

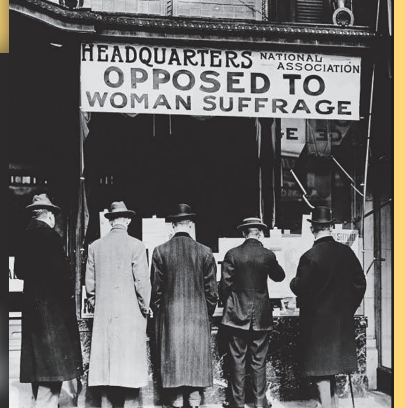
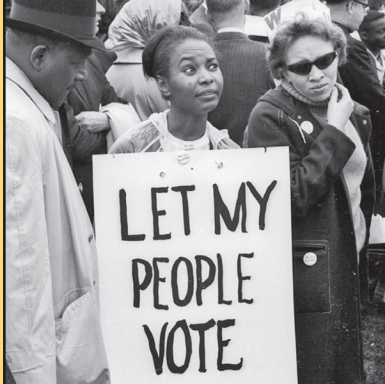
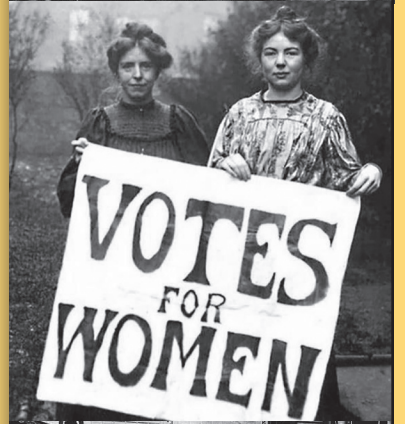
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*“If you don't like the news...  
go out and make some of your own!”*

*Wes “Scoop” Nisker*



# Working for Justice is the Way to Peace

**Shekeyna Black**

*“In the United States, where since the 1980s the murders of women have been steadily rising, with more than three thousand women killed each year, the murders of women of color are less likely to receive media attention or to be solved than the murders of white women.”*

– quote by Silvia Federici from her book, *Witches, Witch-Hunting and Women* (2018).



*Jakelin Amei Rosmery Caal Maquin died in ICE custody.*

The Peace & Justice Center of Sonoma County’s business hours are Monday-Friday from 1 to 4 pm. The public is encouraged to stop by to see 10 photos of some of the young people who died at the US – Mexico border while detained by ICE. These photos, which I look at everyday while at work, are of a happier time for those children. One photo that stands out for me is of Jakelin Maquin, grinning in her pink t-shirt, who died in ICE custody of an infection,

that if it had been treated, would not have cost her life at age seven. Also, there is a photo of a smiling toddler, Wilmer Josue Ramirez Vasquez. According to the *Washington Post*, “Lawyers supporting Wilmer’s family said the boy and his mother were ‘subjected to inhumane conditions’ during their three days in Border Patrol custody, ‘including exposure to extreme temperatures, being forced to sleep outside on the ground, and other terrible conditions of confinement.’” Additionally, the current administration admits it may take up to two years to reunite families seeking asylum at the border, because they do not have a system in place to track the children they separated. Scary!

On another note, on January 15, 2020 Virginia became the 38th state to approve the Equal Rights Amendment, a mostly symbolic victory. The ERA, “a proposed amendment to the United States Constitution designed to guarantee equal legal rights for all American citizens regardless of sex. It seeks to end the legal distinctions between men and women in matters of divorce, property, employment, and other matters,” has never been passed despite first being presented in 1923 and again in 1972. (Source – EqualRightsAmendment.org). Along those lines, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) expired in December 2018 and the reinstatement is held up in Congress. This is food for thought as we head closer to the August 26, 2020 Women’s Equality Day that commemorates the 100th Anniversary of Women in the United States getting the Right to Vote!

Do not take your Right to Vote for granted! We have Voter Registration Forms at the Peace & Justice Center. Stop by during business hours to pick one up! Please encourage your family and friends in California to Vote in the March 3, Presidential Primary Election. Also, we have a petition for Registered Voters in Sonoma County to sign for “The Evelyn Cheatham Effective IOLERO Ordinance.” The Independent Office of Law Enforcement Review and Outreach (IOLERO) was created in response to the 2013 killing of 13 year-old Andy Lopez by Sonoma County sheriff’s deputy, Erick Gelhaus.

The PJC Board of Directors is committed to working with Homeless Action! and SAVS (Sonoma Applied Villages Services) to help with the homeless crisis in Sonoma County. Personally, every time I turn on the heater, I think about all the people living on the Joe Rodota Trail and elsewhere who do not have the luxury of turning on a heater to get warm during the cold winter months. We, as a society, can do much better to ensure that Women, People of Color, and the Homeless are treated with dignity and equality. In the words of author/activist, Alice Walker, “I can be almost terminally grief-stricken because things are so dire, but at the same time, there’s a real lightheartedness about just the recoverability of life, of how things change, how they’re not the same, ever again.” 🙌

## Election Protection

**Rebel Fagin**

Here are some tips on how you can best assure that your vote will actually be counted in the upcoming election.

A little background on the process. To be President of the United States you need to get 270 electoral votes. Each state is awarded as many electoral votes as they have representation in Congress. Every state gets 2 Senators, thus 2 votes. The House of Representatives apportions its 435 votes to each state based on the state’s population, with a minimum of one vote per state. California, home to one in eight Americans, gets 55 votes while Vermont gets 3.

California is almost a one party state. Who-

ever wins the Democratic primary in March will receive all 55 of our electoral votes.

Elections are about much more than who goes to the White House. In 2016’s election most of the progressive bills on the ballot were passed into law. Laws last longer than the impact of most Presidents.

This time our primary election will be on March 3. Voters need to register by February 17. If you do same day registration you will be given a provisional ballot. While these have to be offered, they do not have to be counted. Frequently they are counted following the announcement of who won. The Democrats are holding a closed election. This means only Democratic party members can vote for

a Democratic candidate. They are allowing No Party Preference voters to join them once they request a Democratic ballot. American Independent and Libertarians are also opening their primaries to No Party Preference voters. Republicans, Greens and Peace & Freedom primaries are only open to their own party members.

Forget the Russians: The Koch’s, Kris Kobach, Carl Rove and the Federalist Society will steal more votes than the Russians can imagine... again. If you can’t get voters to support your agenda, then you need to eliminate some voters. The Republican voter suppression playbook started in 2010 with

*Election Protection...see page 12*

# The Three Enemies of Dr. King

*John Leddy*

I am a student at Elsie Allen High School and honored to be a part of the 2020 Martin Luther King Oratorical contest. With all that is presently going on in the country, honoring Dr. King's legacy needs to be of paramount importance.

Almost 52 years ago, Martin Luther King was assassinated at the age of 39, much too young. His death left us a legacy to follow. He wanted us to be free and equal, to love each other. He wanted peace and nonviolence to triumph over violence and hate. Today, almost 52 years after his passing, we have to ask ourselves a question. Have we honored the legacy bestowed to us? Or have we failed him? Look around, what do you see?

I can tell you what I see. When I wake up in the morning, I see the alert on my phone reporting another mass shooting. From this horror I am left stunned, again, but how many times can we be stunned by what seems to be becoming a routine occurrence? Since when is tragedy the new normal for America? Since when do schools need to have plans and precautions around potential shooters? From these now regular occurrences arises another tragedy: fear. We have become afraid. Afraid of each other, afraid of what might happen, afraid of the "if." In doing this, we have lost our sense of right and wrong in favor of seeking the illusion of safety and security. This is evidenced with proposals to prevent further tragedies by further militarizing our schools, and further restricting our liberties, but we are too afraid to ask why. King asked why. This is not living King's legacy.

