

## MAY 2021 Community Calendar

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Calendar, beginning p. 3:

May 1 - International Workers' Day

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Letters To/From Prisoners

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Plants of So Cal

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## May Day is International Workers Day!

On Saturday, May 1, Los Angeles will honor the contributions of immigrants, workers, and those who fight to create a more just society for all. This year, will mark a new era of possibility in a time of desperately needed change. Our work continues under the new Administration as we enter into what looks to be the winding down of the COVID-19 pandemic. If it was not clear before, it is clear now that the problems that existed before the pandemic have been exacerbated because of it. We need immigration reform, we need to protect workers and take a giant leap forward towards racial justice.

This year's theme will be "The Work Continues / La Lucha Sigue" and we will focus on lifting up immigrants, worker rights and fighting against anti-Asian hate. We will be organizing a hybrid march /car caravan and rally. We want to lift up our solidarity as community, faith, immigrant rights, LGBTQ+, labor and Muslim organizations, who continue to stand strong with one another in the face of our current challenges.

## WHICH WAY KPFK?

by Michael Novick, KPFK Local Station Board chair

Listener-sponsored, free-speech community radio for southern California, Pacifica Foundation's KPFK 90.7 FM is currently in the midst of another fund drive. Even more critically, the station and the rest of the Foundation's stations face a fundamental choice, as a Bylaws revision comes up for a membership vote beginning on June 7. (You must have become a member during the year ending

April 7 in order to qualify to vote.) The replacement Bylaws would strip any local oversight powers of the elected delegates of listeners and staff, to review management, programming or the station budget. It would institute a centralized and top-down system of governance and management over all 5 Pacifica stations (KPFA in Berkeley, KPFT in Houston.

See "Which Way KPFK?", p. 8

## Free & Save Mumia Abu-Jamal!

Mumia is now recovering from heart surgery, please contact Gov. Tom Wolf and prison authorities! Cite the UN's condemnation of the hospital shackling!

On the morning of April 20, Mumia came out of surgery, and his lawyers were told that the procedure was successful. Later that evening, Mumia called his wife Wadiya, had a good conversation, and Wadiya says that he sounds strong! While Mumia recovers during the next few weeks, we must keep building public pressure to ensure that Mumia gets the best possible treatment.

On April 20, the United Nations Human Rights Council issued a report condemning the hospital bed shackling of Mumia. Please cite this UN Statement and demand that Mumia not be shackled while recovering at the hospital! <https://ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27011&LangID=E>

We are demanding that the hospital officials and the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections do the following immediately:

- 1) Mumia must not be shackled to his hospital bed during his recovery.
- 2) Let Mumia speak with his Family.
- 3) Let Mumia speak directly with his physician Dr. Ricardo Alvarez
- 4) Let Mumia speak with his spiritual advisor Dr. Mark Taylor
- 5) Provide the appropriate rehabilitation plan for his recovery

The next days, weeks, and months will be critical in Mumia's recovery.

The conditions of his confinement contributed to his heart disease. He was held in isolation solitary for over a year, never able to exercise. Limited to walking in his very small cell. He was allowed off his block rarely. These were due to the covid restrictions.

As he recovers he MUST have access to his physician, exercise and a heart health diet.

Please continue to call and write to the PADO and let them know we are watching and that "Freedom is the only treatment" Head of PA DOC John Wetzel

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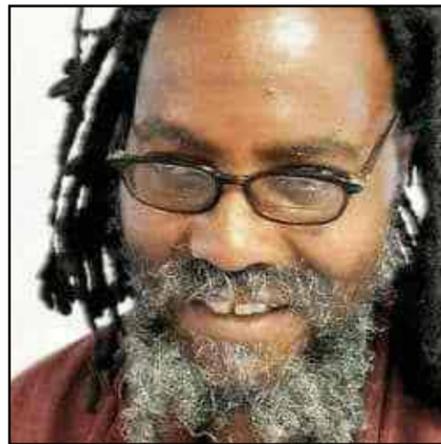
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And every letter of encouragement and support goes such a long way for Mumia. Send him your blessings:

**Smart Communications/PADO**  
**Mumia Abu-Jamal, AM 8335,**  
**SCI Mahanoy**  
**c/o PO Box 33028**  
**St Petersburg, FL 33733**

(Florida is not a misprint, letters to Mumia are sent to the mail contractor in Florida and then scanned and printed and given to him). He will receive these in the infirmary and in his cell. Every prayer and letter matters.

Follow these organizations for continuous Mumia updates:

[jamaljournal-movement.blogspot.com](http://jamaljournal-movement.blogspot.com)  
[mobilization4mumia](http://mobilization4mumia.com)  
[bringmumiahome.com](http://bringmumiahome.com)  
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## COVID Intellectual Property Must Be Shared Rapidly & Widely

by Jeffrey D. Sachs

<https://www.commondreams.org/views/2021/04/29/intellectual-property-covid-19-should-be-shared-rapidly-and-widely-possible>  
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Intellectual Property must serve the global good, rather than humanity serving the interests of a few private companies. And in the case of Covid-19, the global good is not in doubt: rapid worldwide immunization, in order to save lives, prevent the emergence of new variants, and end the pandemic.

The governments of South Africa, India, and dozens of other developing countries are calling for the rights on intellectual property (IP), including vaccine patents, to be waived to accelerate the worldwide production of supplies to fight COVID-19. They are absolutely correct. IP for fighting COVID-19 should be waived, and indeed actively shared among scientists, companies, and nations.

An IP waiver or its equivalent has become a practical urgent need as well as a moral imperative. The pharmaceutical industry and the governments of several vaccine-producing countries, including the United States and the United Kingdom, as well as the European Commission, have been resisting the IP waiver, while 150 public leaders and experts have sent an open letter to US President Joe Biden in support of it. There is no longer any question about who is right. Given the surge of COVID-19 in several regions, most recently in India, the continuing emergence of new and deadly variants of the virus, and the inability of the current vaccine producers to keep pace with global needs, an IP waiver or its equivalent has become a practical urgent need as well as a moral imperative.

As a general principle, IP should not stand in the way of scaling up production to fight COVID-19 or any other public health emergency. We need more countries to be producing vaccines, test kits, and other needed commodities. IP-related delays could mean millions more COVID-19 deaths and more viral mutations that sweep across the entire world population, possibly infecting people who have already been vaccinated.

And yet we face a situation in which the world's urgent needs are pitted against the narrow corporate interests of a few US and European pharmaceutical companies. Pharma

See "COVID," p. 7

## GOALS

To have a successful, socially distant action with impact that lifts our collective demands.

To display publicly our collective power and commitment to advance immigrant and worker rights.

To underscore the need for immigration reform and pro-worker legislation, honor our fallen colleagues and members to COVID-19, and take a stand against white supremacist brutality against Asian and black community members.

This is the year we move an agenda that says #YESToImmigrants, to see four bills become law: The American Dream & Promise Act, the Farm Workforce Modernization Act, the Citizenship for Essential Workers Act, and most importantly, the U.S. Citizenship Act of 2021, which maps a path to citizenship for the 11 million.

This is the year we step up to pass labor laws like the Protecting the Right to Organize Act and roll back union-busting efforts like California growers' effort to restrict organizing in the fields. Workers' right to organize, including fair union elections, is the beginning of a broadly varied, strengthened workforce that participates fully in this democracy.

This year we rise against racial violence, including anti-Asian attacks and everyday police brutality that kills black and brown people. We also resist white supremacist violence that laid waste our Capitol, as well as subsequent efforts, through hundreds of anti-democracy bills in state legislatures, to suppress the vote. We demand passage of the For the People Act to ensure this country stays a democracy.

And finally, on this May Day, we remember our fathers, brothers, sisters, mothers, grandparents and others felled by the COVID-19 pandemic that hit immigrants, people of color and workers especially hard. We mourn their loss, we honor their legacy and reiterate, on their behalf, that #TheWorkContinues, #LaLuchaSigue.

Endorsers include ACLU of Southern California, AFSCME 3299, ANSWER Coalition, Bend the Arc Jewish Action Southern California, CA STATE CLUW (Coalition of Labor Union Women), CARECEN, Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice, Coalition for Community Control Over the Police, CPUSA, DSA-LA, Garment Worker Center, Korean Resource Center, LA County Federation of Labor, National Union of Healthcare Workers, Promesa Boyle Heights, Pilipino Workers Center, Rideshare Drivers United, SEIU UCLA Labor Center, UFCW Local 770, United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers Local 36, USW Local 675, and Women's March Action.

There is also a separate May Day Boyle Heights action scheduled to begin at 11:00 AM. See <https://www.facebook.com/events/732446717634585>. Join Centro CSO and various allies in Boyle Heights for our May Day 2021 in Boyle Heights! Endorse now and make your donation <https://tiny.one/CentroCSO> and there are many others events planned.

Boyle Heights March starts at 11 AM on Mathews/Cesar E. Chávez, stop at the LAPD Hollenbeck Station to protest police, then rally at Mariachi Plaza to demand legalization for the undocumented, no deportations, good jobs, healthcare, housing, an end to privatization efforts on education, and a stop to Chicano, Latino, and Black killings by killer cops.

