justice in the United States by organizing people of many faith traditions and those who are most oppressed by unjust systems and policies. To learn more, visit: [www.piconetwork.org](http://www.piconetwork.org).

##### **☑Alameda County Youth Leadership Academy**

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

##### **ACLU of Northern California (ACLU-NC) Field Fellowship Positions**

**Application deadline: June 26, 2017**

Fellows will work within their communities to resist the federal government's grotesque mass deportation practices. As a fellow, you are responsible for developing leaders in your community by engaging in community outreach, providing trainings and public education, and connecting the broader network to your community to deepen the impact litigation, advocacy, and media strategies. Fellows are expected to work 10-12 hours per week plus travel time from late July through December 2017. The pay rate for the fellowship is \$17.00 per hour. Fellowships are available in the following areas: Fresno County; Humboldt County; Kern County; Mendocino County; Merced County; Monterey County; Napa County; Redding/Chico; Sacramento County; San Joaquin County; Santa Cruz County; Sonoma County; Stanislaus County; Tulare County; and/or Yolo County. Applications will be accepted until **Monday, June 26 at 5:00 p.m.** More information [here](#).