In the afternoon, I get home from school. Usually, the first thing I do is go upstairs to my room. From there I can see an empty field, a couple of neighboring houses, Highway 12 and the Joe Rodota Trail. As many of us know, the Joe Rodota Trail has become home for the homeless. People sit out through cycles of rain and cold nights encamped in flimsy tents. They exist in one of the wealthiest places on the globe, but for them it's a third world country. We have the means to help them – as other cities successfully solve their homelessness problem – but time and time again find reasons not to do so. We use words describing these human beings as "scary," "undesirable," or "dangerous" to dehumanize them, to justify our inaction. But the truth of the matter is that we have fallen into the abyss of apathy. We have become so absorbed only

by what pertains to us that we miss the grander scheme. As these members of our community struggle and fall further into extreme poverty, we idly stand by and watch. This is not living King's legacy.

In the evening, after I have finished my tasks for the day, I, like many of you, relax. Part of my relaxing is watching the evening news, helping me stay informed. Here, I see the bitterness and division among us. We can't seem to agree on anything anymore. Why does everything have to be so partisan? We split into our sides and care only for what benefits our side and damages the other. When problems come before us, we believe shouting is the cure, when in fact it is part of the disease. At this moment, the President of the United States is in the process of impeachment. We respond to this dramatic and historical moment with bitterness and shouting, blaming "the others" even more. We don't need more of this. "They" – who ever "they" may be – are not our enemy. I am a Democrat, my Grandpa is a Republican. We are not rivals or enemies, we are family. The people on the other side are people. They live in the same country we do and live the same lives. Then why do the sides despise each other so? It is easy to fall into hatred, and that is what we have done. This is not living King's legacy.

So, how do we atone? How do we forgive? Can we rise above or have we fallen too deep into the darkness? In the words of Martin Luther King, "We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope." Yes, we have disappointed in living up to his legacy, but we can hope to start right now. We can, we must and we will. Let us break free from the snare that is fear. Never let this control our lives. The world is only as frightening as we make it. Be bold, be brave, have courage. Dr. King had courage in his heart to his dying breath. If we wish to live his legacy, we must do the same.

Let us shake loose the grips of apathy. This is our community, let our passion for it show. Let us care for our fellow citizens. Speak up, volunteer, donate, let us do anything we can to help our fellow human beings. To live his legacy, we must be willing to take similar risks as Martin Luther King did and help and love each other.

Let us not despise the other side. People are people. It is easy to hate, it is harder to understand, to love. Let us be our brother's keeper. Let us love them for who they are, not hate them for what they espouse.

So what do you see? I can tell you what I see. I can see the darkness, but I can also see glimmers of hope. Thank you! ✨

## Register and Vote!

**Last Day to Register to Vote in the 2020 Primary Election: Feb. 17, 2020**

How to register to vote: Pick up a paper voter registration application at any Department of Motor Vehicles, Post Office, Public Library, or County Voter Registrar Office. **You can Pre-register at age 16 and 17, then Vote when you turn 18.**

**Register to Vote and Check or Change Registration:** [usa.gov/register-to-vote](https://usa.gov/register-to-vote) or Google: **registering to vote online**

**More information:** [sonomacounty.ca.gov/CRA/Registrar-of-Voters](https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/CRA/Registrar-of-Voters)

You must re-register any time you change your name, residence address, or political party. You will receive a confirmation of your registration.

**In California, voters may check "Decline to State" a political party affiliation**

on the voter registration form. Voters who choose not to affiliate are commonly referred to as "independent" not to be confused with the conservative political party, *American Independent*. If you don't choose a political party be sure to select: Decline to State on your registration form. For more information, refer to the Political Party Affiliation section of the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election Guide.

# What are Solutions for People Without a Roof?

*Scott Wagner*

In this bald-faced example of a wealthy county that doesn't provide their destitute anywhere near adequate shelter, we have several handholds that would help easily. First, the public desperately needs education by their officials that providing basic life services to those experiencing homelessness – a toilet, a trash service and a lockable place to sleep and store possessions – would save many millions of dollars in medical, policing and jail costs.

Secondly, officials, activists and churches need to do a much better job of reaching out to our citizenry to volunteer and contribute and simply see and experience our friends on the streets, so their fate isn't left to unseen, unaccountable police and administrators.

A third solution to inequality in shelter is to push for the many high-volume permanent and temporary housing solutions that sit between an illegal tent in a park and apartments that cost a half-million dollars. The only high-volume solutions of the kind supported by government are "rapid rehousing," which provides initial payments for people who have income to get

into a place, or warehouse-type shelters. Rapid rehousing is very helpful for people in a sudden crisis, but it can't help the vast majority of homeless people and none of the poorest. Warehouse shelters are life-saving solutions, but only for less than half of our citizens experiencing homelessness, because most can't use them due to time limits, handicaps and the risks, behaviors, lack of privacy and debilitating indignity of a prison-like facility.

What does that leave as real cost-effective solutions for the thousands on the street in Sonoma County? The only other answer is obvious: organized communities that have permission to be on public and private land, using whatever housing and amenities that residents, government and donors can afford. Government has taken to calling these solutions "sanctioned encampments."

That phrase is as broad and flexible as the notion of community itself. Let's look at the bare-bones version. We are so desperate to stop the endless abuse by police and weather that we would be thrilled to have any place at all to send people that would be sanctioned. A

remote parking lot, a good tarp, a decent tent, a portable toilet and trash service – most people cannot imagine how heavenly that sounds to almost all the people out there.

Government worries about the impact on neighbors and about ending up with "slums." These are legitimate issues. But such concerns need to be seen in light of the current depravity being inflicted on my friends. Misery, disease, broken minds and families and death are happening now. Too many concerns too soon about potential neighbor complaints and future "maybe issues" have become a way to viciously discriminate, to deprive people of human rights.

Of course, there is also much we can do to improve the life quality of such communities and eliminate concerns. Residents can help manage the community or get professional management. Neighborhood relationship committees can be formed, like those operating for decades in Seattle. Upgrades to their homes can be made, from tents all the way through homes with showers and toilets. Specialized communities (women, vets, the elderly) can be formed that address common challenges.

So why aren't any of these versions of solutions happening in Sonoma County? It's not the expense. They are very inexpensive. The answer is our officials' broad-brush, uninformed prejudice against people experiencing homelessness. That prejudice hides best behind recent statements by Supervisors and City Council people that sanctioned encampments "have been shown to be a failure." Two recent examples are questions asked by officials of staff, one of which was, "[your solutions] aren't going to be sanctioned encampments, are they?", followed by quick staff assurances, "No, no, not at all..." They may as well try to say that all attempts at communities have been shown to be a failure.

Our officials are dead wrong. We know through solid research that peer support and community approaches work – not for all and not all the time, but in remarkable ways that any experienced activist can tell of. Our friends and loved ones have been transformed by the kindness and attention of their community of friends. And if communities do occasionally fail or disappoint, we must remember that rapes, health disasters and property destruction by police in creek beds and parks are the government's only other offer. 🙏

*Scott Wagner works with Homeless Action! and advocates for people without a roof.*

## PJC FREE MOVIE NIGHTS

### THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH

Sponsored by the Sonoma County Socialists, a loosely affiliated reading group. We are showing a series of powerful films, which we hope will invite conversation, build community and create a space to discuss pressing social justice issues. All movies are free, with a small donation appreciated to cover costs of the PJC's facility use. All movies will be shown at the Peace & Justice Center, 467 Sebastopol Ave., Santa Rosa.

#### **Fri. Feb. 21, 7PM "WHAT IS DEMOCRACY?"**

Director Astra Taylor's idiosyncratic, philosophical journey spans millennia and continents: from ancient Athens' groundbreaking experiment in self-government to capitalism's roots in medieval Italy; from modern-day Greece grappling with financial collapse and a mounting refugee crisis to the United States reckoning with its racist past and the growing gap between rich and poor.