See "May Day" for more, p. 7

# Baldwin Hills Elementary School Parents Declare their School a "Charter Free Zone"

<https://michaelkohlhaas.org/wp/2019/03/24/baldwin-hills-elementary-school-parents-present-resolution-to-west-adams-neighborhood-council-declaring-school-a-charter-free-zone-co-locating-privatizers-from-new-los-angeles-charter-scho/> [Edited excerpts]

Since January 2019, I've been following the story of New Los Angeles Charter Elementary School and its forcible colonization of Baldwin Hills Elementary Pilot and Gifted Magnet School. I was inspired by the UTLA strike and a fine article by Daniel Hernandez of LA Taco. After a relatively minimal amount of fuss, I managed to obtain a small cache of emails that revealed a great deal of tension between the privatizers and the public school, which inspired the privatizers to seek another school site. However and sadly they were unable to do so and [they are still lodged in and] universally scorned on the BHES campus. [Ed. note: Baldwin Hills Elementary, with a 70% African American student body, is the only LAUSD magnet school forced to accept a charter school "co-located" on its premises. Since the developments recounted here, parents and teachers, as well as community supporters from nearby Village Green on Obama Blvd. between La Brea and La Cienega, have all spoken out forcefully to LAUSD Board member McKenna and others about this racist disparity. You can sign a petition to support the community, families and teachers' demands here:

<https://iam.colorofchange.org/petitions/protect-baldwin-hills-elementary-pilot-school-from-charter-growth>

On March 18, 2019, a brave and determined group of BHES parents brought a resolution to the West Adams Neighborhood Council asking them to declare the BHES campus a "charter-free zone."

I attended the meeting and made video of the BHES segment. You can watch the whole thing here on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ub6LiPPD8bc&feature=youtu.be>. There was vigorous public comment, and the Board voted 8 to 3 in favor of supporting the resolution and declaring Baldwin Hills Elementary School a "charter free zone."

NC resolutions are advisory even on the City of LA, and since LAUSD is independent of City government, they're even less than advisory in that context. Nevertheless, this was an important victory. The more NCs and other community groups in LA speak out against charter schools, the more incentive City politicians will have to oppose them. The school board and the legislature take the opinions of our City pols seriously, so even though this resolution is symbolic in itself, it's an important piece of a large-scale anti-charter movement.

Here are some quotes from the proceedings:

★ **Delmar Thomas — Parent representative at Baldwin Hills Elementary School and a leader of the pro-resolution movement:**  
"We've watched our school slowly, slowly die. We've lost computer rooms, art rooms, after-school programs that help with tutoring, and the list can go on and on, as a result of the charter co-location by New LA Charter School."

★ **Leticia Johnson-Davis — Baldwin Hills Elementary School principal:**

"Our school has been in the community for 75 years. One that's been a gem in serving the needs of our community."

★ **Marie Germaine — Teacher at BHES, [UTLA chapter chair and union leader, as well as a neighborhood resident]:**

"I am here to tell our story. No representatives from the district, no Prop 39 papers circulating around this room, tell the story of my work conditions and my students' learning conditions. I tell that story. That is my story."

★ **Kate O'Brien — Principal of New Los Angeles Charter Elementary School.**

"I do wanna stress again that we are the community. And so when we think about what are the assets and what are the gems in this community I would advocate that New LA is one of them. I harbor no ill will towards Baldwin Hills and the school. I am impressed at what they are doing. I think they're doing fantastic work. And the bottom line is that we are not looking for this to be a permanent situation."

Which is some kind of weird lie, of course. Who knows what narrative she's got running in her head when she says that New LA is part of the West Adams community, but it's the mental equivalent of behind-the-back finger crossing. New LA is not part of the community in any non-manipulative sense.

And the fact that O'Brien concedes that New LA wants to leave shows...well, it shows that organizing, that speaking out, that the politics of shame have a real effect. What if every public school with an unwelcome co-location made them feel unwelcome, unhappy, and so on. What would happen then? I'm not sure, but I'd sure like to have this City give it a try.

★ **Brooke Rios — Executive Director of NLA Charter Schools:**

"New LA is prepared to listen, to empathize, and to work together as fellow educators to continue to look for solutions. As a result of tonight's discussion I hope it will become clear that we have not, nor do we intend, to take anything away from the Baldwin Hills community. However, our intentions do not compensate for the impact of our co-location and we are sympathetic to those concerns. ...The plan for our school is to find and occupy our own independent site, which we are actively pursuing. ... Clearly both schools are prepared in this situation and I wonder how we can move beyond these challenges together."

I feel like this was written by a professional PR person, as it swerves around every pothole. They're here to listen and to empathize. They don't want to take anything. They have good intentions but of course their intentions aren't enough. Their kids are poor, their kids are not white, their kids also come from the neighborhood, and it's no one's fault and we're all in it together. But what else would anyone expect but PR?

Brooke Rios is earning her living hauling a trojan horse filled by zillionaires and zillionaire minions behind the not-so-well-guarded walls that protect the beating heart of our democracy. Whether she understands that or not it's not possible that she believes deep down that what she's doing is an unmediated good. Hence she can't possibly speak truth from her heart. Which is when professional PR is needed badly.

★ **Shonte — BHES after-school program:**

"The information that Kate gave was false information. When she first came on campus she sent an email to me and the other directors at the after-school program and wanted to meet with us to see how we could separate our time on the yard where her children had the yard first and we had it second. I did not respond to the email. I told her I found it very inappropriate. Baldwin Hills has run the after-school program. My kids go out when they chose to. We don't need to separate the yard. If it's about community, separating the yard is not community."

New LA Charter school parents spoke in favor of the school and what their children are getting. It's part of the evil genius of the pro-charter zillionaires that they have found a way, yet again, to pit one group of relatively poor people of color against another group of relatively poor people of color, in order to advance their zillionaire interests.

Obviously zillionaires don't care at all about anyone whose kids go to their charter schools. They don't care about the kids. That doesn't mean that the charter school isn't offering the kids something that's valuable to their parents. But this hard fact can't possibly be enough of a reason not to oppose the co-location, not to oppose the very existence of charter schools. If it were a reason, the zillionaires have already won, because they can always, will always be able to find people who need something badly, an education, whatever, and will take what's offered for the completely incontrovertible reason that they find it best for their child.

## CHANGE-LINKS MONTHLY POETRY CORNER

### The Legacy by James Connolly

"Thy father is a poor man," -- mark well what that may mean,  
On the tablets of thy memory that truth write bright and clean,  
The father's lot it was to toil from earliest boyhood on,  
And know his latent energies for a master's profit drawn.  
Or else, ill-starred, to wander round and huckster-like to vend  
His precious store of brain and brawn to all whom fate may send  
Across his path with gold enough to purchase labor's power,  
To turn it into gold again, and fructify the hour  
With sweat and blood of toiling slaves like unto us, my son;  
Aye, through our veins since earliest days, 'tis poor man's blood has run. . .  
Treasure ye in your inmost heart this legacy of hate  
For those who on the poor man's back have climbed to high estate,  
The lords of land and capital, the slave lords of our age,  
Who of this smiling earth of ours have made for us a cage.  
And howsoe'er you earn your wage, and wheresoe'er you go,  
Be it beneath the tropic heat or 'mid the northern snow,  
Or closely pent in factory walls, or burrowing in the mine,  
Or scorching in the furnace hell of steamers 'cross the brine.  
The men and women of your class, tell them their wrongs and yours—  
Plant in their hearts that hatred deep that suffers and endures,  
And treasuring up each deed of wrong, each scornful word and look,  
Inscribe it in the memory, as others in a book.  
And wait and watch through galling years the ripening of time,  
Yet deem to strike before that hour were worse than folly—crime!



James Connolly speaking at an IWW ("Wobbly") rally in the US

*James Connolly was a working class leader of the Irish Citizen's Army who lost his life in the Easter Rebellion of 1916 against British settler colonialism in Ireland. He was a revolutionary Marxist and editor of "The Worker's Republic," who challenged anti-Black racism among Irish-American workers in the US.*

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IN MEMORY OF



Co-founder & Editor John Johnson,  
b. July 4, 1944 - d. April 13, 2014

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# Southern California Community Calendar

## MAY 2021 Celebrate International Workers' Day

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In light of the current COVID-19 global pandemic, and quarantines in California, the **Change Links** calendar has also been affected by cancellation of events and closure of venues. Consequently, we will print fewer copies, and mail out more, until further notice. You'll notice there are empty dates on this calendar. Most have turned to virtual meetings via teleconferencing, etc. Therefore, contact any event listing of interest in this Calendar before you attend.

**Please contact the event by phone, email or website for updates.**

### COVID-19 Safety Precautions

**Change Links** urges all our subscribers and readers to administer all necessary precautions, to insure their safety. You will find a number of related articles to COVID-19 in our print and electronic editions. We will continue to update you going forward. Do your personal research for updates from all available sources to you. We face a difficult time, and wish you and yours good health and tranquility as we weather this together.

