

## JUNE 2021 Community Calendar

More Information About These and  
Other Events in the  
Calendar, beginning p. 3:

Jun 1-30: KPFFK LSB nominations  
Jun 1-30 Pride Makes a Difference

Jun 5 - Virtual National Town Hall

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Referendum

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Ending Systemic Racism

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## People's Budget for L.A. 2021-2022

[https://peoplesbudgetla.files.wordpress.com/2021/05/peoplesbudgetreport2021\\_firstedition.pdf](https://peoplesbudgetla.files.wordpress.com/2021/05/peoplesbudgetreport2021_firstedition.pdf) [Excerpts; Note: The news as C-L was going to press that Biden is naming Mayor Garcetti as ambassador to India makes the grassroots leadership of BLM-LA more vital than ever.]

The People's Budget LA Coalition, led by Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles, undertook an urgent public process of participatory budgeting to solicit input from Angelenos about their priorities for the city and how they would like public resources to be invested. This participatory project exposes the secretive and undemocratic processes that shape Mayor Eric Garcetti's draconian spending plans year after year.

We know that budgets are moral documents. Despite this, the mayor's budget routinely drains unrestricted revenues to resource an already-bloated police budget.

Against this backdrop, a Black Lives Matter-led uprising galvanized millions of people across the nation and around the world to lift the policy demands, "defund the police" and "re-imagine public safety" in response to the murders of Black people at the hands of law enforcement. This coincided with a global health pandemic that disproportionately harms Black people, including the deleterious effects of an economic fallout.



BLM-LA led "Defund the Police" demo in DTLA May 25. C-L photo by Michael Novick

In May 2020, we released the People's Budget, after collecting survey data and facilitating a series of community-based town hall meetings to center the priorities of Angelenos most harmed by spending plans that overinvest in traditional policing systems, which are rooted in white supremacy and anti-Blackness.

Once the 2020-21 budget took effect, and in response to mounting public pressure following the police murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, the mayor publicly promised to divest \$150 million from the LAPD to, in turn, invest those dollars in Black communities. While the mayor's promise of resources was not nearly enough, we remain committed to holding the mayor accountable to the promise he made to invest \$250 million into Black communities.

Over the last year, we've gathered input from more than 44,000 Los Angeles city residents to document budget priorities. Our coalition has catalyzed a Participatory Budgeting process across LA, holding 10 sessions with thousands in attendance, both independently and in partnership with elected officials. We put forth a transparent Participatory Budgeting model for the mayor and City Council to use and several of them have committed to doing so. We have also met with several City Council members to provide specific recommendations to them and to the mayor based on what we've heard from Angelenos. The mayor has repeatedly stated he would meet with us but to date, has not responded to our requests to schedule a meeting.

We have not yet seen the changes the people are demanding to our city budget. Our data continues to reveal a clear referendum: invest in universal needs (e.g., housing security, public health, health care, mental health, and wellness, etc.) and divest from traditional forms of policing. The people want a participatory budgeting process and they want substantial changes in the budget priorities.

We continue to demand that these critical resources go to Black Los Angeles, specifically Black-led, community organizations. This report shares findings

from our Participatory Budgeting Sessions and our People's Budget Survey, which the mayor and City Council must use to inform a much larger, direct investment in Black communities.

Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles has challenged spending on police since 2015. We have heard from thousands of Angelenos who continue to underscore the urgency of defunding the police, not only to fund the critical investments our communities need, but also to end the centuries of harm the police have caused.

In 2011, the Youth Justice Coalition surveyed 2,617 residents over the course of a 50-mile March for Respect. They asked what it would take to reduce violence in Los Angeles. People who were surveyed overwhelmingly prioritized youth centers, youth jobs, and intervention workers/peace-builders in schools and communities over police, courts, and gang injunctions.

In 2017, Community Coalition collected over 4,000 surveys to highlight the needs of South Central LA, 25 years after the LA uprisings. Respondents overwhelmingly supported more money for the housing crisis and support services, while they scorned LAPD for their mistreatment of residents.

In 2019, the partners of the Brothers, Sons, Selves Coalition surveyed 3,378 youth and community members across LA county. Youth wanted to seek increased investments in youth development (91%) and jobs (93%) and a decreased investment in Law enforcement (41%).

Police presence often turns a nonviolent situation into a violent one. We must remove police and fund community workers and professionals who can provide the needed support. In June 2020, City Council put forward two motions: one to establish alternative crisis response for nonviolent situations and one to remove police from transportation and traffic. Changes like these must be expedited and funded by removing funds from LAPD. We are calling on City Council to reject the mayor's increase to LAPD and to reject any additional funds LAPD requests.

*See: "People's Budget," p. 7*

## Dual Elections at KPFFK in June Reveal Duelling Futures for Pacifica Radio

by Michael Novick, KPFFK Local Station Board Chair

June 1 opens the regularly scheduled election process for listener and staff delegates to the KPFFK Local Station Board (LSB), under the Bylaws that make Pacifica radio a unique democratically governed national media institution. June 7, a separate special costly election process begins on a revision of those Bylaws which, if it passes, would eliminate the election of LSB delegates and take away any power of locally elected representatives of the station's listeners and staff to oversee management, budgeting or programming fairness, or to recommend or evaluate the station manager and program director.

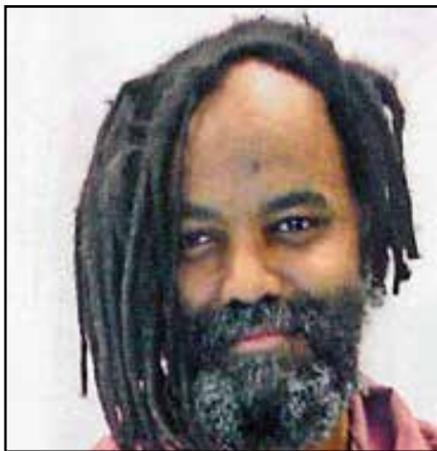
The two separate elections, the second of which would cancel the first, represent two diametrically opposed views on the future of KPFFK and Pacifica. The LSB elections are predicated on the idea that the listeners whose hard-earned dollars support the station, and the paid and unpaid staff whose hard work and creativity provide the content and technical capacity, are in the best position to assure that the station and foundation remain true to the Pacifica mission statement and continue to serve the community.

The people pushing the New Day bylaws -- the second attempt in as many years to eliminate local governance and restrict or eliminate democracy and diversity at Pacifica -- believe that so-called "professionalism" and top-down centralization of authority is required.