Featuring a diverse cast – including celebrated theorists, trauma surgeons, activists, factory workers, asylum seekers, and former prime ministers – this urgent film connects the past and the present, the emotional and the intellectual, the personal and the political, in order to provoke and inspire. If we want to live in democracy, we must first ask what the word even means.

#### **Fri. Mar. 20, 7PM "TRUE JUSTICE: BRYAN STEVENSON'S FIGHT FOR EQUALITY"**

The film follows 30 years of the Equal Justice Initiative's work on behalf of the poor, the incarcerated, and the condemned. Told primarily in his own words, True Justice shares Bryan Stevenson's experience with a criminal justice system that "treats you better if you're rich and guilty than if you're poor and innocent." The burden of facing this system is explored in candid interviews with associates, close family members, and clients.

This feature documentary focuses on Bryan Stevenson's life and career—particularly his indictment of the U.S. criminal justice system for its role in codifying modern systemic racism—and tracks the intertwined histories of slavery, lynching, segregation and mass incarceration.



# Open Letter to the Critics of the Joe Rodota Trail

Rochelle Roberts

Since starting this journey on The Joe Rodota Trail, it has really opened myself to the world - amazing new friends I would never have thought I would have, confidence I have gained, emotions I would of usually shoved so far down, now come bursting to the surface.

I have never ever been too interested in being close to too many people. It's rare for me. But this whole experience I'm living, I'm seriously getting involved with so many humans, their souls and their purpose here. I guess I just needed to find my tribe.

The moment I stepped on that trail I fell in love with so many. It was then I decided I wanted to build relationships with the trail residents and see why... what

rat infestation and everyone goes ape shit. If you are truly from Sonoma County you know this is and has been a ongoing issue. I live way over on the east end of Sebastopol and it's the same over there. I do understand having all the food, pet food and what-not piled on the trail does increase the rats, but tell me how your front yard would look after just a month of no garbage pick up and times that by 100.

People say we are enablers. We stop them from getting help and the police from doing their jobs. They bitch and complain about people pissing and shitting everywhere, so they get bathrooms. They bitch and complain about the garbage so we pick up garbage with the trail residents' assistance and they still complain. They say they are compassionate but show dead rats in traps in one group with the quote, "another homeless resident." They say things like "Screw those losers, start honking your horn every time you see a homeless person and make their lives frikken miserable."

How about we make them feel a part of our community? How about we show we care so they stop feeling so beat down by society? How about we put them somewhere where it's not such a political issue and no media is allowed, so these people can heal, be given love and support from those who want to give it?

Let them rest, shower, be clean, walk away from their belongings to eat a meal with all of us and not worry about their property being stolen. Let's bring back that resilience and fire for life. Let's walk side by side and help them grow and thrive. It's not going to be perfect but it's worth the fight.

There are so many groups and agencies who want to be a part of this process of getting them off the trail and start assessing needs and get the proper help for them. Yet people still complain no matter where they will go. Seems they want them all locked up to be seen or heard no more, when some of the behavior you bitch about, you're doing in your own homes. Just because you hide your little addictions and your problems within your four walls and theirs is out in the open, does not make you any better. So get off your high horses! Do something or just shut up! 🙌

Kindness -  
 Loaning someone your  
 Strength instead of  
 Reminding them of their  
 Weakness

happened to get them to this moment, what pain, what tragedy, what abuse?

Or maybe some just don't want to live between 4 walls; they want their freedom of not having a 9-5 and maybe they thrive better surviving on what gifts they have, maybe building things, creating art, working on a farm to grow their own food, share with others and support their own community. Some of these folks don't even want money. They want to live off the land with their gifts they have to offer. Just because it doesn't make sense to some, doesn't mean it's wrong and can't work.

There's a good amount of negativity that comes with this experience - from the bad behavior of some unsheltered individuals, to the working class who witness this behavior and blame the whole unsheltered community for those actions. The Media who post alarming things like a

# Join Black History Month Activities in Petaluma



## Faith Ross

Petaluma Blacks for Community Development's theme for this year's Black History Month is "Black History: Remember, Educate, Celebrate." We will remember African Americans and the Vote. 2020 marks the 150th anniversary of the Fifteenth Amendment, which gave black men the right to vote in 1870. It also marks the centennial of the Nineteenth Amendment and the culmination of the women's suffrage movement. While black men and women were involved in the suffrage movement, little is known about their activities. This struggle was not just about the vote, but because of racism, the right of blacks to be treated with dignity and respect.

Our exhibit will include pictures and information about black suffragists, the obstacles

they faced and those that still exist today. We will include a black history timeline in the exhibit to help educate and celebrate contributions that blacks have made to American History. We will also celebrate the legacy of many blacks who have died within the last year.

The grand opening of the Black History exhibit will be held on Friday, February 7 at 6:30 pm. The exhibit will be at the Petaluma Historical Library and Museum, 20 Fourth Street in downtown Petaluma. Refreshment and drinks will be served with live music. We ask for a donation of \$10 for adults, children 18 and under are free. No one will be turned away.

On Sunday, February 9 at 1:00 pm Kim Hester-Williams will give a talk on "Black

Women and the Suffrage Movement." Kim is a professor at Sonoma State University and teaches literature and ethnic studies. The talk will be held at the Petaluma Historical Library and Museum. It will be free and open to the public.

On Sunday, February 23 at 4:30 pm our Annual Gospel Hour will be held at Petaluma Christian Church, 1160 Schuman Lane. It will also be free and open to the public.

Our Annual Black History Program will be held on Saturday, February 29 at 5:30 pm at New Life Christian Fellowship, 1315 Clegg Street. The program will include educational and entertainment components by youth and adults from the community.

We look forward to sharing these important Black History Month events with you. 🙌

## Wise Sages-in-Training Retreat

### Kendra Mon

You are invited to the annual retreat of people endeavoring to be the peace we want to see in the world. We are the Ancestors: Visioning the World We are Building. Saturday, February 8, 10 am to 9 pm, & Sunday, February 9, 10 am to 3 pm, 300 Stony Point Road, Petaluma.

Many of us were raised to believe that change happens because of special leaders, but when you think about it, each of us is constantly creating change with our every action and inaction. In the same way, we are constantly affected or changed by the actions and inactions of those around us. Together, we are the ancestors of the unfolding future. The goal of our annual retreat is to support each other in being the wisest ancestors we can be. You are totally welcome

to join in for all or part of the festivities, which will include the following: meeting really nice people, short guided meditation, circle discussion, potluck meals, inspiration, laughter, group art project, music, peace gift trade, brain storming for ideas to let people know that peace building and nonviolence work, movement for relaxation and an inspirational movie. Michael Nagler of the Metta Center for Nonviolence will speak Saturday afternoon. There is no charge to attend.

We have a core schedule, but will defer to the group to see if we need to change it. If you can, please bring food and snacks to share, an inspirational quote, a token to put in the center of the circle and take home with you and a small peace gift of any kind for an exchange. You may want to bring something

you treasure but are willing to pass on, such as a hand-copied poem or something else that you enjoy.

This event is sponsored by the Northern California Peace Alliance. You can read about our grassroots advocacy organization and our efforts to pass legislation to create a cabinet-level US Department of Peacebuilding at [www.PeaceAlliance.org](http://www.PeaceAlliance.org). If you would like to learn more about the retreat or our organization, please contact Kendra Mon by calling 707-347-6800 or emailing [kendramon@comcast.net](mailto:kendramon@comcast.net).

*"In a nation of millions and a world of billions, the individual is still the first and basic agent of change."* – Lyndon B. Johnson

*"Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you, spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life."* – Amy Poehler 🙌



# Support Independent Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement – Sign the Petition

*Susan Lamont*

Another innocent person is dead in Sonoma County, killed by Sheriff's deputy Charlie Blount, who has a history of excessive force. David Ward died after being beaten, tasered and held in a carotid artery hold. Sonoma County residents need ongoing strong community oversight of the Sheriff's Office.