**Peace vigils:** <http://change-links.org/ongoing-peace-vigils-and-community-programs/>

**Other Calendars:** <http://ocprogressiveevents.info/>,  
<http://la.indymedia.org/calendar/>,  
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<https://echoparkfilmcenter.org>  
<https://www.timeout.com/los-angeles/movies/all-of-las-outdoor-movies-in-one-calendar>

### On-Going & Continuing Events

**1st of each month, PeoplesStrike actions** called by a national united front coalition initiated by Cooperation Jackson in Mississippi (see Mondays for more into). [www.cooperationjackson.org](http://www.cooperationjackson.org)

**3rd Sunday, KPFC Local Station Board meeting**, 10:30a-2:30p. Open to the public with 3 opportunities for short public comments. Check [www.kpftx.org](http://www.kpftx.org) for other meetings, including LSB committees. The meetings will be conducted via Zoom or a Maestro conference audio conference call. Further info announced over KPFC 90.7 FM air waves and [kpfc.org](http://kpfc.org) or [kpftx.org](http://kpftx.org)



**Sundays, RAC-LA Food Program (El Programa Comida)** Revolutionary Autonomous Communities, 1-5p, SE corner of Wilshire Bl & Parkview St, LA 90057, free produce distribution. <https://www.facebook.com/raclosangeles/>

**Sundays, Serve the People LA**, 4-6p, Mariachi Plaza, 1817 E 1st St, LA 90033. STPLA free food & clothing distributions (along with books, shoes, etc). We also engage the community on happenings around the neighborhood and city, learn about grievances and provide legal services with help from the LA Ctr for Community Law & Action. <https://servethepeoplela.wordpress.com/>

**3rd Sunday, SoCal350 monthly meeting**, 3-5 p, Physical meeting cancelled, virtual "meeting" scheduled. <http://bit.ly/SoCal350Updates>; [facebook.com/SoCal350](https://facebook.com/SoCal350) Climate Action.

**Mondays, PeoplesStrike organizing calls**, 9a PDT, zoom call <https://peoplesstrike.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/PeoplesStrike> [mayday2020generalstrike@gmail.com](mailto:mayday2020generalstrike@gmail.com) for details

**Mondays, Support Honduran Refugees**, 6-8p, Central American Resource Center (CARECEN-LA), 2845 W 7th St, LA. Offices are closed, call for details: (213)-385-7800. In the San Fernando Valley: 213-385-7800 ext. 122

**Tuesdays, Join Black Lives Matter, Stop LAPD Spying and allies at LA Police Commission meeting via zoom** to speak out against racist police murders with impunity. Police Commission meetings are being held via Zoom call, with the option to call in by phone to observe and (occasionally and arbitrarily) to comment. In response to increased public scrutiny, they changed their rules and only allow public comments of 1 minute each on two specific items and general public comment as the first agenda item, so call in promptly to get on the stack

**Tuesday eves, Stop LAPD Spying Coalition** meetings have been changed to teleconference. LA CAN, 838 E. 6th St. LA, CA 90021, is closed to the public. <http://stoplapdspying.org> - see website for meeting topics. <https://www.facebook.com/stoplapdspying>

**Tuesdays, 8:30-10p, Second Draft LA**, open mic cold read of writing and acting (virtual, not at Art Share-LA, 801 E 4th Pl, LA 90013). <https://artsharela.org> (213) 687-4278. <https://zoom.us/j/9103444651> Pwd: artshare

**Wednesdays, 3-5p, #EndPoliceAssociations**, Black Lives Matter LA and allies weekly vigil at 1313 W. 8th St. near DTLA, in front of the ACLU and across from the LA Police Protective League, the organized political force of cops defending each other against accountability and the community.

**6-7:30p, LA CAN Legal Clinic, LA CAN**, 838 E. 6th St. LA, CA 90021. Suspended until further notice. Call 213.228.0024 for information about how to address needs of unhoused people during the COVID-19 outbreak and beyond.

**3rd Wed, 7p, Community Alternatives to 9-1-1 training**, Chuco's Justice Center of Youth Justice Coalition. 7625 S. Central Ave, LA 90001. Check for status: 323-235-4243, [action@youth4justice.org/](mailto:action@youth4justice.org)

**Last Wed, 7p "Socialism Now!" Peace & Freedom Party monthly meeting**, 2617 S. Hauser Bl., LA, 90016 (Steps South from Adams Blvd. just east of Fairfax Ave.) [www.Peace&FreedomParty.org-LA](http://www.Peace&FreedomParty.org-LA) Chapter. Presumably not happening in-person until physical distancing demands can be lifted.

**1st Thursday, 6-8p, Justice Not Jails**, has switched to a virtual meeting. <https://zoom.us/j/529548178> You can also call in by dialing: 301 715 8592 US Meeting ID: 529 548 17.

RSVP to Larry Foy at: [Lfoy@im4humanintegrity.org](mailto:Lfoy@im4humanintegrity.org).

**Thursdays, 5:30-7p, Operation Ally Weekly Social Justice Conference Call**, [fb.com/justadvocacy](https://fb.com/justadvocacy) <http://advocacyproject.org/> (888) 407-4101 Join the Operation Ally weekly zoom conference call to gain insight into the issues of systemic oppression, organize into collaborative efforts and strategize the dismantling of these systems. Be a part of a community that supports you as we mobilize for change. <https://www.facebook.com/events/200763851083819/>

**Fridays, Interfaith Communities United for Justice & Peace forum**, 7:30-9:30a, has switched to a virtual meeting on zoom or dial in by phone: 669-900-6833 For details and to prevent zoom-bombing, contact [communications@icujp.org](mailto:communications@icujp.org) for an invitation and instructions.

**Fridays, Montrose Peace Vigil**, 5:30-7p, since 2006! NW corner of Ocean View Bl and Honolulu Av, Montrose, CA 91020. <http://montrosepeacevigil.proboards.com/>

**3rd Fri: Lawyers in the Library**, 1-4p, [www.lalawlibrary.org/classes](http://www.lalawlibrary.org/classes), 213-785-2516, 301 W. 1st, LA 90012. All libraries in the city and county, as well as Santa Monica and other cities had been closed, but are re-opening, so check...

**Saturdays, Crenshaw Farmers Market**, 10a-3p, 3650 Martin Luther King Blvd. offers fresh produce and artisan goods. Ties into the mall's health initiative promoting wellness in the Crenshaw community. This farmers' market has re-opened! Contact Sustainable Economic Enterprises: [www.seela.org](http://www.seela.org) for other farmer's markets that are also continuing with physical distancing (in Echo Park, Hollywood, Atwater Village and on Central Avenue in South LA).

**Every 1st and 3rd Sat: End Homelessness Now-LA**, 2-4pm, a grassroots campaign to pressure LA city and county officials to use vacant public properties for large, permanent, supportive public housing to end the homelessness catastrophe. Call or email for information on how or whether meetings will continue. 323-723-6416 [endhomelessnessnowla@gmail.com](mailto:endhomelessnessnowla@gmail.com) <https://www.facebook.com/endhomelessnessnowla/>

**Every 2nd & 4th Sat, SOLA Food Co-Op** [www.solafoodcoop.com/](http://www.solafoodcoop.com/) Baldwin Hills Farmers Market has re-opened.. SOLA Co-Op has been taking orders for pick-up of various CSA boxes..

**2nd and 4th Sat, Chuco's Justice Center legal clinic:** 10a-12n, 7625 S Central Ave LA 90001, 323-235-4243. Prepare for Court - Build a Participatory Defense Strategy, Petition to Have Your Name

# Southern California Community Calendar continued...

Removed from a Gang Database or Gang Injunction, Expunge Your Criminal or Juvenile Record Prepare for the Parole Board / Commutations and Pardons / Get Prop 47 Relief Immigration Law / Deportation Defense. Contact to find out how information is being made available: [info@youth4justice.org](mailto:info@youth4justice.org) 323-235-4243 <http://www.youth4justice.org/>

**Last Saturday, Move to Amend Local Meeting**, 1-3p, Holy Grounds Coffee & Tea, 5371 Alhambra Ave, LA 90032, 323-255-1279. Call to check, venue probably closed.

**AWARE-LA White anti-racist Saturday dialogues**, <https://www.awarela.org/saturday-dialogue> Saturday Dialogue is a gathering for white anti-racists who want to discuss issues of identity, community, privilege and racism in our lives with the intention to strengthen our practice as anti-racists in alliances, relationships, and interactions with people of color. Regular, recurring dialogues throughout the year focus on the intersections of multiple identities, including Race and Class, Sexuality and Race, and Gender and Race. Other workshops focus on relationships, Radical White Identity and Community, and issues such as police and the prison industrial complex, immigration, and gentrification.