Following from that theory, New Day would split the staff in two, creating a new third class of membership, and segregate the unpaid staff in discriminatory fashion, with less representation. They'd create a hierarchical chain of command, in which a new Executive Director (ED) names all station managers without local or national board input, and strip elected local boards of all oversight and involvement with national board committees, such as the Committee of Inclusion at each station, which works with management to ensure that previously underserved communities are involved in all aspects of the station, such as management, governance, programming and staffing.

The New Day proposal tries to scapegoat governance for long-developing weaknesses that so-called "professionals" did nothing to correct or overcome. Its solution to what it terms "factionalism" is to consciously reduce representation and diversity on the Pacifica National Board (PNB) by setting up a collection of single-seat elections designed to assure that **a single faction, from a single station**, can dominate the board and the selection of the powerful new ED. Without any check or balance, there is a good chance, based on the clear track record and the repeated

*See: "Duelling Futures for KPFFK," p. 7*



Mumia Abu-Jamal has endorsed the Vote No for democracy & diversity at Pacifica campaign.

## The Status of Mumia

By Mumia Abu-Jamal

I don't normally do this, that is, I don't write about myself. I find it much more interesting to tell other people's stories, the spinning balloon we live in, stories generated by the fragile human condition and the liberation struggles of humanity.

But I divert from the topic, uncomfortably. This is a commentary on the commentator. Several weeks ago I underwent a medical procedure known as open heart surgery, a double bypass after it was known that there were obstacles in two beating blood vessels toward my heart that damaged heart function. This deficiency was repaired by some well-prepared young cardiologists and with extensive experience in this complex surgical procedure. I tell you, I had no idea what I was suffering from such a disease. But now to be perfectly honest, I feel pretty good. I actually feel more energy than normal.

I thank all of you -- my family, my friends and friends -- for your love and support.

We're moving forward to freedom, wholeheartedly!

From the imprisoned nation, I am Mumia Abu-Jamal. © Mumia Abu-Jamal May 12, 2021

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Write a letter to Mumia. They only accept letters written on a white paper, no drawings.

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# CHANGE-LINKS MONTHLY POETRY CORNER

## Silence for Gaza

by Mahmoud Darwish [Excerpts]

Gaza not the most beautiful of cities it is  
Its shores not bluer than those of other Arab cities they are  
And its oranges are not the most beautiful on the  
Mediterranean  
And Gaza is not the richest of cities  
And it is not the most progressive among cities  
But it is equal to a nation's history  
Because it is the ugliest in the enemy's eyes  
Poorer, more miserable and most ferocious  
Because it is the savage lesson for the enemy  
Because it is the most able to disturb the enemy  
Because it is their nightmare  
Because booby trapped are its oranges  
And because this is what it is  
It is the most beautiful  
Clearest  
Richest  
And most worthy of love  
Injustice we do Gaza when  
A legend we make of her  
But hate her when we discover that  
She is nothing but small, poor  
And she resists  
Gaza no horses it has  
Or airplanes  
Nor a magic stick  
And also offices in capitals  
Gaza liberates Itself from our  
Characteristics  
Language  
And instincts all at the same time  
And when through a - dream - we meet her  
If she does recognize us  
Because Gaza of fire it was born  
And we for waiting  
And for crying for lost homes we were born  
But Gaza's secret is not a puzzle  
Her resistance is popular  
United and knows what it wants  
The enemy from her clothes  
She wants to expel  
With the masses Gaza's resistance is  
The skin with flesh and bones  
Resistance in Gaza is not a paid for job  
Nor an establishment Gaza's resistance is  
Any body's guardianship she refuses  
Its fate is not subjected to a thumb print  
or anybody's signature  
Gaza's beauty is that our voices she doesn't hear  
Nothing bothers her

Nothing turns away her fist  
From the enemy's face  
No disagreement on the form of Palestine's government  
That we shall establish on the moon's eastern cheek  
Or the western cheek of Mars when discovered it is  
It is busy with rejection  
Hunger with rejection  
Thirst with rejection  
Diaspora with rejection  
Torture with rejection  
Siege with rejection  
Death with rejection  
And rejection with rejection  
In Gaza the enemy could be victorious  
and the sea's high waves could be victorious  
Her bones they could break  
Tanks they could plant in her children's chests  
and women's bellies  
And into the sea  
Sand and blood But  
But never lies she repeats nor  
says yes to invaders  
Exploding she shall continue  
It is neither death nor suicide  
It is Gaza's style in declaring her worthiness of life  
And exploding she shall continue  
It is Gaza's style in declaring her worthiness of life  
Translated by: Adib S. Kawar

Palestinian Mahmoud Darwish was born in al-Birwa in Galilee, a



village that was eventually occupied and later razed by the Israeli army. Because they had missed the official Israeli census, Darwish and his family were considered "internal refugees" or "present-absent aliens." Darwish lived for many years in exile in Beirut and Paris. He is the author of over 30 books of poetry and eight books of prose, and earned the Lannan Cultural Freedom Prize from the Lannan Foundation, the Lenin Peace Prize, and the Knight of Arts and Belles Lettres Medal from France.

In the 1960s Darwish was imprisoned for reciting poetry and traveling between villages without a permit. Considered a "resistance poet," he was placed under house arrest when his poem "Identity Card" was turned into a protest song. After spending a year at University of Moscow in 1970, Darwish worked at the newspaper Al-Ahram in Cairo. He subsequently lived in Beirut, where he edited the journal *Palestinian Affairs* from 1973 to 1982. In 1981 he founded and edited the journal *Al-Karmel*. Darwish served from 1987 to 1993 on the executive committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization. In 1996 he was permitted to return from exile to visit friends and family in Israel and Palestine.

Darwish died in 2008 in Houston TX

## Joint Statement by Palestinians in North America on Nakba Day: May 15, 2021

<https://palestinianyouthmovement.com/nakba-73>

As we mark the 73rd anniversary of the Nakba, we, the undersigned, join together to reaffirm our commitment to the Palestinian people's struggle for justice, return, and liberation. We commemorate the loss experienced by Palestinians in 1948 when hundreds of thousands of our people were forced into exile and saw their homes and villages stolen or destroyed by Zionist militias.

To this day, colonization and dispossession remain ongoing processes, where Palestinians continue to endure land theft and encroachments on their basic rights. Despite the multiple decades of Zionist brutality, our resilient people remain committed to resisting Zionist settler-colonialism and to the liberation of Palestine.

We continue to witness the bravery of the Palestinian people as they resist attacks on our neighborhoods and holy sites. We have witnessed the courageous families of Sheikh Jarrah and Silwan continue to organize against the theft of their homes by Zionist colonist organizations who march through the streets of Jerusalem chanting "Death to Arabs." We have further witnessed the occupation's continued encroachment on our people's holy sites, including the imposition of restrictions on Muslim worshipers at Al-Aqsa Mosque during the holy month of Ramadan as well as the attacks on Christian worshipers as they make their way to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher for Orthodox Easter celebrations.

