

June 28, 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

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 come together with friends old and new, build relationships, build momentum for the campaigns in the months ahead, recharge our self-care batteries, and

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.

Here's one for you ❖Resistance Summer Community Cookout in Berkeley

Sunday, July 2, 12:30 PM

Cedar Rose Park, Berkeley RSVP [here](#).

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](#).

❖Briefing Call on Supreme Court Travel Ban Decision

Thursday, June 29, 1:30 pm PST

Sponsored by HIAS [Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society]

To learn more about the implications of the Supreme Court's decision for refugees and non-citizens, join HIAS for a briefing call on. Click [here](#) to RSVP and receive a call-in number.

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

❖Town Hall on Immigration with Alameda County Sheriff Ahern and Others

Friday, June 30, 5:00 pm

Hayward Adult School, 22100 Princeton St., Hayward

Sponsored by People Power Alameda County.

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❖Internment, Japanese Americans, Labor and The Lessons for Today

Saturday, July 1, 1 pm

National Japanese American Historical Society - 1684 Post St., SF

Free event. Organized by [LaborFest](#).

This year is the 75th anniversary of the internment of over 120,000 Japanese Americans and Japanese Peruvians in concentration camps during World War II under the executive order of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Today the Trump administration is justifying this action by arguing that it would be acceptable today for Muslims and other select groups be incarcerated again. This panel will look at the struggle against the internment and lessons for today with California historian Charles Wollenberg, who is currently completing a book about civil rights attorney Wayne M. Collins. During the 1940s, Collins bucked prejudice and war hysteria to take cases related to Japanese American evacuation and internment. Among others, Collins defended Fred Korematsu, a Japanese American citizen who refused to report for the camps and was imprisoned. The high profile Korematsu case reached the Supreme Court.

Wollenberg's talk is entitled "Wayne Collins: Rebel with a Cause." In it, Wollenberg will discuss Collins' legal defense of Nikkei (second generation) rights and liberties, including the Korematsu case. Author Laura Atkins, who is co-author with Stan Yogi of "Fred Korematsu Speaks," will also discuss this important book for young people about the life of Fred Korematsu. Civil Rights Activist Grace Shimizu is Director of the Japanese Peruvian Oral History Project and the Campaign for Justice: Redress Now for Japanese Latin American Internees. She will speak about the ongoing fight for the Peruvian Japanese who were kidnapped from Peru by the FBI and brought to the United States to be used to trade for US prisoners of war. Panel member ILWU historian Harvey Schwartz has written about the role of the ILWU in fighting discrimination after the war against Japanese Americans. Larry Yamamoto, Bay Area artist, camp survivor, and retired ILWU longshore worker, will serve as commentator for the event. Peter Yamamoto of the National Japanese American Historical Society will chair the program.

Impeachment March – San Francisco

Sunday, July 2, 1 pm

Justin Herman Plaza, San Francisco

From Embarcadero to Powell Street station

Donald Trump has been in violation of the Constitution from the day he was sworn into the office of President.

We cannot abide a Congress that turns a blind eye to the constitutional breaches of our Commander in Chief. We demand that Congress does its job and commences with impeachment proceedings immediately. Donald Trump's extreme disregard for the Constitution is a profound subversion of the Office of the President. Neither do we feel our country is in safe nor able hands, and we will not quietly ride out a tenure that threatens our democracy and way of life. We demand that Congress stop enabling President Trump through an embarrassing and potentially catastrophic charade of normalcy. The future of American Democracy rests in their hands. On Sunday, July 2nd, we march to demand Congress DO THEIR JOB and remove

Trump from The White House. Organized by Impeachment March. Facebook [page](#). #ImpeachmentMarchSF #ImpeachmentMarch #Impeach45. Support at GoFund Me [here](#).

❖ **ACLU Volunteers Needed to Table at Events**

July 4, 10 am-6pm

El Cerrito Vista Park Celebration – Moeser and Pomona Want to work a two hour shift at the ACLU table with our Chapter Board members?

July 8, 2-4 pm

San Francisco Mime Troupe performance of “Walls” in Live Oak Park, Berkeley (1301 Shattuck Ave.). Stop by the ACLU information table OR volunteer to help.

Contact: barbara dilts bdilts@redshift.com

❖ **Film Screening The Smog of the Sea**

Thursday, July 6, 6:30-9 pm

Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists' Hall, 1924 Cedar Street, Berkeley

A film screening of Smog of the Sea, followed by a discussion with San Francisco's Senior Commercial Zero Waste Coordinator, Jack Macy, who will share info about local efforts to reduce single use plastics. Smog of the Sea follows the crew of @5Gyres SEA change research expedition, as they discover that the great ocean garbage patch is actually a “fog” of microplastics – trillions of barely visible shards – permeating the world's oceans. The crew includes renowned surfers Keith & Dan Malloy, musician Jack Johnson, spearfisher woman Kimi Werner, and bodysurfer Mark Cunningham. Using sparkling underwater cinematography and live-action footage of the crew's research, Smog of the Sea makes an artful call to action for rethinking single-use plastic.