We currently have four monthly Saturday Dialogues, which used to meet in various places throughout LA County, and are temporarily meeting online through Zoom. We also have one monthly "Online Sunday Dialogue" which was originally made available for folks who cannot make it to meetings in LA, or on Saturdays. Sign up here <https://actionnetwork.org/forms/awarela-email-list/> to receive reminder emails about Saturday Dialogues. We strongly encourage you to attend a Saturday Dialogue Orientation before attending a Saturday Dialogue. See below for more info.

You must register for each space each time you want to attend, as all of the zoom links are personalized and different for each person/gathering. Every 1st Saturday (Westside SD), 1-3:15p <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84464153641>

Every 2nd Saturday (Encino SD), 10:30a-12:30p <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84464153641>

Every 3rd Saturday (Eastside SD), 1-3p <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84464153641>

Every 3rd Sunday (Always Online), 3-5p <https://msmu.zoom.us/j/84464153641>

Every 4th Saturday (Pomona Valley SD), 11a-1p <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84464153641>

**SATURDAY DIALOGUE ORIENTATION:** 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 6-7p via: Zoom, register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84464153641>

We strongly encourage you to attend a Saturday Dialogue Orientation before you attend a Saturday Dialogue. In this orientation, we'll talk about the purpose of Saturday Dialogues and why AWARE-LA organizes as a white anti-racist community. We'll go over what a typical Saturday Dialogue agenda looks like, and talk about the different types of content that we do throughout

the year. We'll also tell you about the organizational structure of AWARE-LA, and then close out our time together with an opportunity for newcomers to ask questions of our facilitation team.

**Accessibility:** We can provide ASL interpreters and closed captioning upon request. To ensure availability, please make your request at least 72 hours prior to the event you wish to attend. Contact: [awarela@gmail.com](mailto:awarela@gmail.com) with questions

**All Laughtears.com events are online, until further notice.** We'll be meeting in the clouds a la Richard Brautigan, who said, "Everyone has a place in history. Mine is clouds." Feel safe! Call Gerry Fialka for weekly zoom & video chat sessions 310-306-7330, email: [pfsuzy@aol.com](mailto:pfsuzy@aol.com).

**Through May 16: Desert X Art exhibit and installation, Coachella Valley.** <https://desertx.org/dx/desert-x-21> Curated by Desert X Artistic Director Neville Wakefield and Co-curator César García-Alvarez. The Desert X 2021 exhibition explores the desert as both a place and idea, acknowledging the realities of people who reside here and the political, social, and cultural contexts that shape our stories. Among the first art experiences in the region since widespread lockdowns to offer a safe, outdoor experience that is free and open to all, Desert X includes newly commissioned works that collectively pose urgent questions about our pasts while imagining the possibilities of a shared future.

**May 1 - Sat International Workers' Day AKA May Day**

See story on front page for multiple May Day actions

**Stateless & Abandoned: Stories of Palestinian Women Exiled in Lebanon**, 10a, JVP-LA Education and Visibility Committee unique live zoom event with four young Palestinian women from the refugee camps in Lebanon. Register for the event here: [bit.ly/JVPLA-NakbaTour](https://bit.ly/JVPLA-NakbaTour)

These are the descendants of Palestinians expelled by Zionist paramilitary gangs in 1948 who are still living the harsh legacy of al-Nakba (the Catastrophe). These young women represent the 3rd and 4th generations of Palestinians living as stateless refugees in Lebanon because Israel and the United States refuse to recognize their right to return to their homes in Palestine.

We'll have the opportunity to hear their own deeply moving personal accounts of their every day lives, fraught as they are with severe discrimination in every area of public life in Lebanon, but also buoyed by the belief that one day they will return to their homeland in freedom and equality. This is an important story that Israel does not want told precisely because it will inspire people of good will everywhere to be active for justice for Palestinians.

For more information on the young speakers, visit: [www.nakbatour.com](http://www.nakbatour.com) Please join us and our co-sponsors for this event: JVP - Central Ohio, Cleveland, Hudson Valley, Northern New Jersey, Portland, Rogue Valley, San Diego, and Tucson & Al-Awda: The Palestine Right to Return Coalition, American Muslims for Palestine, SoCal, Jews for Palestinian Right of Return, LA4Palestine, People for

Palestinian-Israeli Justice, and United Church of Christ Palestine/Israel Network. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1244628065933819> us02web.zoom.us

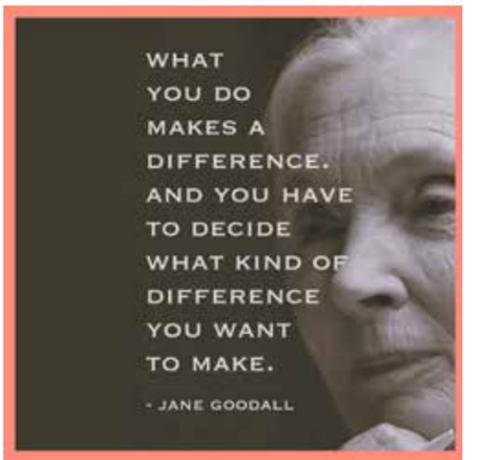
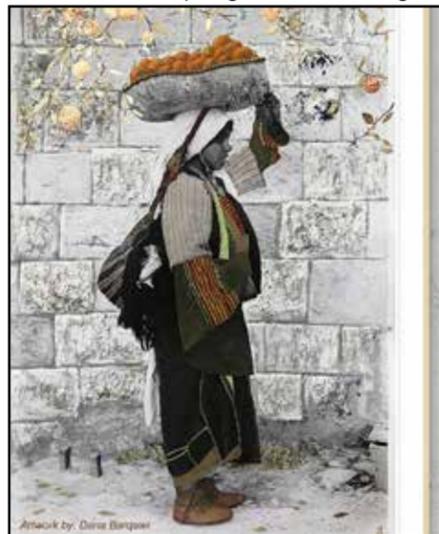
**May 2 - Sun**

**KPFK Local station delegates' assembly**, 10:30a, via zoom, to discuss and vote on proposed Bylaws replacement, with half-hour of public comment (see story on page 7). <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84464153641> Meeting ID: 844 6415 3641 One tap mobile +16699006833,,84464153641# US (San Jose)

**A Time Of Civil Unrest: Where Do We Go From Here?** 6:30-8p zoom meeting by Committee for Racial Justice. We will have several resource people to help us in small groups as we deal with moving toward change after this year of civil unrest in the wake of George Floyd's murder. The Chauvin trial and all the protests over this past year are helping to move us toward a time of reckoning on race in a way that this country has not experienced before. The conviction of one officer will not make all the difference. We will still experience civil unrest because civil rights injustices are still all around us, but the Chauvin trial has contributed to a sea change in awareness in our country of how much has to be changed. CRJ wants to help galvanize the resistance to injustice and racism that has been brought to light. Our resource people will include Robert Howard, a restorative justice trainer, group facilitator, and conflict mediator; Dr. Roslyn Satchel, an active member of Black Lives Matter and scholar-activist who researches and teaches about communication, ethics, and law; and Attorney George Brown, a key drafter of the Santa Monica Public Safety Advisory Committee's report, which is leading to the formation of the first police oversight commission in SM's history. For more information, call Joanne at 310-422-5431.

**May 3 - Mon**

**Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles with Villalobos Brothers: "The Soul of Mexico"**, free Online Event, 2-5p. Carpenter Performing Arts Center, CSULB (Long Beach, CA). It's never too early to celebrate Cinco de Mayo! Join the first all-female mariachi ensemble in the US, Grammy-nominated Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles, along with classically trained protégés the Villalobos Brothers, for an evening of incredible musicianship and vitality. The Villalobos Brothers bring jazz harmonies and classical virtuosity to Mexican folk music and have collaborated with artists from Bruce Springsteen to Regina



Carter. Mariachi Reyna have performed for Oprah Winfrey and Barack and Michelle Obama and delight audiences everywhere with their groundbreaking contributions to mariachi! <https://www.facebook.com/events/885669335614393/> <https://www.facebook.com/OnlineEventLivestrea>

**May 4 - Tue Anniversary of Kent State massacre**

**May 5 - Wed Cinco de Mayo**

**May 6 - Thu**

**Women, Peace & Security for the Digital Age**, 8-9a.

Register: [https://foreignpolicy.zoom.us/webinar/register/8116189523927/WN\\_Sbz6lxARFaDunL7DT38fw](https://foreignpolicy.zoom.us/webinar/register/8116189523927/WN_Sbz6lxARFaDunL7DT38fw) Featured Speakers: Kara Swisher, Host, Sway, New York Times and Co-Host, Pivot, New York Media; Lisa Roman, Vice President of Public Policy, Bumble; Moira Whelan, Director, Democracy and Technology, National Democratic Institute; Sahana Dharmapuri, Director, Our Secure Future; Allison Carlson, Managing Director, FP Analytics. For more information about our program and speakers, please visit our website at [foreignpolicy.com/events](https://foreignpolicy.com/events) Note: This is a bourgeois, pro-imperial think tank.