We salute the heroic resistance of our people all over Palestine, from Jerusalem to Umm al-Fahm, who have taken to the streets to protect Palestinian homes, rights, and our cultural and religious sites.

As Palestinians have experienced first-hand for decades, Zionist settler-colonialism is predicated on the destruction of Palestinian political, economic, and social life. It is a project that requires the complete domination of Palestinians through policies of collective punishment and siege.

Palestinian workers, activists, students, civil society actors, political leaders, youth and children are subject to policies exploitation, arbitrary imprisonment, and political violence, which are meant to break the spirit of future generations and force them to accept the permanence of Zionist supremacy over every aspect of their lives. The Palestinian prisoners, today numbering nearly 4,500, are now and have always remained on the front lines of resistance and confrontation of Zionism. As we march for return and liberation, we march for the freedom of all imprisoned strugglers for Palestine.

For too long, Western governments have played an active role in the perpetuation of military occupation and ethnic cleansing of the Palestinian people. The U.S. government provides more than \$3.8 billion annually in direct military aid to the Occupation forces. The US and Canadian governments have skirted their responsibility for Zionist crimes by posing as purported arbiters in a conflict they sponsor.

Both governments continue to provide diplomatic cover for Zionist crimes, and actively work to clamp down on proponents of Palestinian rights through government repression, anti-BDS measures, and the conflation of anti-Zionism with antisemitism. We demand an end to this complicity. We demand an end to aid to the Israeli occupation forces and an end of the repressive measures against proponents of Palestinian rights. We demand the immediate removal of the US embassy from Jerusalem and reversal of Trump's recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

Finally, we call on Palestinian communities in the diaspora and supporters of our just cause to join the actions and events hosted by the various organizations delineated below. It is the obligation of Palestinians worldwide to raise our banner and confront Zionism, and it is time for the Palestinian diaspora to reclaim our integral role in the struggle for liberation. We must unequivocally reject the path of Oslo, negotiations, and security coordination with the Zionist occupation forces by the Palestinian Authority. We must renew our commitment to our rights: the right to a free and united Palestine from the river to the sea, the right of return, and the right to live in dignity under a just and lasting peace.

Join us in this call,

*Palestinian Youth Movement; Al-Awda: The Palestine Right to Return Coalition; Free Democratic Palestine Movement; United States Palestinian Community Network; Al-Masar Al-Badil - Alternative Palestinian Path Conference; Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network; Palestinian American Women's Association; and many others around the US and in Canada*

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# Southern California Community Calendar June 2021 Gay Pride Month

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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, we strongly suggest that you contact any event listing of interest in this Calendar before you attend, as the ones listed herein were posted prior to actual circumstances reaching a heightened level of awareness.

**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 issue. We will continue to update you going forward.

We advise you as well to 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/>,  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/ieprogressivealliance/events/>,  
<http://www.activistsandiego.org/event>,  
<https://vcpjn.org/calendar/>,  
<https://indivisibleventura.org/events/>,  
<https://echoparkfilmcenter.org>  
<https://www.timeout.com/los-angeles/>

## 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, KPFK 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 KPFK 90.7 FM air waves and [kpftx.org](http://kpftx.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 Climate Action](https://facebook.com/SoCal350ClimateAction).

**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, 3-6p, End Police Associations** BLM-LA and allies vigil/protest outside LA Police Protective League (who protest killer cops from accountability), 1313 W. 8th St in downtown LA, across from the ACLU-SoCal headquarters. Hear from families who have lost loved ones to racist state terror.

**Wednesdays, 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-LAChapter](http://www.Peace&FreedomParty.org-LAChapter). 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/>

**Fridays, Music Center Dance series**, free, 7p, YouTube. (K-pop, line dancing, cumbia, etc.) and free dance lessons. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmusiccenterlosangeles>

**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 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.

# Southern California Community Calendar continued...

**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/aware-la-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),  
1:00pm - 3:15pm  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89037964625?pwd=VjdVUjN6SUsvWTlS1RkOWgrdjlWZz09>

Every 2nd Saturday (Encino SD),

10:30am - 12:30pm  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89037964625?pwd=VjdVUjN6SUsvWTlS1RkOWgrdjlWZz09>

Every 3rd Saturday (Eastside SD),

1:00pm - 3:00pm  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89037964625?pwd=VjdVUjN6SUsvWTlS1RkOWgrdjlWZz09>

Every 3rd Sunday (Always Online),

3:00pm - 5:00pm  
<https://msm.zoom.us/j/89037964625?pwd=VjdVUjN6SUsvWTlS1RkOWgrdjlWZz09>

Every 4th Sat (Pomona Valley SD),

11:00am - 1:00pm  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89037964625?pwd=VjdVUjN6SUsvWTlS1RkOWgrdjlWZz09>

## **SATURDAY DIALOGUE**

**ORIENTATION: 2nd & 4th**

Wednesdays, 6-7p via: Zoom, register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89037964625?pwd=VjdVUjN6SUsvWTlS1RkOWgrdjlWZz09>

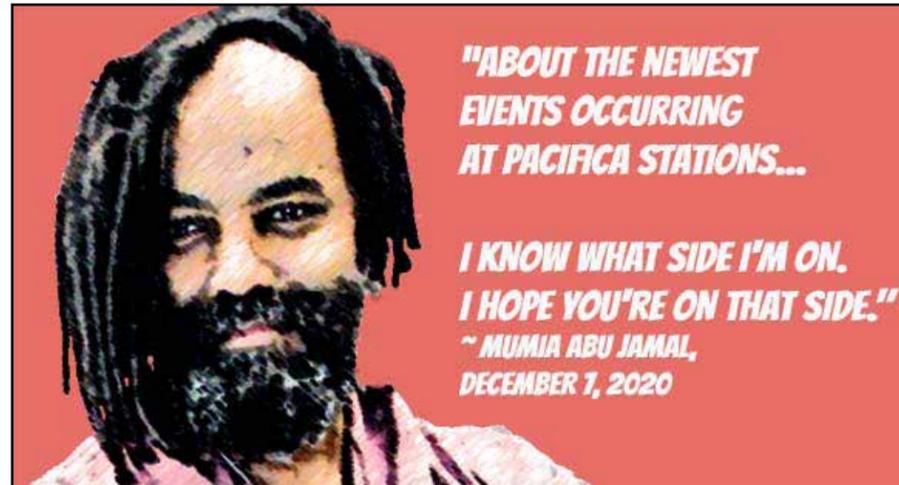
We strongly encourage you to attend a Saturday Dialogue Orientation before you attend a Saturday Dialogue. Please join us! In this orientation, we'll talk about the purpose of Saturday Dialogues and why AWARE-LA organizes as a white anti-racist community. We'll go over what a typical Saturday Dialogue 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 at a 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).