Attendees are invited to meet and greet and asked to bring healthy snacks to share. The film will begin at 7:00 and discussion will follow, as well as hands-on opportunities to create alternatives to plastic packaging.

Hosted by Indivisible Berkeley, Co-Sponsors: Transition Berkeley, Social Justice Committee (Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists)

<http://ecologycenter.org/plastic-free-july/>

Stay tuned for the link to RSVP! (Go to [Facebook Indivisible Berkeley](#))

Cost: \$5-\$10 sliding scale donation at the door, no one turned away for lack of funds

This event is wheelchair accessible.

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.

❖ **Charters, Privatization & the Defense of Public Education**

Saturday, July 22, 10 am

Richmond High School Auditorium, 1250 23rd St., Richmond

\$10 - No one turned away due to lack of funds

The growth of charter schools and privatization of public education in California and throughout the US is a cancer threatening students, teachers and staff at all public schools. This education/action conference will look at what charters are and how they are siphoning off billions dollars from public taxes for profiteers. It will also examine how religious tax-funded

charter schools like the Gulen Magnolia chain and storefront “online schools” like Escondido Charter High are growing in California and throughout the country. We will hear from parents groups and teachers who are fighting against retaliation and discrimination. This is a life-and-death struggle to protect public education and we will learn about it and how to defend our schools.

Speakers: Sharon Higgins, expert on Gulen Magnolia Charter Schools; Dr. Frank Adamson, Stanford Graduate School of Education; Carlos Taboada, Retired UTR teacher; Kristyn Jones, UTR Teacher; Debra McCaffrey, parent activist; Michael Dominguez, UTLA retired teacher; Eileen Brown, Stand With Ross Valley Schools; Steve Johnson, teacher Labor Rising; Robert Ovetz, adjunct professor, Todd Groves, former WCCSB member.

Sponsored by [Defend Public Education Now](https://www.defendpubliceducationnow.org)

For more information, call:(510) 506-4493, (510) 439-8073

<https://www.defendpubliceducationnow.org>

❖**Reform CA Lobby Day 2017**

Tuesday, August 22, 10 am-3 pm

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1300 N Street, Sacramento

Sponsored by: Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism

We have an exciting opportunity to gather in Sacramento on August 22 to hear about the 'state of the state' from Senate President Pro Tempore Kevin de Leon, grow and strengthen our community by sharing what our congregations are doing locally, and lobby our legislators on 2-3 of our most pressing legislative issues (see [here](#) for our 2017 Legislative Agenda).

More information and registration details will be released soon. Have questions or want to get involved? Email Rabbi Jessica Oleon Kirschner at jkirschner@rac.org or Lee Winkelman at lwinkelman@rac.org.

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 for specific locations, details. We need your help!

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

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

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

Turning District 10 Blue

California District 10 consists of Stanislaus County, and portions of San Joaquin County. Cities in the district include Oakdale, Manteca, Modesto, Tracy, and Turlock. There are several groups organizing get out the vote in District 10 to elect a Democrat to Congress. The events are too numerous to list individually here.

Swing Left [Check out the CA-10 calendar today to find an event near you.](#)

Resources for CA-10 You can also donate to [Swing Left District Funds](#)

California Democratic Party

March Into '18 Program. Contact Karen Diaz KDIAZ@CADEM.ORG

Commit to Flip Blue

info@committotoflipblue.com. [Commit to Flip Blue website](#) and follow us on our new Facebook Commit to Flip Blue or on twitter [@Commit2FlipBlue](#)

Working America

<http://www.workingamerica.org/centralvalley/volunteer>

Working America is mobilizing volunteers in the Central Valley to build the resistance and a majority for progressive change. Before you attend an event with us, be sure to fill out this volunteer form and email or fax it to (510) 835-4913 in order to attend a training or volunteer shift.

1) Attend a Volunteer Training

All volunteers must attend one volunteer training before attending a volunteer shift. Currently, all training sessions will take place in Oakland. (Click link below for many dates)

2) Sign Up for Volunteer Shifts

Once you've attended a prerequisite volunteer training, you're ready to hit the streets with us to talk to voters and make a difference.

All volunteer shifts will take place in the Central Valley, staging from our Modesto office.

Space is limited for volunteer shifts, so please only [RSVP](#) to events you will be able to attend.

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

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

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...

News

❖Muslim Travel Ban [From Muslim Advocates.org]

The Supreme Court just accepted the case on the executive order and allowed the travel ban and refugee ban to go into effect, but only for individuals who do not have a "bona fide relationship to a person or entity in the United States." The bans will likely go into effect within 72 hours and will continue for at least 90 days.