**Culture & Cause: Highlighting Women in Photography: APA San Diego**, 4 PM PDT, Free. APA San Diego invites you to join us for a special online evening presentation hosted by MOPA with three artists to support and celebrate these amazing women and their cause driven work. The panel will cover topics such as diversity within the industry, share their personal stories and experiences and discuss their creative process and activism. This event is a fundraiser to benefit three youth organizations that each artist is passionate about. Your support will help raise funds to further the goals and mission of the following organizations: Las Fotos Project, The Smart Project, The Aja Project Our guest panelists include: Cara Romero, Nitashia Johnson and Morgan DeLuna

Cara Romero, based in Santa Fe, NM, was born in Inglewood, CA and raised between the rural Chemehuevi reservation in the Mojave Desert and the urban sprawl of Houston, TX. Her identity informs her photography, which is a blend of fine art and editorial photography. Her award-winning work is included in many public and private collections internationally. Her practice is shaped by years of study, and a visceral approach to representing Indigenous and non-Indigenous cultural memory, collective history, and lived experiences, from a Native American female perspective. Donations will be made to *Las Fotos Project*.

Nitashia Johnson is a multimedia artist

and educator from Dallas, Texas and attended Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts. She then went on to become an alum of Texas Woman's University in 2012 and the Rhode Island School of Design in 2015. She has a true passion for creating and combines her love for photography and design to help make a difference in the world. Her work has been featured in The New York Times, The Dallas Morning Show and she's also the creator of The Self Publication photographic book series. In 2019, she became one of the first women selected for the Sony Alpha Female Creator-in-Residence program. For the past year, she's worked hard on The Smart Project, a creative after-school program structured for teens and aspiring mentors living in North Texas. Donations will be made to The Smart Project.

Morgan DeLuna was born and raised in the Twin Cities, Minnesota, and relocated to Southern California in 2004. She has a background in the performing arts and was a precursor to her visual arts practice. Using a conceptual approach she explores the human condition and liminal space. Themes around the relationship between identity, appearance, and human connection are the focus of her work.

Morgan's work has been exhibited in spaces nationally and internationally including the San Diego Art Institute, Los Angeles Center of Photography, and FotoNostrum in Barcelona. In addition to exhibitions, her work has been published in SHOTS Magazine and Diffusion Annual. Donations will be made to The AjA Project

**"Beyond Scarcity: Mothering Towards Liberation"**, 6p PST In honor of Mother's Day 2021, AF3IRM-LA invites you to join us for a virtual gathering and discussion on revolutionary mothering through pandemic times. Our panel will feature four mothers, Mai'a Williams (author), Stephanie Cariaga (professor), Alma De Jesus Ramirez (organizer), and Stevie Merino (birthworker) who will share their experiences of mothering beyond survival, ensuring that they and their children thrive through these times of crisis and loss while engaging in the critical struggle for genuine liberation. Join us! Register now at [bit.ly/AF3IRMMothersDayVirtual](http://bit.ly/AF3IRMMothersDayVirtual), via Zoom #BeyondScarcity #MotheringTowardsLiberation <https://www.facebook.com/events/169805804922690>

**May 7 - Fri**

**May 8 - Sat**

**Ilan Pappé: The role of the JNF in the Palestinian Nakba**, 8-9:30a. Free, online event. Register: <http://bit.ly/IlanPappeJNF> The Nakba is not an isolated historic event that took place in 1948 but an ongoing process. Professor Ilan Pappé, renowned Israeli historian, will describe the crucial role of the JNF and its leaders in developing the ideology and strategy of ethnic cleansing leading up to 1948.

He will also illustrate some of the ways in which the JNF is implicated in the military operations for the expulsion of the Palestinians from their lands and how the JNF thwarted the Palestinian Right of Return.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/113840160593052/>

**Free live VIRTUAL Graffiti and Mural tour of LA**, 4-5p, free. Tickets via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/free-live-virtual-graffiti-and-mural-tour-of-los-angeles-tickets-151307104623>

Live-Virtual guided tour of Graffiti and Murals in the Arts District of Los Angeles. Your guide is an actual graffiti artist streaming live! <https://www.facebook.com/events/898603910932043/> A live-virtual-interactive guided tour of the Downtown Los Angeles Arts District... without leaving your home! Your live guide is on the streets, streaming his tour, as you relax and enjoy beautiful art and learn about urban art history and culture. Famous for its rich art scene, the Downtown LA Arts District has long been a place where artists of many backgrounds came together to create, discover and collaborate. This is a 1 hour version of our popular graffiti walking tour that LA Art Tours has hosted since 2007. With over 100 5-Star reviews on Yelp, Trip Advisor and Google, this tour has been named one of LA's best tours by the LA Weekly, LAist, Sunset Magazine and many more. All of our guides are themselves local artists, showing you the art they live and the neighborhood they love. The guide is accompanied by a dedicated videographer (another local artist) who follows like a guest would, giving you a view exactly as you would if you were there in person. All guests are sent a .pdf with a high quality photo of the art seen on the tour. It includes links to all of the artists who we see on the tour. Great for reviewing what you've seen and enjoying another look at the amazing art. Attendees will link up via Zoom to experience this one of a kind tour.

**May 9 - Sun**

**Lovers & Friends Concert - Usher, Ludacris, Sean Paul, Fat Joe**, Free • Online Event, 2-5p, The Lovers & Friends Concert is coming to town featuring many of music's biggest stars of the past and present including - Usher, Fat Joe, Jhene Aiko, Mario, Next, 112, Montell Jordan, Nina Sky, Lil Jon and more! <https://www.facebook.com/events/451951562679528>

**May 10 - Mon**

**May 11 - Tue**

**May 12 - Wed**

**How to Start a Non-Profit (Non-Profits 101)** Online Event, 1:30-2:30p, Tickets via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/how-to-start-a-non-profit-non-profits-101-tickets-145149747803> The session covers the different option to start and grow a non-profit. Session Includes: Resources - Guidelines - Creating a plan - Focusing on the Vision - Who can Help. Second Wednesday of the month. <https://www.facebook.com/events/445071846931064/>

**Intersectionality and Class: From 'Leaning In' to Solidarity**, Free online Event, 6p, sponsored by East Side



Jews. Our first workshop, presented by the East Side Jews Activist Collective, is a three-part, discussion-based, interactive workshop with author and professor Ashley Bohrer. In it, we will be examining economic class through the lens of intersectionality; an analysis of inequality that relates to overlapping social and political identities. We'll examine issues of race, gender, and sexuality, and gain an understanding of how these identities intersect with capitalism. Ultimately we will explore how we can resist oppression by embracing solidarity.

The three consecutive Wednesday night sessions will take place May 12, 19, and 26 at 6pm. Each session will last 90 minutes. If you are only available for one or two sessions but would still like to attend, please indicate on the registration form below, or email us @ [eastsidejews@sijcc.net](mailto:eastsidejews@sijcc.net).

To attend you must sign up here: <https://www.sijcc.net/events/esj-summer-learning-intersectionality-and-class-from-leaning-in-to-solidarity>

Ashley Bohrer (she/they) is a scholar-activist based in Chicago. Her academic work focuses on the relationship between exploitation and oppression (check out her book here: <http://cup.columbia.edu/book/marxism-and-intersectionality/9783837641608>), and her activist work does too! She is a long-time facilitator, movement trainer, and organizer across various movements. At the moment, she is most active in Never Again, the Center for Jewish Nonviolence, and Jewish Voice for Peace, but has previously been involved with the Chicago Coalition to Close the Camps, the International Women's Strike -- US, Occupy Chicago, FURIE, Jews for Justice in Palestine, and a variety of other grassroots collectives. When she isn't buried in books or behind a bullhorn, she can often be found pickling various fruits and veg from her community garden plot. You can read more about her work here: [www.ashleybohrer.com](http://www.ashleybohrer.com). This series is for anyone interested in politics, and hoping to deepen their analysis of oppression, class, intersectionality, and capitalism. All ages and backgrounds are invited to attend!