**June 1-30: Period for filing as a candidate for listener or staff delegate to the KPFK Local Station Board.** June 30 is the "date of record" to qualify as a member to run, sign nominating petitions, or vote in the Local Station Board elections. "Members" are listeners who have donated a minimum of \$25 to the station between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021, or done a minimum of 3 hours of supervised volunteer work for the station, including on LSB committees such as Outreach, or non-managerial staff at the station, including volunteer programmers, producers or other unpaid workers who have done at least 30 hours of supervised work at the station in the 90 days ending June 30, 2021. More information and (self) nominating petitions requiring 15 valid member signatures are available online at <https://elections.pacifica.org> and announcements will be made periodically over the airwaves at 90.7 FM and online at <https://kpfk.org>



**Mumia Abu-Jamal urges Pacifica members to vote NO on the Bylaws revision to defend democracy, diversity and community radio at Pacifica**

**June 1-30: Pride Makes a Difference - 30 Days of Service and Volunteering around LA!** Christopher Street West (LA Gay) Pride is partnering with Big Sunday for the entire month of June to create Pride Makes a Difference, a 30-day calendar of events focused on volunteering, community service, and opportunities to donate time, goods and money to worthy causes that benefit the LGBTQ+ community, and LA nonprofits. Pride Makes a Difference will have its own website with calls-to-action in the areas of food insecurity, housing insecurity, mental health and wellness, and abuse. A list of selected local organizations will be available to choose from, as well as event details, fun group opportunities, and sign-up forms. CSW intends to make Pride Makes a Difference a permanent part of its Pride programming going forward. <https://laprideorg.wpengine.com/pride-makes-a-difference/>

## **JUN 1 - TUE**

**What Does the US Owe Veterans of its 21st Century Wars?** 9a PDT, Zocalo Public Square via zoom. <https://www.zocalopublicsquare.org/event/what-america-owe-veterans-21st-century-wars/> A Zócalo/Pacific Council/USVAA Event Moderated by Emma Sky, Director of the Maurice R. Greenberg World Fellows Program, and a Senior Fellow at Yale University's Jackson Institute. We may never know the full toll of the post-9/11 wars. The staggering cost of the two-decade-long conflict, and its future consequences, are only just beginning to be understood

as the United States prepares to fully withdraw troops from Afghanistan and Iraq before the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. As the final chapter of America's longest war nears, what are the biggest problems facing veterans returning home? What does it mean to be a military vet in the U.S. today? And what does the U.S. government owe local allies, such as the translators and interpreters who served alongside American forces? Steve Miska, a US Army veteran who retired as a Colonel, led the "Baghdad Underground Railroad" that helped dozens of interpreters escape sectarian violence in 2007. The author of a new book *Baghdad Underground Railroad: Saving American Allies in Iraq*, he is the executive director of First Amendment Voice, and conducts pro bono work to support nonprofits that help former interpreters. Miska visits Zócalo to discuss the cost of war.

**KPFK Local Station Board listener and staff delegates nomination process opens**, See <https://elections.pacifica.org> for a self-nomination packet requiring member signatures to run to represent other listeners or other paid or unpaid staff at listener sponsored Pacifica community radio (90.7 FM). You must be a member by Jun 30 to be eligible to run, sign petitions or vote.

## **JUN 2 - WED**

**Housing Insecurity and Efficacy of COVID Relief**, Webinar Presented by ACLU SoCal's Economic Justice Committee, 6p via zoom, According to the Eviction Defense Network, approximately 500,000 Los Angeles County Tenants are currently behind in their rent. Unless our representatives are convinced to change the current law before June 31, 2021, these tenants will be evicted. Learn how you can save your neighbors' housing. Register: <https://bit.ly/3ujmj5K>  
Speakers: Francisco Dueñas, Executive Director for Housing Now!, Shanti Singh, Tenants Together Legislative Director, Gary Rhoades, Santa Monica Deputy City Attorney, Michelle White, Moderator, ACLU SoCal Pasadena/Foothills Chapter. Cosponsors: LA Progressive, ACLU SoCal Pasadena/Foothills Chapter, Occidental College Critical Theory & Social Justice Department

## **JUN 3 - THU**

**How do artists see the "Next L.A."?** 6p PDT, Zocalo Public Square via zoom. <https://www.zocalopublicsquare.org/event/how-artists-see-next-la/> A Zócalo/LA Commons Event Moderated by Catherine Wagley, Arts and Culture Writer. As LA emerges from pandemic and tumult, Angelenos are looking for new and bigger visions of the city's future. But where will we find ideas

and practical methods for transforming institutions, reimagining public policy, or reinvesting in communities? The pandemic and racial reckoning of the past year have changed how artists work, and how they see L.A. What aspirations and dreams do artists—professional and youth, visual and performing—have for a more resilient and inclusive LA? How are they putting those dreams down on canvas, on walls and sidewalks, and on our screens? LA Commons CEO Karen Mack, artist and designer Rosten Woo, and John Malpede, artist and founding director of Los Angeles Poverty Department, visit Zócalo to discuss the change they want to see in Los Angeles, and how they might lead it.

## **JUN 4 - FRI**

June 4 is **National Gun Violence Awareness Day** and the start of Wear Orange weekend. More info: <http://wearorange.org/about/>

## **JUN 5 - SAT**

**Pacifica Fightback Virtual National Town Hall: Deadly Consequences of Bylaws Revision**, 2-5p, via zoom.

An on-line teach in by programmers, producers and listeners at all five Pacifica stations - KPFK, KPFA, KPFT, WBAI and WPFW - of what it would mean for community radio, freedom of speech, democracy, diversity and financial transparency and independence if the Bylaws revision proposed by New Day Pacifica and supported by Pacifica Safety Net were to pass. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89037964625?pwd=VjdVUjN6SUsvWTlS1RkOWgrdjlWZz09>  
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**Beyond the Socialist Impasse: Remembering Leo Panitch**, 9a-3p PDT, Online, \$5-50 sliding scale.