What it Means to You

- If you are a national of the six countries with plans to travel to the United States, you should consult with an immigration attorney immediately.
- If you are a Lawful Permanent Resident (green card holder) or a United States citizen, the travel ban does not apply to you.
- If you are a dual national traveling on a passport other than a passport issued by one of the six countries, the travel ban does not apply to you.
- If you have a valid visa or other valid entry documents as of the effective date of the Order (which is likely to be within the next 2-3 days), the travel ban does not apply to you.
- If you have a connection to the United States, such as a family member in the United States or an affiliation with an institution in the United States, the travel ban should not apply to you.
- Certain other persons from the six countries may be able to qualify for a waiver and should immediately consult with an immigration attorney to determine their eligibility.
- If you experience any issues you believe are related to the travel ban, please report them using this secure online form.

What Happens Next

The Supreme Court will hear arguments on the case in October 2017, and will likely issue a final decision sometime during the Fall. We are now waiting for the administration to announce the implementation date of the order, which will be anytime within the next 72 hours. If you are from the six countries and have plans to travel to the United States, you should consult an immigration attorney immediately.

❖CAIR Says SCOTUS 'Muslim Ban' Decision Ignores Anti-Muslim Bigotry, Emboldens Islamophobes in Trump Administration

(WASHINGTON, D.C., 6/26/17) The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, said today's decision by the U.S. Supreme Court allowing a limited version of the Trump administration's "Muslim ban" executive orders to take effect ignores the Islamophobic origins of the policy and emboldens Islamophobes in the Trump administration.

The court said the ban on visitors from six Muslim-majority nations could be enforced as long as those individuals lack a "credible claim of a bona fide relationship with a person or entity in the United States." Justices will hear arguments on the case in October.

SEE: Trump Travel Ban Partly Reinstated; Fall Court Arguments Set

In a statement, CAIR National Executive Director Nihad Awad said:

"Today's decision by the Supreme Court ignores the anti-Muslim bigotry that is at the heart of the travel ban executive orders and will inevitably embolden Islamophobes in the administration to expand efforts to target the Muslim community with unconstitutional and counterproductive policies. It also ignores the almost-unanimous rejection of the Muslim ban by lower courts due to its religious intolerance and racial animus.

"While the court continued blocking those parts of the Muslim ban that would prevent entry for anyone with a 'credible claim of a bona fide relationship with a person or entity in the United States,' it has opened the door to legal chaos and official overreach in embassies and at the border.

"We will work with our civil rights partners to offer a legal and legislative response as the Muslim ban moves forward on the ground and in the Supreme Court."

Awad said today's decision was particularly disturbing for American Muslims, coming as it does on the Islamic end-of-Ramadan holiday of Eid ul-Fitr.

❖ **California Universal Health Care (SB 52) Shelved**

From Politico California Playbook

THE BUZZ: Anthony Rendon had no good choices when the state Senate sent him a universal health care lacking any plan for how to pay for it. Moderate Democrats in the Assembly weren't going to go for tax increases to fund the measure, and Gov. Jerry Brown was an almost-certain veto.

-- So the Assembly speaker took a bullet when he shelved the bill on Friday, shielding members from the wrath of the California Nurses Association and the left wing of the Democratic Party. It wasn't nothing. The nurses flooded Rendon's phones over the weekend, and Rendon caught the ire of Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), who said he was "extremely disappointed" in the decision.

-- The clear winners here are the bill's authors, state Sens. Ricardo Lara and Toni Atkins, who stand as champions of universal health care while avoiding a funding fight. Privately, however, moderate Democrats are thanking Rendon for taking a controversial bill off the table. His standing has improved in the lower house.

-- Via POLITICO Pro's Victoria Colliver: " ... 'The Senate can use that time to fill the holes in SB 562 and pass and send to the Assembly workable legislation that addresses financing, delivery of care, and cost control,' said Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon in a statement, in which he described himself as a supporter of single payer, but noted the bill has 'potentially fatal flaws.'

-- "The bill's primary sponsor, the California Nurses Association, immediately condemned the Speaker's decision, calling his late Friday afternoon announcement 'a cowardly act, developed in secret without engaging the thousands of Californians who have rallied to enact real health care reform.'"

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!

Article

❖ ***Supreme Court won't hear a California gun case, leaving in place the state's strict limits on concealed weapons*** - June 27, 2017 [Los Angeles Times](#)

The Supreme Court has rejected a major 2nd Amendment challenge to California's strict limits on **carrying concealed guns in public**. The justices by a 7-2 vote turned away an appeal from gun rights advocates who contended that most law-abiding gun owners in San Diego, Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay area were being wrongly denied permits to carry a weapon when they leave home.