**May 13 - Thu**

**Leading with Empathy - Actors Talk Climate Change**, Free online Event by Green Production Guide Online: [urldefense.com](http://urldefense.com), 1p. Creating empathy with audiences is what actors do best. Find out what compels these dynamic actors to be on the front line igniting important conversations in communities around the world. "Leading with Empathy - Actors Talk Climate Change," is a conversation among environmental-activists Danny Glover (Lethal Weapon), Lee Rodriguez (Never Have I Ever) and Colby Minifie (The Boys) moderated by Tim Guinee (Homeland). Learn about

sustainability in our industry and what we can all do while we still have the chance to turn things around. This Sustainable Entertainment Education Series (SEEDS) event is produced by GreenProductionGuide.com, with co-hosts, The Climate Actors and SAG-AFTRA. Register now at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/leading-with-empathy-actors-talk-climate-change-tickets-151862776653>

**May 14 - Fri**

**May 15 - Sat**

**SHIT MEN SAY TO ME: A Poetry Anthology in Response to Toxic Masculinity, Virtual Release**, Free • Online Event by Moon Tide Press, 4p. Moon Tide Press invites you all to join us at the virtual launch for our 2021 anthology, SHIT MEN SAY TO ME: A Poetry Anthology in Response to Toxic Masculinity. With over 70 poets featured, we hope to capture all the diverse voices possible who'll be sharing their powerful work at this release. So mark your calendars, save the date, and enjoy an afternoon of poetry on a subject that remains of utmost importance to our community. <https://www.facebook.com/events/282182510118052/> [https://zoom.us/j/96048096486?pwd=MGg1VmxiQlgzZ1FJKzVaU0NKU2RwUT09&fbclid=IwAR3kph9qWgSpO-Da8AZMtbm0OS3\\_5uCVHsCzWQDaXjhAV0z3H7IkwI4Wk](https://zoom.us/j/96048096486?pwd=MGg1VmxiQlgzZ1FJKzVaU0NKU2RwUT09&fbclid=IwAR3kph9qWgSpO-Da8AZMtbm0OS3_5uCVHsCzWQDaXjhAV0z3H7IkwI4Wk) Meeting ID: 960 4809 6486 Passcode: 274242 One tap mobile +16699006833,,96048096486#,,,,\*274242# US (San Jose).

**May 16 - Sun**

**KPFK Local Station Board monthly business meeting**, 10:30a-2:30p, via zoom. There is a half hour of public



comment interspersed throughout the meeting. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84464153641> Meeting ID: 844 6415 3641 One tap mobile +16699006833,,84464153641# US (San Jose)

**music & meditation: on feminism**, Sliding scale, Free-\$10, Online Event by Hannah Rooth Music and Wild, 5p. Hannah Rooth is a revolutionary songstress who cares about vulnerability, emotional growth, and social change. She uses soulful pop to tell her life story in shades powerfully raw and ethereally sweet. Join Hannah and her Patreon community to share in the stories and comradery via this Zoom monthly music & meditation series. May's show will center around Hannah's take on feminism and include a beginner-friendly guided meditation. TICKET OPTIONS: 1. Become a patron for \$3/month or more at [patreon.com/hannahroothmusic](http://patreon.com/hannahroothmusic) or 2. Purchase a one-time ticket for \$10, or a flexible price based on your means. Free tickets always available for those tight-on-cash. <https://bit.ly/3dCHIBS>

**May 17 - Mon**

**May 18 - Tue**

**Creative Virtual Fundraisers for Nonprofits**, Online Event by Mockingbird Incubator, 3-4p, Free via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/creative-virtual-fundraisers->

for-nonprofits-tickets-147913564453 To celebrate the Worldwide Day of Giving on June 15, 2021, join us for a webinar to share simple but effective virtual fundraising ideas. Fundraising during COVID has been disruptive for every nonprofit. As restrictions to in-person events continue, we need to get creative in ways to reach and engage our donors. Virtual fundraisers aren't just alternatives to in-person events, they can actually be more effective, as well as easier to organize than in-person fundraisers. Join us for this workshop to get you ready to celebrate the Worldwide Day of Giving on June 15, 2021. We will share simple but effective virtual fundraising ideas that every nonprofit can implement. Can't make it? Check out our Teachable "Nonprofit Management School" for on-demand content to help you grow your organization. Join our email list to receive notifications of upcoming events. Mockingbird Incubator is a nonprofit with a mission to help launch new and small nonprofits past the startup phase with infrastructure and strategy. <http://www.mockingbirdincubator.org/> (626) 272-5802 [info@mockingbirdincubator.org](mailto:info@mockingbirdincubator.org)

#### May 19 - Wed

**Birthday of Ho Chi Minh, Malcolm X, Yuri Kochiyama, and Lorraine Hansberry commemorated by ARA LA/PART meeting - Reading letters from, writing letters to prisoners, free 7p.** Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89618727584?pwd=Zzk3QXpMQm9zdG1VYWhEekREN1JnQT09> Meeting ID: 896 1872 7584 Passcode: 124751

#### May 20 - Thu

#### May 21 - Fri

#### May 22 - Sat

#### May 23 - Sun

**Edible & Medicinal Plants of Southern California: A Bioregional Exploration by Blue Wind School of Botanical Studies;** Online Event, \$35. 6–8:30p. Tickets: [www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr](http://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr)

When contemplating Southern California (and its 24 million inhabitants) natural beauty and ecological diversity aren't usually the first things that spring to one's mind. That said, you'd be quite surprised to learn about the abundance of botanical treasures hidden away just beyond the outskirts of the ever expanding concrete jungle.

From the wind swept alpine fell-fields of San Geronio Mountain (@11,503') to the rare plant laden Diegan coastal sage scrub community of Orange/San Diego Counties, this unique area provides us with the opportunity to view a large variety of botanical specimens all within a relatively small geographical range.

Join us as we discover together a diverse array of both edible and medicinal plants found growing within a number of these contrasting yet closely interconnected floristic zones. During this course we'll be exclusively focused on the non-desert regions of Southern California (from Santa Barbara to San Diego), including: the Transverse Ranges (Santa Monica Mountains, San Gabriel Mountains, San Bernardino Mountains, etc), the Peninsular Ranges (San Jacinto Mountains, Santa Ana Mountains, Cuyamaca Mountains, etc), as well as the Los Angeles Basin and Greater South Coast.

Topics to be covered include: field botany/plant I.D, plant family characteristics, legal-ethical harvesting processing/preparation methods,

edible/medicinal/utilitarian uses, regional ethnobotany, plant toxicology (plus tips on how to avoid poisonous look-alike species), natural history, plant conservation and at-risk species, and more!

The class session will be recorded and will include Q&A at predetermined intervals. Participants will have access to the session recording for the week following the class.

Instructor: Tellur Fenner of the Blue Wind School of Botanical Studies

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Detailed class info will be emailed out to the registered/paid students within 2-3 days of payment. This message will be sent to the email associated with your PayPal transaction (and for some people this may not be their primary email). This message will include info to help prep students for how to effectively navigate the Zoom video platform ahead of the program start date.

Refund Policy: After registration/payment no refunds will be issued for this online course.

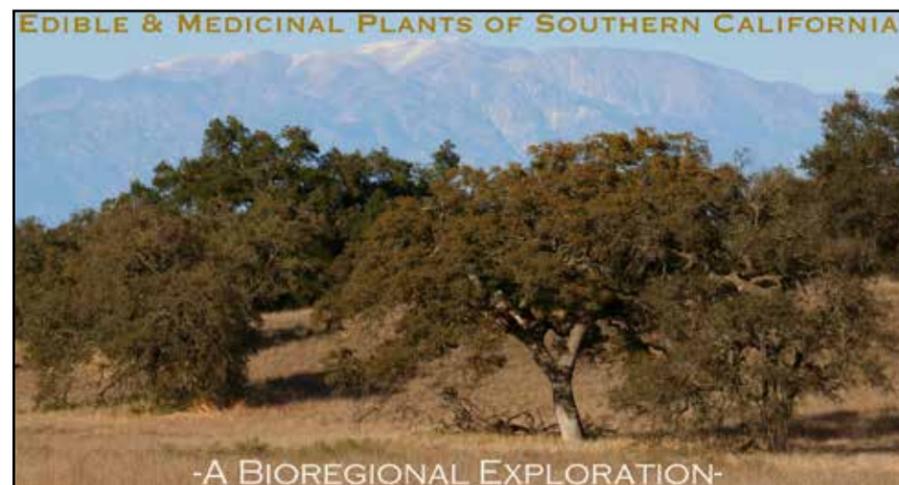
Make sure to check out the FAQ section at the bottom of this FB course description: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1042748062786912/>.

Contact Info: All official Blue Wind



*Clockwise from top left, Agusto Cesar Sandino, May 18; Yuri Kochiyama, Ho Chi Minh, and Malcolm X, May 19. Lorraine Hansberry [not pictured] also shares May 19 birthday. Honor them writing to & hearing from prisoners.*

business communication is conducted via email. Facebook messages and/or phone calls will not be returned. If you have a question about an upcoming class please send a detailed email to the following address: [bluwindbmc@gmail.com](mailto:bluwindbmc@gmail.com) Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bluwindschool/> Subscribe to our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiBBPpQrLJSxGAKdYe3vqA>



Scope out our photo/video feed on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/bluwindschool/>

#### May 24 - Mon

**Preschool Storytime on Zoom,** Free online Event by Jefferson Branch - Los Angeles Public Library

Online: [forms.gle](https://forms.gle), 10:30–10:50a. Join us for songs, stories, and more to help build early literacy skills.

Click here to register: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdyV5Wa0cGJKbidJkg1x0mkbm7KHJkPcshieMvLUk2YDvmw/viewform>

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#### May 25 - Tue

**Stand Pup Comedy Night Benefiting Pasadena Humane Society,** 7p, online, Tickets · \$20 - \$25 Ticket Link: <https://standpuponline10.eventbrite.com/?aff=PASADENAHUMANE> Dogs, Cats, and Comedians - It's Stand Pup Comedy Online! Starring adoptable pets, funny humans, and YOU! Past performers have been seen on The Office, Seinfeld, America's Got Talent, Comedy Central, Conan and more! Tickets are \$20 and 50% of proceeds will go directly to Pasadena Humane using the ticket link above or mention PASADENA HUMANE at checkout. The zoom link for the event will be emailed on the day of the show. Event is for mature audiences | Refunds will not be issued unless the show is cancelled by the venue or producer. Events are subject to change and cancellation.