The Left Forum and the Socialist Register are commemorating the life and spirit of Leo Panitch. The Left Forum is sponsoring a series of online panels which underline three major foundations of Panitch's corpus of research, teaching, and activism: (1) Re-imagining Socialist Parties and Practice; (2) Debating Socialist Strategies Post-Pandemic; and (3) The State and Global Capitalism. Everyone who knew Leo recognized that he was serious about constructing a non-utopian socialist society. Speakers include: Frances Fox Piven, Greg Albo, Steve Maher, Minqi Li, Michalis Spourdalikis, Meaghan Day, Hilary Wainwright, Arun Gupta, Peter Bratsis, Barbara Epstein, Bhaskar Sunkara, Trevor Ngwane, Sam Gindin, Zhun Xu, Jayati Ghosh, Nicole Aschoff, Clyde Barrow & Doug Henwood. This fundraiser is intended to launch an ongoing educational series inspired by Leo's work. Please register at the link below. Zoom details will be sent out closer to the date of the event. If you are unable to make a donation please email [leftforum@leftforum.org](mailto:leftforum@leftforum.org). REGISTER here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beyond-the-socialist-impasse-remembering-leo-panitch-tickets-155329660195>

**Naksa Day** (meaning "day of the setback") is the annual day of commemoration for the Palestinian people of the displacement that accompanied Israel's victory in the

Six-Day War on 5 June 1967. As a result of the war, Israel took control of the Palestinian-populated West Bank and Gaza Strip, which were previously annexed by Jordan and controlled by Egypt, respectively. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Naksa\\_Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Naksa_Day)

## JUN 6 - SUN

**Committee for Racial Justice presents: An Evening With LA Co. District Attorney George Gascon, 6:30-8p zoom meeting.** Register: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZcpf-quqTMpE9KT8tsAWYyy9ufr7uqUa5Do> and then you will be sent the attendance link. Gascon, who in his first several months in office has stopped seeking the death penalty, has also ended the practice of prosecuting children as adults, and is convening the DA's office's first trauma informed Crime Victims Advisory Board. In a press release outlining his first 100 days in office, DA Gascon said, "I have instituted a series of reforms based on data and science that will enhance safety while reducing racial disparities and the misuse of incarceration. Our efforts to transform a dated approach that creates more crime, victims, and inequities are just beginning". The evening will include an interview format moderated by George Brown, a retired attorney recently named as a member of the newly constituted Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission in Santa Monica - the first community oversight for police in SM. Bring your questions and join in this important discussion about the efforts to transform a critical part of the criminal justice system. For more information call Joanne 310-422-5431

## JUN 7- MON

**Pacifica Bylaws Replacement referendum ballots go out.** Voting on the New Day Pacifica proposal to create a new governance structure, a new third class of members (separating unpaid staff from paid staff) and reducing the Local Station Board to a strictly advisory and outreach role will open for 30 days to members of KPFC and other Pacifica stations (qualification date was April 7). More information at <https://pacificafightback.org>, <https://pacificademocracy-project.org> and <https://elections.pacifica.org> or over the airwaves of KPFC, 90.7 FM, <https://kpfk.org>

## JUN 8 - TUE

**Post Woolsey Fire Plant Recovery Free** · Online Event by California Native Plant Society - Los Angeles / Santa Monica Mountains Online: [lasmmcnps.org](http://lasmmcnps.org), 7p. Post Woolsey Fire Plant Recovery presented by Mark Mendelsohn, Biologist, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation. Zoom log posted on our Chapter website a day before the event. <https://www.facebook.com/events/278839273924472/>

## JUN 9 - WED

Surveying the Basics of White Supremacy Culture Six Weekly Practice Sessions, Wed 5-6 p Jun 2 - July 7, You are welcome to attend all sessions or drop in as your schedule allows. Join on Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83126011666>, Find "White Supremacy Characteristic Document" here [https://www.dismantlingracism.org/uploads/4/3/5/7/43579015/okun\\_-\\_white\\_sup\\_culture.pdf](https://www.dismantlingracism.org/uploads/4/3/5/7/43579015/okun_-_white_sup_culture.pdf) Send an email to Pastor Cara Tanis with any questions. [pastor@7400woodlawn.org](mailto:pastor@7400woodlawn.org)

## JUN 10 - THU

**Can We Still Find Good in the World?** 10a PDT, Zocalo Public Square via zoom, <https://www.zocalopublicsquare.org/event/can-we>

still-find-the-good-in-the-world/ The World We Want: A Zócalo/ University of Toronto Event Moderated by Erika Hayasaki, Journalist and Author, **The Death Class**. It feels like such a dark time. The planet is burning with hatred, disease, and environmental degradation. Between the confusing nature of our societies and our own biases, traumas, and privileges, it's become increasingly difficult to be sure we will know the good when we see it. What does it mean, when the bad urgently demands our attention and action, to spend precious time looking for the good, in the world and in ourselves? What are the roots of the human attraction to goodness, and what roles does our pursuit of goodness fill in our lives and communities? University of Toronto behavioral ecologist Maydianne Andrade, **The Ordinary Virtues** author and Central European University president Michael Ignatieff, and Duke University distinguished professor of philosophy David B. Wong visit Zócalo to examine whether the human search for the good is itself still good. Zócalo and the University of Toronto present The World We Want, an event series exploring our current societal, political, and economic challenges and how we might emerge from the current moment. Zócalo and the University of Toronto thank the Consulate General of Canada in Los Angeles for supporting The World We Want.

## JUN 11 - FRI

Anarchists and environmentalists have observed June 11 as a day of action to mobilize around political prisoners

**LGBTQ+ Pride Night at Dodger Stadium (ticketed event).** The LA Dodgers have partnered with LA Pride (Christopher Street West Association) for the 4th time. To kickstart LA Pride's first in-person event since 2019, an LGBTQ+ artist will sing the National Anthem. First Responders from the LA LGBTQ+ Community will get a special moment of recognition. After the game, vaccinated fans will be welcomed onto the field to watch the first Friday Night Fireworks show of the season. Other surprises to be announced soon. A special event ticket package is available to fully-vaccinated fans that includes a game ticket for the 7:10 p.m. game against the Texas Rangers and an exclusive Dodger Pride-themed t-shirt. Tickets: [www.dodgers.com/LAPride](http://www.dodgers.com/LAPride). Part of the month-long "Thrive with Pride" calendar.

## JUN 12 - SAT

## JUN 13 - SUN

## JUN 14 - MON

Jun 14 Flag Day [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flag\\_Day\\_\(United\\_States\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flag_Day_(United_States))

## JUN 15 - TUE

**State of CA, Los Angeles County to lift many COVID restrictions.** Los Angeles County will align with the State's June 15 plans that ease many capacity limits and distancing requirements and adopt CDC's masking guidelines for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. People who are fully vaccinated will no longer need to wear masks in most situations. There are specific requirements for large capacity indoor events. The County will also follow the State on lifting current travel restrictions on June 15 to align with CDC travel recommendations.