Signature gathering is underway to put the ordinance on the November 2020 ballot and we need your help.

IOLERO, the Independent Office of Law Enforcement Review and Outreach, was established in 2016 after the killing of 13-year-old Andy Lopez. Unfortunately, it has been unable to fulfill the vision of its creators because the Board of Supervisors failed to adequately fund and staff it and because the Sheriff's Office has often balked at allowing adequate access to information needed to do IOLERO's job.

Therefore, a group of citizens formed to create the Evelyn Cheatham Effective IOLERO

Ordinance to solve those problems and help IOLERO fulfill its mission. Best practices in modern law enforcement focus on community-oriented policing and collaborating with effective civilian oversight. Such oversight increases transparency and accountability, which increases trust between law enforcement and all communities and makes civilians and officers alike more safe.

More than three years of operation have brought the shortcomings of current IOLERO operations into clear focus. In addition to an increase in budget and staffing, the new ordinance would mandate that the Sheriff allow IOLERO investigators unfettered access to dispatch records, personnel files, and all investigative reports and evidence. Included would be subpoena power and independent investigations. It would clarify IOLERO's authority over investigations into use of force, constitutional violations, sexual assault or harassment, and allegations of biased policing or corrections.

Despite a history of both lying and violent interactions with the public, Deputy

Blount apparently had never been disciplined. If IOLERO had had the tools mandated by this ordinance, David Ward might still be alive.

Signature gathering is underway to put the ordinance on the November 2020 ballot and we need your help. Please sign the petition if you are registered to vote in Sonoma County. Petitions are at the Peace & Justice Center and signature gatherers are fanning out across the county. You can become a signature gatherer yourself. You can donate online to pay for the expenses of the campaign.

We are the Campaign to Support an Effective IOLERO, FPPC#142, 712. To learn more, go to our website: [socoeffectiveoversight.org](http://socoeffectiveoversight.org) or email us at [info@socoeffectiveoversight.org](mailto:info@socoeffectiveoversight.org). Or join us at our weekly meetings every Tuesday at 7:00 at the Arlene Francis Center, 99 Sixth St., Santa Rosa.

There will be a public forum Saturday, Feb. 29 on the Evelyn Cheatham Effective IOLERO Ordinance: "Light on the Guardians: Towards Improved Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement in Sonoma County." Put it on your calendar! 1-3pm at the Glaser Center in Santa Rosa. More info later.

Also, Susan Lamont will be speaking at the PJC, Monday, March 23 at an Occupy Sonoma County teach-in on the petition and police misconduct in general. 7-9, free. 🌱

## Whistleblowers Unite

*Frank Tracy*

In 1850 the American author Nathaniel Hawthorne wrote *The Scarlet Letter*. The harsh religious authorities of 18th century New England required the female character, which was suspected of committing adultery, to wear the letter "A." The village residents ultimately responded by also wearing scarlet "A's," thus aborting what they saw as an injustice.

In their convoluted world, the Republican authority currently attempts to scapegoat a whistleblower as being responsible for their own crimes. They can't quite call this person a 'snitch,' as that would expose their gangster ways.

This attack on the legally mandated whistleblower requires the same protective response

as in that puritanical New England village. What could be more fitting than that we all become whistleblowers, literally? Armed with this notion and with the encouragement of my fellow sister resisters, Norma, and Shekeyna of the Peace & Justice Center, I set out to buy a whistle for the impeachment rally on December 17 that was organized by Indivisible Sonoma County.

Well, whistles abounded in my 1940s youth, but now electronics rule. After much searching, I finally found a proper whistle at R.E.I. outdoor store for \$8 – and it was serendipitously scarlet! At the rally I met up with Norma, who had her own protective whistle. I gave her a "Whet the Whistle" sign and I



waved my own "We're All Whistleblowers Now" sign, as we whistled loudly. Many of our fellow demonstrators were delighted with the concept and several photos were taken. (An interview with Norma was in the next day's *Press Democrat*.)

We have a long way yet to go for justice. Being whistleblowers is a handy tool in the resistance; even New Year's party tooter express our unity! 🌱



# It's Up to Us! Sonoma County Climate Activists Community Summit, March 15

Anne Cummings Jacopetti

On March 15, Sonoma County Climate Activist Network (SoCoCAN!) will host a 2020 Summit. All are invited to attend. Our purpose is to unite local groups and concerned citizens so that we can meet this new decade with a clear vision of the social, political and environmental challenges we are facing. During the previous 2017 summit, 24 local environmental and social justice groups and 73 individuals met and formed SoCoCAN!, an activist network that meets regularly to educate, coordinate and support local activism.

The 2020 Summit will offer presentations and discussions that will enable us to collectively support transformation of our energy and transportation systems away from fossil fuels while making our communities more resilient and able to adapt to threats posed by our changing climate. We will welcome and learn how best to support the youth movements that are changing public awareness and putting pressure on our business-as-usual conventions and habits. We will build common ground between our campaigns for a sustainable economy based on renewable energy, public transportation and regenerative forest and agricultural practices with our campaigns for just and equitable communities, where affordable housing is considered a basic right and fair wages and jobs ensure that no child goes to bed hungry.

We recognize that 2020 is a critical time to come together to strengthen our community spirit and clarify our vision. Although the tasks before us may seem overwhelming, we are very fortunate to live in a county that has been at the forefront of progressive and transformative change. Sonoma Clean Power now serves nearly 90% of eligible customers in two counties and has been a model for dozens of California communities. With our combined support, Santa Rosa and Windsor have passed All Electric Reach Codes, ensuring that natural gas will no longer be allowed in new housing construction under three stories. Sonoma County Board of Supervisors and the cities of Sebastopol, Petaluma, Windsor and Cloverdale have issued climate emergency declarations, with Santa Rosa soon to follow. Cities throughout the county have committed to Zero Waste Ordinances and the county is building a centralized state-of-the-art composting program. A local teacher and students established Schools for Climate

Action, a movement which has now spread to 100 organizations in 13 states. The City of Santa Rosa has endorsed California's Initiative for Public Banking, the answer to local funding of projects like affordable, energy efficient housing.

We experience success when we show up together. Last year bike activists, youth educators, the Sunrise Movement, anti-war activists and local environmental groups supported a "No Gas Here" judicial hearing opposing a gas station near a low-income elementary school. A similar action was successful in stopping plans to build a gas station on Highway 116. Supporters won the fight for \$15 minimum wage from Jobs for Justice and environmental advocates standing arm in arm. Over 2,000 people attended the September 20th Youth Climate Strike in Old Courthouse Square, answering the call of Naomi Klein and Bill McKibben, who said "at the request of the young people who have been staging school strikes around the world, we're walking out of our workplaces and homes to spend the day demanding action on the climate crisis - a call for solidarity."