#### May 26 - Wed

**Ananya Dance Theatre-Dastak: I Wish You Me | Screening and Virtual**

**Talk,** 6p, Skirball Cultural Center. In the wake of George Floyd's killing and the social uprising that followed, Minneapolis-based Ananya Dance Theatre set out to make Dastak: I Wish You Me. Named for the Farsi word dastak, meaning "knockings," this performance-based film traces the knockings of global injustices on our hearts. Witness Dastak's powerful artistry using a link to view the film on demand. Then tune in to a talk

and Q&A with choreographer Ananya Chatterjea and collaborators Sharon Bridgforth and Spirit McIntyre as they share how artists and community members came together to create this timely, inspirational new work. Directed by Darren Johnson. (2020, 25 min. No MPAA rating.) "I refuse the binary where dancers can be entertainers or they can be thinkers. My thinking is powered by my dancing, and my dancing is powered by my critical analysis. I have aligned my balance

with justice."—Ananya Chatterjea <https://www.skirball.org/programs/performance/ananya-dance-theatre>

#### May 27 - Thu

**Can Boyle Heights Save America?** Zocalo Public Square • Arizona State University • Smithsonian 6:30p, Moderated by Hector Becerra, City Editor, Los Angeles Times Boyle Heights may be divided up by L.A. freeways and thoroughfares, but its people have a remarkable record of maintaining solidarity across racial and ethnic lines. What explains the ability of Boyle Heights residents to stick together while constantly integrating immigrants and incorporating newcomers? How has Boyle Heights kept its distinctive identity in the face of social upheaval, political transformation, and waves of gentrification? And what can a more diverse America, and a more globalized world, learn from the history of this magical and multiracial neighborhood in the center of Los Angeles? Josefina López, author of Real Women Have Curves and Founding Artistic Director of CASA0101 Theater in Boyle Heights, joins USC professor of American Studies, ethnicity, and history George J. Sanchez, author, most recently, of Boyle Heights: How a Los Angeles Neighborhood Became the Future of American Democracy, at Zócalo to examine whether the neighborhood that birthed him might point the way to a better future for the United States. <https://www.zocalopublicsquare.org/event/can-boyle-heights-save-america/>

#### May 28 - Fri

#### May 29 - Sat

#### May 30 - Sun

#### May 31 - Mon

**Memorial Day holiday**

### **Radical Queer Organizing vs Racist Police Terror**

<https://outfm.org/liberation/index.php/home/internship-application/464-queer-resistance-in-minneapolis-to-police-terror> (Excerpts)

I'm Bob Lederer. We're recording this segment on April 18, as the trial of Derek Chauvin for the murder of George Floyd moves to a conclusion and perhaps a verdict may be announced by the time this program airs. Community resistance grows in the nearby suburb of Brooklyn Center in response to the outrageous murder of Daunte Wright. It's critical to speak to local activists on the ground in Minneapolis. We're joined by two guests via zoom.

First, Jae Yates is a Black Trans organizer with TCC4J (Twin Cities Coalition for Justice for Jamar [Clark]), which is a black-led anti-police-violence organization fighting for community control of police. Jae joined TCC4J last year as an organizer for Taking Back Pride, a protest against police and corporate presence during pride celebrations in the Twin Cities.

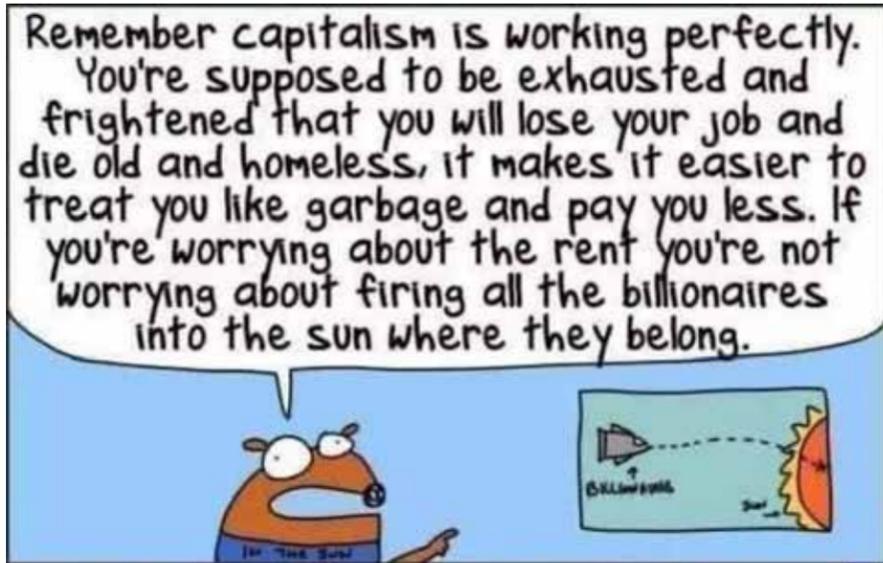
Jae works also with the community, a network Minnesota, a combination of three former pop-up mutual aid sites working to bring food and household supplies, community members, as well as supporting protesters with first aid supplies. Jae's pronouns are they, them, and he, him. Welcome Jae.

Our second guest, Jess Sundin, is a white lesbian who's been organizing in Minneapolis for nearly 30 years from anti-war activism to fighting government repression, specifically as a grand jury resistor. That's a person who, along with her wife and 22 other activists in 2010, took a principled position of refusing to participate in an FBI fishing expedition to gather intelligence on the radical movement. Jess Sundin joined the local fight against police terror after the 2015 police murder of Tamar Clark.

Since then she's worked with the TCC4J, (Twin Cities Coalition for Justice for Jamar) and the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression to demand justice for countless stolen lives, while also building the fight for community control over the police. She lives with her wife and their teen daughter in South Minneapolis, less than a mile from where George Floyd was killed last summer.

# May Day is International Workers Day!

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May Day originated in the 19th century and was originally a day to demand better working conditions, pay, safety, etc. In 2006, May Day was overtaken by a demand for immigrant rights - a law (by Sensenbrenner - The Border Protection, Anti-terrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005 H.R. 4437) would have made the conditions for the undocumented absolutely dismal. Los Angeles saw millions take to the streets. In Boyle Heights, we have been honoring these demands and adding our own. This will be the 6th year in a row that we march on May Day.

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At 2 PM on May Day, there is also a Car Caravan opposing Kroger's greed. Community organizations, leaders and national unions are mobilizing for the third unified demonstration to demand these Food 4 Less and Ralphs grocery stores not be closed because of hazardous duty pay for essential grocery workers. We will be taking to the streets on International Workers Day as a symbolic action for all frontline workers that have risked their lives during the pandemic and to increase pressure on the corporate bully and the property owners alike. All community residents and workers are invited to join us at the Ralphs on Crenshaw Boulevard and Slauson in South Central at 1:45pm PST, as we prepare our car caravan with posters, flags and banners to show solidarity for the communities directly affected by this attack and to raise awareness of our demands.

We will Car Caravan from Ralphs in South Los Angeles to Food 4 Less in Hollywood. Car Caravan begins at 2pm PDT, Press Conference begins at 3pm PDT. Ralphs 3300 W Slauson Ave 90043 to Food 4 Less 5420 W Sunset Blvd 90027

Our List of Demands:

1. Demand Kroger keep the 3 stores in Los Angeles open
2. Demand all national retail and drug store chains in Los Angeles County provide employees with a \$5 hero pay raise until the Safer at Home Order is lifted.
3. Public acknowledgment and legislative action from all City Council members and Eric Garcetti that Kroger is directly attacking Black & Brown communities (especially the elderly) in Los Angeles and contributing to food apartheid.

The coalition organizations consist of the following: Harriet Tubman Center for Social Justice, Southern Christian Leadership Conference of SoCal, UFCW Local 770, Baptist Ministers Conference of SoCal, Black Workers Center Los Angeles, Ground Game LA, SEIU Local 721, Union del Barrio, United Workers Assembly, Families of Park Mesa Heights, Harvard Boulevard Block Club, Hyde Park Organizational Partnership for Empowerment (HOPE)

There's a free on line labor and culture concert from HotHouse with Jon Langford and Sally Timms, Bill MacKay and Marvin Tate, & Labor Salutations: Aislinn Pulley, Jorge Mujica, Don Villar, Bob Reiter, Alderman Andres Vazquez. On HotHouseGlobal: 5p, PST, free with registration via ticket link or sliding scale: \$0-20: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/international-mayday-concert-tickets-151112534659>

Jon Langford and Sally Timms have been performing together in and around UK Punk Rock band the Mekons since the early 1980s. This acoustic duo situation is most likely born of pandemic necessity because they prize collaboration above all else and love to work with other writers, artists and musicians like Vito Acconci, Kathy Acker, Roger Knox, The Sadies, Will Oldham, Greil Marcus, Johnny Dowd, Lee Scratch Perry, Freakwater, The Magnetic Fields, p. 7

Handsome Family and many more. Watch on the HotHouseGlobal Twitch channel for free, although the suggested ticket price is \$20.