## JUN 16 - WED

**Live conversation with activist and scholar Angela Davis, 5p, free.** USC Visions and Voices. Davis has been deeply involved in



*Angela Davis at USC, Vision & Voices, 5 pm June 16, free.*

our nation's quest for social justice for decades. The Distinguished Professor Emerita of History of Consciousness and Feminist Studies at UC Santa Cruz has also taught at UC Berkeley, UCLA, the Claremont Colleges, Stanford, and other universities. She is the author of nine books, most recently, **Freedom Is a Constant Struggle: Ferguson, Palestine, and the Foundations of a Movement**, and has lectured around the world. In the early seventies, Davis spent eighteen months in jail and on trial after being placed on the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted List." She has continued to examine the social problems associated with incarceration and the criminalization of communities most affected by poverty and racial discrimination. Davis will address numerous issues related to race, gender, and a 21st century abolitionist movement that envisions a world without prisons. Presented by USC Visions and Voices: The Arts and Humanities Initiative. Co-sponsored by the Center for Black Cultural and Student Affairs, the Black Student Assembly, and Brothers Breaking Bread. <https://www.facebook.com/events/517462922744702/> <https://visionsandvoices.usc.edu>

## JUN 17 - THU

Author Reading with Phyllis Webstad - Orange Shirt Day Free · Online Event Summer Solstice Indigenous Festival, 10a PDT. Pre-registered Students/ Teachers from Across Canada are invited to join author/Founder Phyllis Webstad for Orange Shirt Day - a reading & residential school talk. No pre-recorded segment. The program will only be available during the live airing. <https://www.facebook.com/events/3509023565865949/>

## JUN 18 - FRI

**JUN 19 - SAT "June'teenth" African American holiday commemorating Emancipation**

**Juneteenth 2021· Fairmount Park (Riverside, California) free.** The B.L.A.C.K. Collective, 12n-5p, Free · Juneteenth represents the good and the bad and what makes the United States the country it is. It's symbolic of a liberation but one that was delayed due to the consistent opposition and resistance to equality that is deeply rooted in white supremacy. The BLACK Collective invites you to join us in a day of recognition, restoration and celebration. This event will be open to all residents of Riverside. Juneteenth is one of the most important days in the black community. After the pandemic, the numerous deaths of Black men and women at the hands of those sworn to protect us, the blatant acts of white supremacists, this is an attempt to mend our community. Join us at Fairmount Park in this much-needed event. The marathon continues however on this day we stop and breathe. [theblackcollective6@gmail.com](mailto:theblackcollective6@gmail.com) Donations are appreciated and accepted thru cash app \$BCollectiveIE

## JUN 20 - SUN

**KPFC Local Station Board meeting, 10:30a, via zoom.** See [kpfk.org](http://kpfk.org) for details. Half-hour of public comment during the course of the meeting. Followed by a closed executive session (for confidential personnel matters) to consider a pool of candidates to recommend to the interim Executive Director for the General Manager position.

## United Nations' World Refugee Day

More than 5.6 million Palestinians are registered by United Nations (UN) as refugees, after seven decades of the Palestinian catastrophe or Nakba that began when Israel expelled more than 700,000 Palestinians from their homes in historical Palestine, declaring it the state of Israel, in 1948.

The United Nations General Assembly resolution 55/76, stated that beginning 2001, June 20 would be celebrated as World Refugee Day.

The Palestinian refugee population is distributed in different Near East regions, including the Gaza Strip, West Bank, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria. Many hundreds of thousands of refugees live in extremely difficult circumstances in those regions, particularly in Syria and Lebanon, with no prospect for a just solution to their plight.

Palestinian WAFA News Agency said that the figure does not include the tens of thousands of Palestinians who fled to nearby Arab countries, during the 1967 Israeli war on Arab and Palestinian territories.

The UN has proven unable to apply all of its resolutions pertaining to the Palestinian cause. Most important of those resolutions is United Nations General Assembly Resolution number 194, issued in December, 1948. The resolution stipulated that all Palestinians, who were displaced by the Israeli-Arab war of 1948, have the right to return back to their home towns and villages, in historic Palestine. The right to financial compensation for those forcibly displaced, was also specified. <https://imemc.org/article/on-world-refugee-day-nearly-six-million-palestinians-remain-refugees/>

## JUN 21 - MON Summer Solstice - first day of summer

## JUN 22 - TUE

**OC Together Dialogue Series on Race Relations - Event by OC Human Relations Online:** <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ehoy201i6edd8cf4&oseq=&c=&ch=5-7p>, Free. Join honest, powerful & sometimes difficult conversations on Race Relations, Equity & Justice. Dialogues are open to anyone in OC seeking to understand race relations through active listening & learning. Explore, listen & learn from each other through respectful dialogue. This month's topic: "White Supremacy" More info at [http://bit.ly/OCHR\\_30](http://bit.ly/OCHR_30)

JUN 23 - WED

**Qahwa Livestream CD Release Celebration** Online Event by Royal Conservatory of Music, Ontario Canada, 4 –5:30p PDT Free, but if you have not already purchased a ticket - PLEASE DO!. This is one way you can support live performing arts venues and artists.. There is a huge range in prices and you can pick whatever works for you. Al Qahwa - Maryem Tollar, Ernie Tollar, Demetri Petsalakis and Naghmeh Farahmand - is excited to celebrate the release their 3rd recording, African Routes, with guests Fethi Nadjem, Waleed Abdulhamid, and Roula Said. They will be joined by the women of Turkwaz (Maryem Tollar, Jayne Brown, Sophia Grigoriadis, Brenna MacCrimmon), who will do a short set of music as well as join Al Qahwa and their guests for a few songs. Roula Said will be adding dance to the night. This event is possible thanks to support from the Canada Council for the Arts, Explore and Create grant. For tickets go to: <https://www.rcmusic.com/event-calendar/al-qahwa-and-friends> Media inquiries: Contact Beverly Kreller, SPEAK Music [bev@speak-music.com](mailto:bev@speak-music.com) | 416-922-3620

JUN 24 - THU

JUN 25 - FRI

JUN 26 - SAT

**Cinespia & LA Pride LGBTQ+ Movie Night (ticketed event)** LA Pride has partnered with the most popular outdoor film organization in Southern California, Cinespia, for their LGBTQ+ Pride Movie Night at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery. Film title, event details, and tickets will be announced in the coming weeks. <https://lapride.org>