When we stand together with a clear message, we can win. One important challenge this year is to bring urgency and transforma-

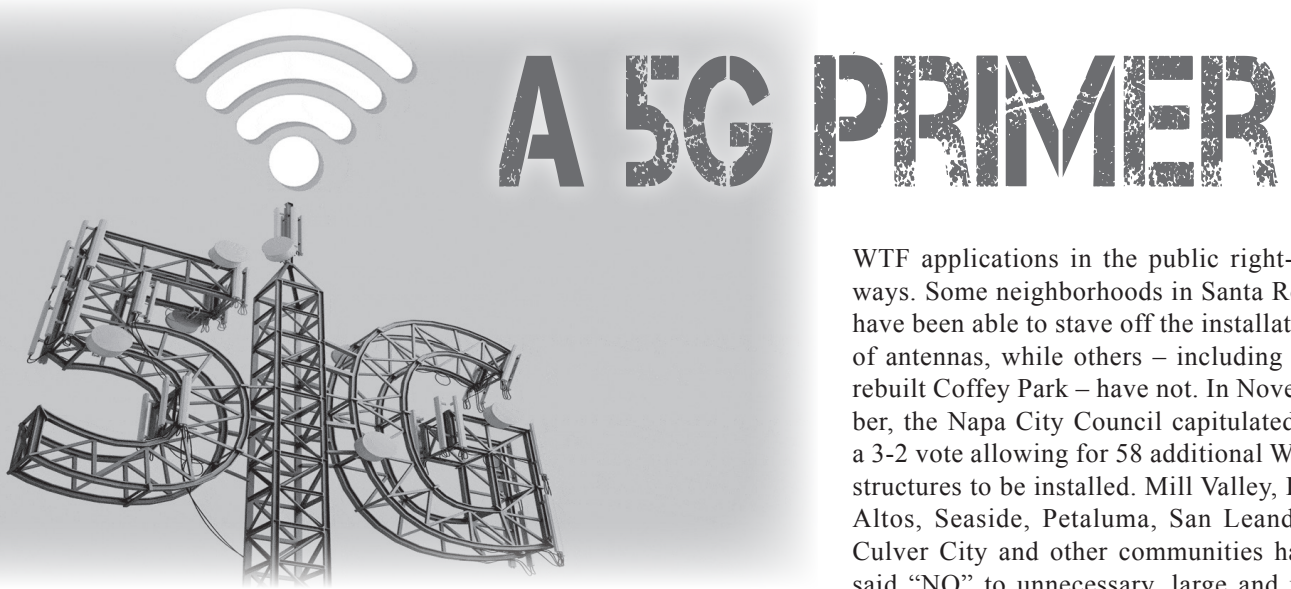
tion to Sonoma County's update of the General Plan, a roadmap for Sonoma County's goals for the next decade.

On March 15 we will use our time together to strengthen partnerships, stimulate unexplored collaborative potential, and set up channels for strong communication among groups. We will celebrate together with word and song; we will share our efforts to make Sonoma County a more just and sustainable community for our children and grandchildren. We invite you help us build a common vision to support our diverse community and to protect our precious biodiverse lands and waters.

We hope you are encouraged to put the afternoon of March 15, 2020 from 2 to 6 pm in your datebooks. We are the decision makers and leaders of the local and global changes we must create. Starting right here, right now. Together.

The Sonoma County Climate Activist Network is comprised of over 25 local groups and over 100 individuals working to address and reverse climate change. We meet in months with five Mondays from 7 to 9 pm at the PJC. For more information and to join the network, contact [sonomacountycan@gmail.com](mailto:sonomacountycan@gmail.com) or call 707-595-0320 (email preferred).





# A 5G PRIMER

**Martha Glaser**

With all the media hype about the race to 5G (5th Generation), many wonder what it really means. What is 5G? Is it just a fuzzy marketing term for a new technology? Next-generation wireless technology will combine 3G, 4G and 5G, irradiating a legion of microwave-lengths from 20 inches to 0.2 inches!

4G-5G Wireless Telecommunications Facility antennas (WTF) transmit Effective Radiated Power (ERP) through the atmosphere, buzzing back and forth between cellphones and other wireless devices. WTFs modulate digital data on smooth carrier waves, rendering the waves pulsed, broken, erratic and xenobiotic (i.e., foreign to nature), quite unlike electromagnetic radiation from the sun. If 5G plans were to move forward as planned, unnatural radiation would intensely infuse the atmosphere of every last neighborhood, every home and every body.

WTFs send data by the medium of pulse-modulated microwave radiation. Radiation from WTFs of any “G” is hazardous, so why is it important to know the lengths of these data-carrying microwaves? As a wavelength approaches body-part size, its absorption increases exponentially to the point of resonance, whereby the body part – the brain, heart, pancreas, etc. – becomes an antenna.

People might not recognize that tinnitus (ringing in the ears), headaches, chronic fatigue and sleeplessness, learning and memory problems, hyperactivity, cardiac irregularities, and nosebleeds are all common symptoms of microwave radiation sickness. Symptoms like these occur sooner or later to everyone

who is exposed.

Electromagnetic Sensitivity (EMS) is a common, environmentally-induced condition and is recognized by the Federal US Access Board with a medical diagnostic code described as “exposure to other non-ionizing radiation, initial encounter.” Treatment involves removing the sources of pulsed, data-modulated, radiofrequency and microwave radiation from where people live, sleep, work, play and heal. Besides the human species, our wildlife and pollinators are affected as well. How can we protect them?

Seeing the construction of large, industrial transmission equipment – the size of a large refrigerator – on our utility and light poles near homes, schools, parks and care facilities has spurred many to action. People are raising sensible objections that deserve careful attention before 4G-5G WTFs spread any further. The public has not consented to involuntary, unnatural microwave radiation in our homes and neighborhoods, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, forever.

In Sacramento, people have been suffering the effects of the 4G-5G rollout since the city accepted millions of dollars of “investment” gifts from Verizon in 2018 for unfettered use of city property in public right-of-ways. Other communities, including the cities of Sonoma and Santa Rosa, have been battling an onslaught of

WTF applications in the public right-of-ways. Some neighborhoods in Santa Rosa have been able to stave off the installation of antennas, while others – including the rebuilt Coffey Park – have not. In November, the Napa City Council capitulated in a 3-2 vote allowing for 58 additional WTF structures to be installed. Mill Valley, Los Altos, Seaside, Petaluma, San Leandro, Culver City and other communities have said “NO” to unnecessary, large and unsightly WTFs in residential zones.

California cities benefited from Governor Brown’s 2017 veto of CA SB 649. The bill is related “to the permitting of wireless telecommunications providers and the equipment they use from micro-wireless to small cell to macro-towers.”

We must protect our neighborhoods and national parks, the bees, butterflies, birds and our own bodies while preventing declining property values and privacy infringements through data collection. We all have the in-

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alienable right to privacy and safety per the California Constitution as well as the right to enjoy our homes and streets. These well-studied, dangerously modulated microwave-lengths can be opposed. Contact your County Supervisors, City Council and Mayor to resist this assault. We can and must choose a wise course for the future.

Sources: <https://www.emf-portal.org/>, scientists4wiredtech.com, mystreetmychoice.com, Biological Effects of Electromagnetic Fields by Dr. Ross Adey. 🙌

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# Still Hungry in the USA

*e.g. singer*

In 1968, just over 50 years ago, CBS news aired a television documentary titled “Hunger in America” that found severe cases of malnutrition in kids. It won a Peabody Award for its investigative journalism. It was a revelation to many who watched the program, as it focused on four areas in the United States: African-American sharecroppers in Alabama, The Navajo in Arizona, tenant farmers in Virginia and the Mexican-American population in Texas,

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specifically, San Antonio. Without a doubt, both the rural areas in the report and many large cities today, still suffer from hunger and malnutrition among their respective populations.

During that time, America – perhaps at the apex of its power – exposed to the viewing audience, yet another reality of what our nation was struggling with: the ability to feed its own people. While concurrently fighting a losing war in Southeast Asia that was draining our coffers, President Lyndon Johnson’s arrogant slogan, “Guns and Butter” implied that the greatest nation on earth could seemingly pull off the impossible. It implied that we could address both our domestic and foreign issues without any problem. It didn’t quite work out that way though. The foreign entanglement lasted a dozen years resulting in defeat. It turned out we were on the wrong side of history.

And the hunger issue still lingers. According government statistics “in 2005, 26 million people a month participate in the Food Stamp Program at a total cost of \$28.6 billion. A third of those recipients are on welfare, but two-thirds are working people who still fall below the poverty cut off. Despite the huge budget, the average food stamp benefit amounts to about \$1.05 per person per meal. Despite 40 years of food stamps, it is still estimated that one in ten people and one in six children still don’t get enough food.”