Finally the RCP/RevComs are sponsoring a May Day event from 2-5 PM at Magic Johnson Park, 126th St. at Avalon Blvd. in south LA. They describe it as follows: "On International Revolutionary MAY DAY, The Revcoms announce: A Declaration, A Call To Get Organized Now For A Real Revolution. Let's get down to basics: We need a revolution—nothing less!

\*Masks and social distancing required\*

To everyone who can't stand this world the way it is... who is sick and tired of so many people being treated as less than human... who knows that the claim of "liberty and justice for all" is a cruel lie... who is righteously enraged that injustice and inequality go on, and on, and on, despite false promises and honeyed words from people in power (or those seeking power)... everyone who agonizes about where things are headed and the fact that to be young now means being denied a decent future, or any future at all... everyone who has ever dreamed about something much better, or even wondered whether that is possible... everyone who hungers for a world without oppression, exploitation, poverty, and destruction of the environment... everyone who has the heart to fight for something that is really worth fighting for: You need to be part of this revolution.

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***I don't pledge allegiance to the flag of the United Snakes of America,***

***or to the Vipers of Wall Street and Goldman Sachs, for which it stands,***

***one giant Corporate state, under the false God of money,***

***with Liberty and Justice for the very, very few.***

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## COVID Intellectual Property Must Be Shared Rapidly & Widely

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companies are even trying to turn their opposition to an IP waiver into a geopolitical issue, arguing that China and Russia must be prevented from gaining the knowhow to produce mRNA vaccines. This argument is immoral, indeed potentially homicidal. If opposition to IP waivers slows the production of effective vaccines in China and Russia, it would directly endanger Americans, Europeans, and everyone else.

The relevant international law, known as the TRIPS (Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights) Agreement, already recognizes the right and occasional need of governments to override IP in the case of public health emergencies by invoking a compulsory license. A compulsory license gives local companies the right to use patent-protected IP. The right to compulsory licensing of IP to protect public health was already agreed [to] in 2001 as part of TRIPS in the case of production for domestic use. In 2005, it was extended to cover production for exports to countries that lack their own production capacity.

It is likely that Brazil, China, India, Russia, and South Africa could develop the capacity for increasing the global supply of COVID-19 vaccines. Yet these countries are reluctant to invoke compulsory licenses for fear of retaliation by the US Government or other governments where patent-holders are based. The proposed general waiver of IP would overcome the fear of each country in invoking a compulsory license, and would solve other heavy bureaucratic obstacles in using compulsory licenses. A waiver would also be helpful for non-vaccine technologies (solvents and reagents, vaccine vials, test kits, and so forth).

# WHICH WAY KPFFK?

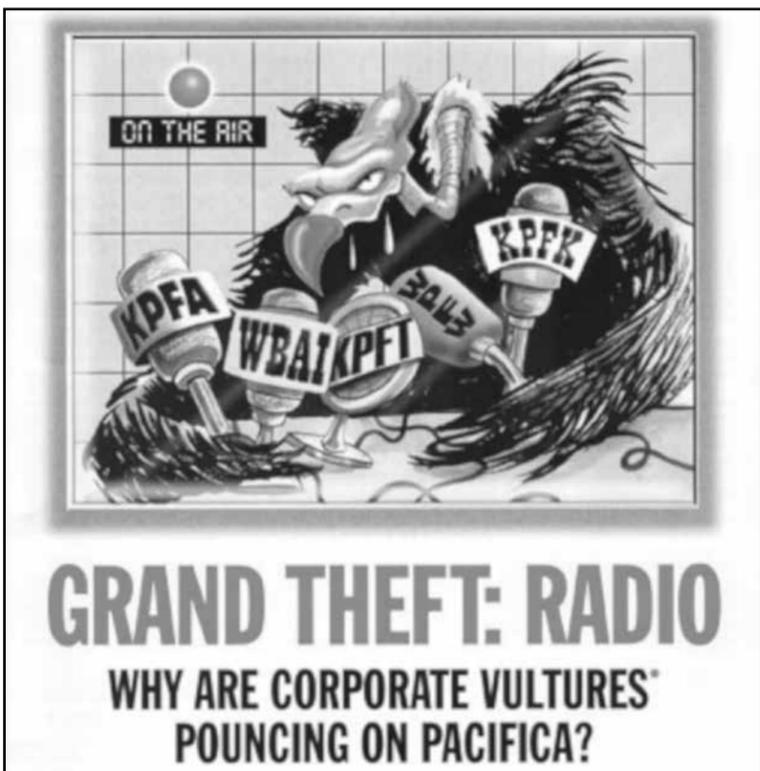
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WBAI in NY and WPFW in DC in addition to KPFFK locally).

The new Bylaws, if adopted by majorities of both listeners and staff from all the stations nationally, would create a new, third class of membership, permanently separating, in a discriminatory fashion, the (larger) unpaid, volunteer staff and programmers from the paid staff. A single representative would be picked by the paid staff members of all five stations (so that a single, well-staffed station like Berkeley would probably dominate over stations that operate with a leaner paid staff). And the much larger total of unpaid and volunteer programmers and producers, who have historically produced most of Pacifica's and KPFFK's unique mission-driven content would also be combined together into a pool from all five stations that would also elect only a single representative. This guarantees less diversity and representation in the governance and policy making, and a bias towards so called "professionalism," that seems designed to limit and circumscribe the range of political opinion and self-determined cultural and creative expression that is allowed onto the airwaves.

What will the consequences be? The adoption of these replacement Bylaws would simultaneously appoint four named officers (without any contest or opposition) who would immediately and for three years ongoing, dominate a new, smaller national board. It effectively disenfranchises or marginalizes the east coast stations, with much larger Black communities, as the new officers come exclusively from CA and TX (where the station, somewhat unbelievably, currently broadcasts mostly country and western music in the largest, youngest and most diverse big city in the US, Houston, and the staff and board are unrepresentative of the city).

The replacement bylaws are being backed by a slick, well-financed propaganda campaign by New Day Pacifica, many of whose members and associates have backed previous efforts to carve up the Foundation and the several stations, such as by declaring bankruptcy or seeking a court order to



turn the Foundation's assets over to a private receiver on spurious. Like the corporate Democratic Party interests in its ranks, NDP is adept at making campaign promises and progressive-sounding commitments to all five stations, but their record indicates otherwise. Apart from a vague assurance that there is big money available -- but only if they win and take over -- NDP has offered no financial plan for overcoming any of the funding and budget issues that they use to stigmatize and discredit elected governance and local oversight as the source of Pacifica's financial problems. Parallel with that, proponents of the Bylaws substitution have engaged in open red-baiting and anti-communism, totally at odds with Pacifica's historic commitments to free speech, peace and a fearless examination of the causes of conflict.

At stake is whether the Pacifica stations and their network of over 200 affiliates will fulfill their potential in a new era, responding to a new generation of diverse communities in struggle for human rights, justice, liberation and peace, or tailor their content to the prevailing winds of the Democratic Party in power in the White House, both chambers of the Congress, and the State Dept. and national security state apparatus. The latter choice would be a sad finale to Pacifica's relevance or potential, at a moment when we need the kind of committed journalism and creative cultural expression that fueled Pacifica in the 60s and 70s, and revived its fortunes with a commitment to internal democracy and diversity, to peace and justice in the early 2000s. The trend towards centralization and professionalization has already damaged Pacifica and KPFFK significantly, losing most of their older listeners and not winning significant new ones or seizing the opportunities provided by social media and podcasting to reach new audiences or tap into new sources of content in tune with the spirit of resistance, eco-socialism, or intersectional struggle. Rejecting the NDP Bylaws replacement will give the stations a chance to rebuild their audiences and membership by better serving the real needs of today's communities of resistance and struggle, today's advocates for peace and justice, against militarism and intervention, for uncensored news, enlightened commentary and stimulating cultural expression.

The Pacifica National Board voted overwhelmingly to oppose the NDP Bylaws replacement, even by directors from KPFA who had long been associated with the New Day position or its antecedent efforts. The KPFFK elected listener and staff delegates will be discussing and voting on the proposed Bylaws revision on Sunday, May 2, at 10:30 AM. Public comment from KPFFK listeners and staff is welcome (the current Bylaws mandate at least a half-hour of free public comment at every meeting of the LSB delegates). There will also be a regular Local Station Board meeting on Sunday, May 16, 10:30 AM. Here's the recurring zoom log in or phone in info: Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84464153641> Meeting ID: 844 6415 3641; One tap mobile: +16699006833,,84464153641# US (San Jose)

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