JUN 27 - SUN

**Backlash to Justice II: Overcoming Obstacles to Ending Systemic Racism: A conversation with D.A. George Gascon and BLM-LA spokesperson Dr. Melina Abdullah**, 2-4p via zoom, sponsored by Interfaith Communities United for Justice and Peace. This is a follow-up to a successful special Sunday forum earlier this year with Abdullah, Gascon and Kelly Savage-Rodriguez of the CA Coalition for Women Prisoners. This will be a chance to deepen the discussion with the DA and Black Lives Matter about transformative justice, police accountability and other pressing issues, as reactionary forces mobilize to recall the District Attorney. <https://icujp.org>, [info@icujp.org](mailto:info@icujp.org) The intent is to build an ongoing interfaith working group on ending systemic racism. Register for zoom link at [www.icujp.org](http://www.icujp.org)



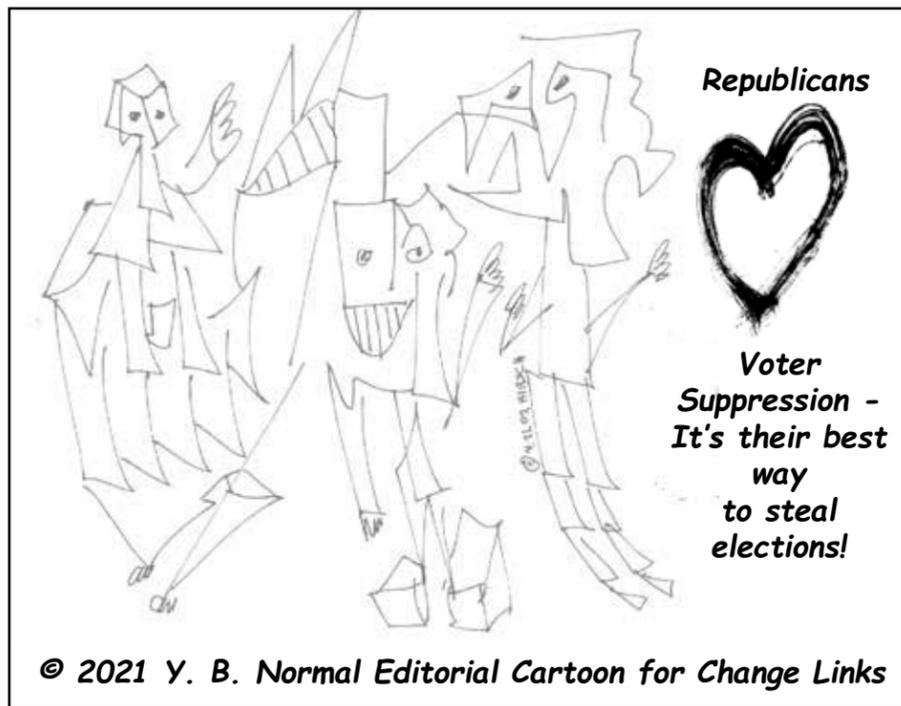
**JUN 28 - MON**  
**Anniversary of Stonewall Rebellion for gay liberation**

**JUN 29 - TUE**

**Avenue 33 Farm: An Urban Farm in the Heart of Lincoln Heights**, \$10-30 Online Event by Landscape Designers of Greater Los Angeles - APLD, 4–5:30p via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/avenue-33-farm-an-urban-farm-in-the-heart-of-lincoln-heights-tickets-156305434763> Join the founders of Avenue 33 Farm for an enlightening lecture about running their operation in the middle of Los Angeles. Avenue 33 Farm focuses on improving soil health through adding healthy soil biology and managing the farm to keep that soil biology happy. During our conversation we will cover the specific practices we use and how to ensure their success when growing edibles - including compost extracts and teas, no-till and minimal soil disturbance techniques, and interplanting. We will also dive into the eccentricities of operating a farm on a hillside and the ways we use plants to help us.

**JUN 30 - WED**

**Deadline for membership in KPFK** to qualify to run, vote or sign nominating petitions in the election for delegates to the Local Station Board. (See end of ongoing events section for details). The election will take place later in the year if the By-laws replacement measure on a separate ballot is defeated, allowing the current elected local oversight system to continue. As voting continues in that election through July 6, and the outcome is in doubt, the regularly scheduled election process, which commences in June, must begin. However if the Bylaws replacement is approved, a separate governance system will take effect, the Local Station Board will be reduced in size, lose its oversight powers and be selected in a different way to serve a strictly advisory role. See <https://elections.pacifica.org> for more details.



## The Emperor's New Rules

by Medea Benjamin and Nicolas J. S. Davies [Excerpts, full text on-line]

The world is reeling in horror at the latest Israeli massacre of hundreds of men, women and children in Gaza. Much of the world is also shocked by the role of the US in this crisis, as it keeps providing Israel with weapons to kill Palestinian civilians, in violation of US and international law, and has repeatedly blocked action by the UN Security Council to impose a ceasefire or hold Israel accountable for its war crimes.

In contrast to US actions, in nearly every speech or interview, Secretary of State Antony Blinken keeps promising to uphold and defend the “rules-based order.” But he has never clarified whether he means the universal rules of the United Nations Charter and international law, or some other set of rules he has yet to define. What rules could possibly legitimize the kind of destruction we just witnessed in Gaza, and who would want to live in a world ruled by them?

We have both spent many years protesting the violence and chaos the US and its allies inflict on millions of people around the world by violating the UN Charter’s prohibition against the threat or use of military force, and we have always insisted that the government comply with the rules-based order of international law.

But even as illegal wars and support for allies like Israel and Saudi Arabia have reduced cities to rubble and left country after country mired in intractable violence and chaos, US leaders have refused to even acknowledge that aggressive and destructive US and allied military operations violate the rules-based order of the United Nations Charter and international law.

Trump was clear that he was not interested in following any “global rules,” only supporting U.S. national interests. His National Security Advisor John Bolton explicitly prohibited National Security Council staff attending the 2018 G20 Summit in Argentina from even uttering the words “rules-based order.”

So you might expect us to welcome Blinken’s commitment to “rules-based order” as a long-overdue reversal in US policy. But when it comes to a vital principle like this, it is actions that count, and the Biden administration has yet to take any decisive action to bring foreign policy into compliance with the UN Charter or international law.

For Blinken, “rules-based order” seems to serve mainly as a cudgel with which to attack China and Russia. At a May 7 UN Security Council meeting, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov suggested that instead of accepting the already existing rules of international law, the US and its allies are trying to come up with “other rules developed in closed, non-inclusive formats, and then imposed on everyone else.”

The UN Charter and the rules of international law were developed in the 20th century precisely to codify the unwritten and endlessly contested rules of customary international law with explicit, written rules that would be binding on all nations.