A summary statistical report indicated that an average of 44.2 million people used the program in fiscal year 2016. The US population was 323 million people in that year. As

of August, 2019, 38 million people continue to rely on food stamps – more than 10% of the current US Population!

Over three million people may now be affected by our government’s new ruling passed November, 2019 regarding food stamp eligibility. Many more people live with “food insecurity.” Let’s be honest; “food insecurity” is just another term for hunger and malnutrition. Over three million men, women and children who live and work in the United States are hungry and malnourished. These are our people who live with the constant stress of often not knowing if the food stamps or card will arrive on time, before their last month’s allotment is used up.

For those who don’t know what hunger is (and I include myself), imagine the results of your stomach hunger pangs magnified to the point where headache and fatigue occur, resulting in the inability to concentrate at school or work or anything until those symptoms abate. Perhaps it is the terrible psychological and physical impact, especially on children, that takes its greatest toll and does irreparable damage. Like a

pebble dropped in a pond, the effects of hunger ripple outward through generations.

It is not being a “liberal” or a “socialist” to want programs for our most vulnerable populations, to assist in providing warm meals to eat before retiring for the night or when they awake in the morning. It is being the compassionate and responsible citizens we all believe ourselves to be and to lay politics aside to address this issue.

I hope the next time our Congressional Representatives on both sides of the aisle venture out to one of the high-end restaurants in Washington D.C. to partake of their next meal – to wine and dine at our expense – that they notice the same growl in their stomachs before they place their order. I hope they will know for a moment what hunger feels like before filling their bellies with a good meal and not being bloated from malnutrition.

These are some local organizations that provide services for people experiencing the issue of “food insecurity.” I’m sure many would happy to take donations and accept volunteer assistance.

Redwood Empire Food Bank, [refb.org/](http://refb.org/)  
F.I.S.H. of Santa Rosa Inter-Church Food Pantry, [Sebastopol/igrowsonoma.org/harvest-garden.org](http://Sebastopol/igrowsonoma.org/harvest-garden.org) 🌱

## Sacred Peace Walk A Meaningful and Inexpensive ‘Vacation’

*Linda Sartor*

Please consider joining me on the 60-mile Sacred Peace Walk from Las Vegas through Creech Air Force Base to the Nevada Test Site (now called the Nevada National Security Site) from April 4-10, 2020 to draw attention to nuclear weapons and drones financed by our tax dollars. This year Nancy Merideth and I plan to drive down together.

I found this to be a fun, meaningful and inexpensive “vacation” last year – good exercise, good people, beautiful location, clear desert air, starry night skies, meaningful purpose and home-cooked, healthy meals.

The spiritual activities are varied and they welcome voluntary participation with no dogma. Local indigenous people provided sunrise ceremonies a couple of mornings last year.

Participating in Civil Disobedience is an option at both Creech and the National Security Site, but there is definitely no expectation to

do so and there are many ways to support the protests without the need to risk arrest.

Robert Majors and others very well organize the week at Nevada Desert Experience. Most of us camp out, but beds are available if arranged ahead. Meals that are lovingly prepared by volunteers are provided throughout the week. All of our gear is transported. Snacks, drinks, port-a-potties and a “sag wagon” are provided along the way during the walk. Nevada Desert Experience asks participants each to raise/contribute \$200 to help cover these expenses. Many of the meals and accommodations are donated and that keeps the costs down.

For more information, the website is: <http://nevadadesertexperience.org/spw>. Also, please contact me at [linda@monansrill.org](mailto:linda@monansrill.org) if you are interested in joining. I can offer more information and also connect you with other interested Sonoma County people for potential car-pooling.

# Trump's Order Calls Criticism of Israel Anti-Semitic

Lois Pearlman

I have to admit that when I first read news stories about President Trump's latest executive order that allegedly outlaws anti-Semitism on university campuses, I was freaked. These earliest news stories were suggesting that, because Title VI of the education code cites only discrimination based on race, color, national origin, ethnicity and ancestry, Trump had turned Jews into a new nationality. I had visions of being stripped of my American citizenship and thrown out of the country. And I don't think I was the only one who reacted this way.

But my fears were laid to rest when one of my Jewish Voice for Peace email colleagues pointed out that Title VI already protects religious groups who are, or are perceived to be, ethnic groups – including Jews, Sikhs, Muslims and Hindus. I didn't have to search far to find this interpretation. It is on the US Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights Web site, under "Frequently asked questions."

So, if the separate nationality business was just a misinterpretation, what was this really all about? Because, while it is true that there is anti-Semitism on US college campuses just as there are many other types of bigotry, it is not the major phenomenon that it is touted to be. In fact, studies conducted by Stanford University in California and Brandeis University in Massachusetts found just the opposite.

Here's what the Stanford researchers discovered when they interviewed Jewish students on five California campuses "thought to harbor high levels of anti-Semitism."

"Contrary to widely shared impressions we found a picture of campus life that is neither threatening nor alarmist. In general, students reported feeling comfortable on their campuses, and more specifically, comfortable as Jews on their campuses."

Another study conducted the same year at Brandeis University interviewing Jewish students at Brandeis, Harvard, the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Michigan concluded, "The majority of students at all four schools disagreed that their campus constituted a 'hostile environment' toward Jews."

If it is true that anti-Semitism is not a major problem at American Universities and discrimination against Jewish students and staff is already illegal under the education code, why did Trump issue this order with its interesting timing right in the middle of impeachment hearings?

The short-term answer is that the order

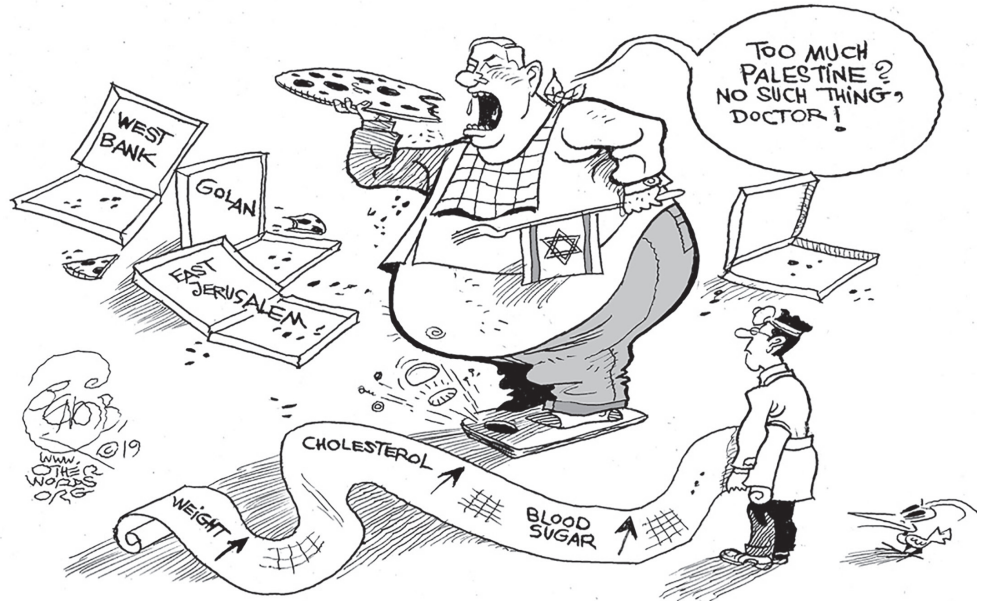
features a new definition of anti-Semitism that includes criticism of Israel. It is based directly on the definition from the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) that includes these two examples: "Denying the Jewish people their right of self-determination by claiming that the state of Israel is a racist endeavor" and "Applying double standards by requiring of it (Israel) a behavior not expected or demanded of any other democratic state."

Of course such language violates the First Amendment of the US Constitution, which protects our freedom of speech and our right to criticize anything we choose. Trump's executive order recognizes this by stating that it "shall not diminish or infringe upon any right protected by federal law or under the First Amendment."

But this disclaimer won't stop college administrators from squelching anti-Israel or pro-Palestinian activism in order to ensure they don't lose federal funding. In fact, even without this order they have been doing this already

– refusing to allow pro-Palestinian speakers on campuses, eliminating Middle Eastern studies programs that include a Palestinian perspective, accusing Students for Justice in Palestine and other pro-Palestinian activists of violent actions that they did not commit.

This is problematic enough, but for me there is an even more far reaching goal – to make Trump look like the good guy who is protecting the so-called "Jewish homeland" and smear the Democratic party with the taint of anti-Semitism. This is because some of the top contenders for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination are starting to say that maybe the US needs to look fairly at both sides of the Palestine/Israel dilemma and consider predicating US support based on the protection of everyone's human rights. With a US population brain-washed to believe the Israelis are the "good guys," the Palestinians are the "bad guys," and saying otherwise is anti-Semitic, this could swing a lot of votes to an otherwise unpopular president. ✎



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# poetry page

## Cry

*Laure Reichel*

Cry, my beloved planet!  
The barbarians have been  
tearing your body for centuries,  
ripping your insides,  
throwing their wastes into your air and waters,  
annihilating whole species of indispensable life forms,  
and are now killing their brothers and sisters  
in their mad rush to capture  
the last sellable matter.

Diversity was our only survival policy,  
but, in their stupidity and greed,  
the oligarchs chose ease and conformity.  
Now, we are all sick, very sick,  
collaborating for soon-obsolete trinkets  
in our colonized minds and bodies.

Cry, cry, my beloved planet!  
Will your children of the 21st century  
allow themselves to be burned into  
another commodity?

## Climate Change (Part 1)

*Rebel Fagin*

Winds blow hard  
Nervous eyes scan the skies  
Nostrils flare  
Probing for smoke  
Everything built over a lifetime  
Can be gone in a flash  
A meager pile by the door  
We wait

## Sharing The Grief

*Corlene Van Sluizer*

She held her heart  
He held his heart  
In deep grief  
There is too much suffering  
in the world  
for one heart

She takes a piece  
He takes a piece  
I take a piece  
You take a piece

All who have more  
privileges and blessings  
Take a piece  
And in this holding

And in this sharing  
Maybe, just maybe  
We can provide some  
salve for those  
in the trenches  
who taste the blood  
in their mouths  
Who see the  
limbs scattered in the dust  
Who know the loss of their  
children and loved ones  
It is not too much to ask  
One piece of it  
In our hearts  
To hold with love  
And hope for peace

## Vision and Dental

*Audrianna Jones*

Get your pair today of some amazing new glasses  
They get rid of all your headaches caused by masses  
They filter out everything that scares you in a day  
No color makes it through; layers of white all the way  
Phew no more chronic headaches on your mind  
Just the perfect world you have created of one kind  
Lack of inspiration, everything bland  
Was this what you were thinking when you created this land?  
Like taking color out of the equation is the answer to our problems  
Equality is an equation we've never fully solved  
It would take an epic movement and enlightenment for all  
The most beautiful souls have no uniformity between  
And behind every great man will definitely be a queen  
Humans were not created to be the same  
We all can fit inside of a basic frame  
But there are differences in what we encounter and endure  
There is not really any thing left on earth that is pure  
Our logic is twisted because it's blurry from afar  
Politicians making decisions that affect our future far  
But when all the melting of all giant ice is done,  
What will save us from the incredibly hot sun?  
Don't get fooled by all the smoke and mirrors  
Race is just a tiny cavity on the governments veneers  
We as people have to raise to different heights  
We all get distracted and forget where to shed lights

*Audrianna Jones, St Vincent de Paul Community Kitchen Manager  
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## Why We Visited the Elephant Seals at Point Reyes

Iris Jamahl Dunkle

The roads swelled with rain, silver tapestries -  
Stitched with trepidations. *Should we drive on?*  
At river's hungry edge, the two young girls  
who'd drowned in their car as their mother watched  
just weeks before haunted me. *Do I know  
how to react, break glass fast enough to  
save the warm bodies that tether me to  
this earth?* But, the elephant seals drew us  
even in this weather. Bodies, large as cars,  
lumbering across the rocky throat of sand.

On this peninsula that's been pulled  
thousands of miles from its origins,  
their voices spoke of indivisible fear -  
ferocious as their roars -

So, we drove toward them, over storm closed roads,  
through suck of sea and all its dying matter.  
Even if we never reached them. If only to find  
how to bear this orbit of love.

*Iris Jamahl Dunkle was the 2017-18 Poet Laureate of Sonoma County. She teaches at  
Napa Valley College and is the Poetry Director of the Napa Valley Writers' Conference.*

## Election Protection... from page 1

Project Red Map. It began with the Republican takeover of several state legislatures. Once they had this in place, they were then able to gerrymander voting districts.

The Voting Rights Act was gutted in 2013 with *Shelby v. Holder*. The next step was to get people worked up about nearly nonexistent voter fraud. This led to voter role purges, voter intimidation and voter ID laws. With Trump appointing a record number of judges, these changes are being upheld in the courts.

Their techniques for stealing your vote include voter purging, caging, spoiled ballots, limited polling places, tossing, stuffing, electronic voting machine manipulation, rejecting and blocking. They will do this mostly where there are close races. While that is unlikely to affect California's presidential race, how 'okay' is it with you that it stops voters elsewhere? A threat to one is a threat to all!

Here are some suggestions on how you can best assure your vote will be counted:

Vote in person, even if you are dropping off a mail-in ballot. In the 2012 election around 26 million votes were mailed in. Around 2 million ballots, or one in 14, were tossed out for being late, wrong postage, wrong envelope, folded wrong, marked wrong or bad signature. Vote early, so if they pull any shenanigans you will have time to react. Register, register and register again. I bring the card the voter registrar sends as proof if I need it. Do not accept provisional ballots; demand a real one. It has a better chance of being counted. Electronic voting machines are designed to be hacked. Unless there are medical needs, avoid them. Each one bring one. Make a party out of it. If you bring three other voters, the four of you can play bridge afterwards.

Votes are stolen every election. The Democrats don't want to discuss it, which strongly indicates that they're dirty, too. Demand that your vote counts.

Sources: *Billionaires & Ballot Bandits*, 2012, by Greg Palast; [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov); *Rigged* (video), 2018, American Issues Initiative, Inc. 🗳️



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## Sonoma County Social Justice Groups

ALL PHONE AREA CODES ARE (707)  
UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE

**350 Sonoma County** – Engaging our community in the work of 350.org to solve the climate crisis. 350sonomacounty.org

**ACLU Sonoma Co.**, working to preserve individual working rights and liberties. Meets each second Monday. Contact patriciamorandi@sbcglobal.net, or davhen@sonic.net.

**Allies Safety Network** – compiling a phone chain/helpline to build a safety network for those at risk of harassment to provide a supportive presence in situations of hateful threats. Join the Network Call List: 583-9168

**Alternatives to Violence** – Presents experiential workshops in personal growth in the community and prisons. 545-1798

**Comité VIDA** – Defends the human and civil rights of immigrants. 523-1740, cirsc@yahoo.com,

**Daily Acts** – Offers sustainable solutions rooted in the power of inspired daily actions. 789-9664, dailyacts.org

**Fukushima Response** – works to inform about the Fukushima melt downs, monitor the consequences, advocate for the shut down of Diablo Canyon. fukushimaresponse.org. 823-9203

**Green Party of Sonoma County** – sonomagreenparty.org

**Green Sangha** – Spiritually engaged environmental action. info@greensangha.org

**HPEACE** – Health Professionals for Equality and Community Empowerment. hpeacesonomacounty.wordpress.com

**Healdsburg Peace Project** – Peace and social justice action group, Healdsburg. 431-1129, healdsburgpeaceproject.org

**Hate Free Petaluma** Progressive organization. www.facebook.com/hatefreepetaluma/

**Homeless Action** – Advocating for people without shelter. 795-2890

**Indivisible Goups** – All the groups are on Facebook.

**Indivisible Sonoma County:** indivisiblesoco.com  
**Indivisible Petaluma:** indivisiblepetaluma@gmail.com, or follow on Twitter at @IndivisibleLuma

**Indivisible Sebastopol:** indivisible.wsc@gmail.com

**Indivisible Healdsburg**

**Indivisible Windsor**

**LezResist!** was formed to be a visible and unified Lesbian presence in support of each other, and to stand in solidarity with the many communities, causes, and policies under attack by the current U.S. administration. Info @ at LezResist@gmail.com.

**Listening for a Change** – Programs support listening and oral history to create a caring community. 578-5420, listeningforachange.org

**MEChA de Sonoma** – Student group that focuses on issues affecting the Chicano/Latino community. info@mechadesonoma.org

**Metta Center for Nonviolence** – Works to promote nonviolence worldwide and to build a nonviolent culture. 774-6299

**MOVES-Minimizing Occurrences of Violence in Everyday Society** – Stresses nonviolence as the answer to society's violence. 524-1900

**NAACP - National Association for the Advancement of Colored People** – Seeks to eliminate racial hatred, racial profiling and discrimination. 332-1573

**National Women's History Project** – coordinates observances of Women's History month around the country. 636-2888, nwhp@aol.com

**North Bay Jobs with Justice** – organized for better conditions and a living wage for workers. Email: northbayjobswithjustice@gmail.com, Website: northbayjobswithjustice.org, Facebook, North Bay Jobs With Justice Ph: 346-1187

**North Bay Organizing Project** – a regional faith and values based peoples' organization. 318-2818

**North Coast Coalition for Palestine** – Brings greater awareness to the plight of the Palestinian people and works to end US military support for Israel. 575-8902. www.nccpal.org or find us on Facebook.

**NOW of Sonoma County** – local chapter of the National Organization for Women. 545-5036

**Occupy Sonoma County** – Embraces the egalitarian, deep democracy principles of the Occupy Movement with a regional strategy for effectively organizing county-wide social justice campaigns that are globally relevant. 877-6650, OccupySonomaCounty.org

**Organizing for Action:** Progressive organizing project. Contact Linda Hemenway: whatisworking@gmail.com or 707-843-6110 and Facebook

**Peace Alliance** – Mission is to campaign for a cabinet-level US Department of Peace. 838-8647, maggik3@sonic.net, thepeacealliance.org

**Peace Roots Alliance** – We seek to create a peaceful, just and sustainable world for future generations. 765-0196, Linda@peaceroots.org

**Petaluma Blacks for Community Development** – facebook.com/pb4cd

**Petaluma Progressives** – Grassroots, political education and action group. Producers of the Progressive Festival. 763-8134, info@progressivefestival.org

**Praxis Peace Institute** – Peace Education organization, 939-2973, praxispeace.org

**Progressive Sonoma** – Peaceful Resistance Network. An umbrella association to network Sonoma's local progressive action groups. peacefulresistance9.wixsite.com/progressivesonoma. Facebook at Peaceful Resistance Sonoma

**Project Censored/Media Freedom Foundation** – Publishes the top 25 most censored news stories each year. 874-2695, Peter@projectcensored.org, Mickey@projectcensored.org. projectcensored.org.

**Racial Justice Allies** – Developing anti-racist practices among white social justice activists. 795-2890 racialjusticeallies@gmail.com, www.racialjusticeallies.org

**Sonoma County Chapter of Physicians for a National Health Program (PNHP).** In support of single payer health insurance. 763-1925. sngold@juno.com. www.pnhpca.org.

**Sonoma County Climate Activist Network (SoCo CAN!)** Groups and individuals working address and reverse climate change. Meet in months with a 5th Monday, 7-9 PM at the PJC. Info: 595-0320 or SonomaCounty-CAN@gmail.com (email preferred).

**Sonoma County Coastal Hills:** gardens@mcn.org

**Sonoma County Nonviolence Training Collective** offers free trainings in methods and principles for progressive social change and peace. soconvtc@gmail.com.

**Sonoma County Resistance** via change.org

**Sonoma Solidarity with Standing Rock** – Supporting indigenous rights and fossil fuel resistance. SonomaSolidarity.org, Facebook: Sonoma Solidarity with Standing Rock. 792-4422.

**Sonoma Valley Peace & Justice** – Peace and social justice group for Sonoma Valley. audreyyh@sbcglobal.net

**Sonoma County Black Forum:** Our mission is to lead, serve, and thrive, by promoting positive community and youth engagement events. Monthly meetings. sonomacounty-blackforum@gmail.com

**SURJ (Showing Up For Racial Justice, Sonoma County)** – facebook.com/SURJSonomaCounty

**United Farm Workers** – 1700 Corby Ave., Santa Rosa 528-3039

**United Nations Association** – Builds public understanding and support for the United Nations. Facebook

**Veterans for Peace** – Organization of vets working together for peace and justice through nonviolence. 536-6002

**Women in Black** – Women who stand in silent vigil to protest war and human rights abuses. 576-6676

**Women's Justice Center** – Advocacy for victims of rape, domestic violence, and child abuse, particularly in the Latina community. 575-3150, justicewomen.com

*Please email zenekar@comcast.net  
for additions or changes to this list.*

# SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AT THE PJC

<b>Sun</b>	1st • Democratic Socialists of America, 1–4 PM
<b>Mon</b>	3rd • North Coast Coalition for Palestine, 3:30–5 PM 3rd • Occupy Sonoma County Earth Action, 7–9 PM 5th • Sonoma County Climate Activist Network, 7–9 PM
<b>Tues</b>	4th • Nonviolence Training Collective, 7:30–9 PM
<b>Wed</b>	1st • Raging Grannies, 4:30–6 PM 2nd • Peace & Justice Center Board, 4–6 PM 3rd • 350 Sonoma, 7–9 PM
<b>Fri</b>	3rd • Free Movie Night, 7–9 PM
<b>Sat</b>	2nd • Allies Safety Network, 10 AM–12 noon 3rd • Sonoma Solidarity with Standing Rock, 1-3 PM 4th • Autistic Rebel Family, 1–3 PM

If we missed you or if your times change, please contact us.  
All times subject to change between publications.  
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- ▶ Fundraising or Donating to the Center
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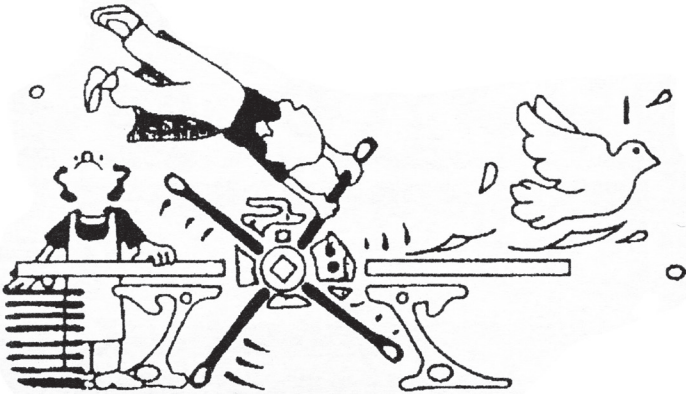
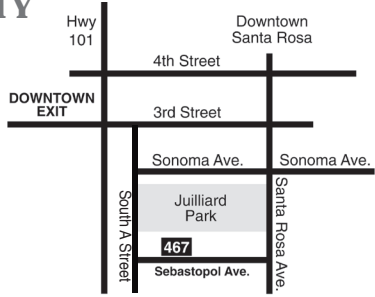
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