The US played a leading role in this legalist movement in international relations, from the Hague Peace Conferences at the turn of the 20th century to the signing of the United Nations Charter in San Francisco in 1945 and the revised Geneva Conventions in 1949, including the new Fourth Geneva Convention to protect civilians, like the countless numbers killed by American weapons in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Yemen and Gaza.

As Pres. Roosevelt described the plan for the United Nations to a joint session of Congress on his return from Yalta in 1945:

“It ought to spell the end of the system of unilateral action, the exclusive alliances, the spheres of influence, the balances of power, and all the other expedients that have been

tried for centuries - and have always failed. We propose to substitute for all these a universal organization in which all peace-loving nations will finally have a chance to join. I am confident that the Congress and the American people will accept the results of this conference as the beginning of a permanent structure of peace.”

But post-Cold War triumphalism eroded US leaders’ already half-hearted commitment to those rules. The neocons argued that they were no longer relevant and that the United States must be ready to impose order on the world by the unilateral threat and use of military force, exactly what the UN Charter prohibits. Madeleine Albright and other Democratic leaders embraced new doctrines of “humanitarian intervention” and a “responsibility to protect” to try to carve out politically persuasive exceptions to the explicit rules of the UN Charter. The US gov’t’s “endless wars,” its revived Cold War on Russia and China, its blank check for the Israeli occupation and the political obstacles to crafting a more peaceful and sustainable future are some of the fruits of these bipartisan efforts to challenge and weaken the rules-based order.

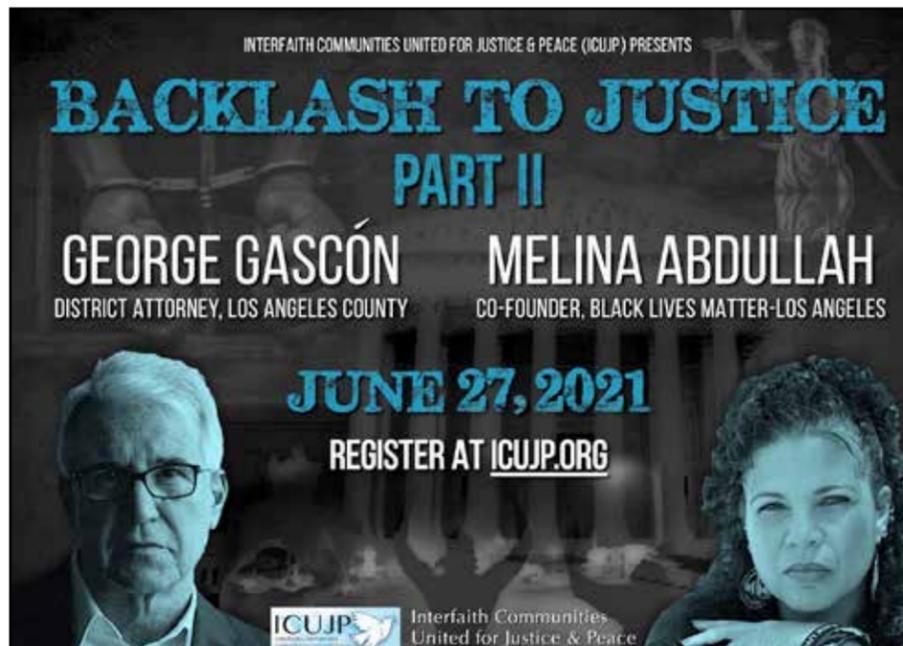
Today, far from being a leader of the international rules-based system, the US is an outlier. It has failed to sign or ratify about fifty important and widely accepted multilateral treaties on everything from children’s rights to arms control. Its unilateral sanctions against Cuba, Iran, Venezuela and other countries are themselves violations of international law, and the new Biden administration has shamefully failed to lift these illegal sanctions, ignoring UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres’ request to suspend such unilateral coercive measures during the pandemic.

Like the emperor’s new clothes in the fable and the WMDs in Iraq, the “new rules” the US proclaims don’t really exist. They are just its latest smokescreen for a foreign policy based on illegal threats and uses of force and a doctrine of “might makes right.”

We challenge President Biden and Secretary Blinken to prove us wrong by actually joining the rules-based order of the UN Charter and international law. That would require a genuine commitment to a very different and more peaceful future, with appropriate contrition and accountability for the United States’ and its allies’ systematic violations of the UN Charter and international law, and the countless violent deaths, ruined societies and widespread chaos they have caused.

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# DUELING FUTURES FOR KPFK, PACIFICA RADIO

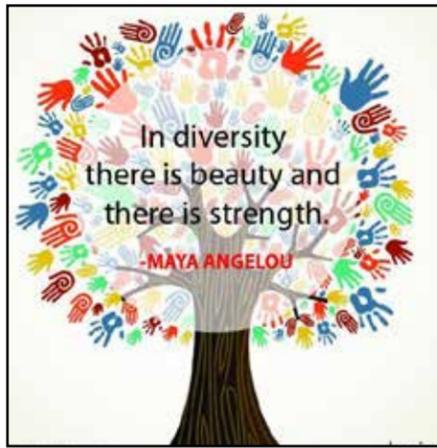
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statements of many of the backers of the Bylaws change, that they will seek to monetize assets, such as via a signal sale or swap. Most of the new national officers who would be appointed, not elected, if the NDP Bylaws revision passes, supported the shutdown and takeover of the NY station, WBAI, in the middle of a fund drive, substituting “Pacifica Across America” -- piped in from KPFA and KPFK -- for the locally produced news, information and cultural coverage their listeners expected.

It’s not as if that programming has a great track record at KPFK itself, where the last General Manager (GM) again shut down the local news department, piping in the KPFA news instead, and subjecting listeners to more than half the year in fund drive to try to cover the growing payroll while listenership and membership steadily dropped. The path to financial stability and growth at KPFK and the other Pacifica stations lies in more democracy and greater diversity, including in the political perspectives and cultural expressions heard on our airwaves. The New Day proponents and the managers they support want to limit the views you hear to what is acceptable within the limits of the corporate political parties, instead of providing voice to communities that are setting the agenda for social, political and economic transformation, and devising their own solutions to the problems they face.

That’s why the KPFK Local Station Board, along with the LSBs at WBAI and WPFW in DC (the two stations with the highest percentage of Black listeners) and the Pacifica National Board have all voted “No” on the New Day Bylaws revision. Even the KPFT LSB, dominated by the Bill Crosier faction that set up the WBAI shutdown, and focuses on country music programming in the fastest growing, youngest and most diverse big city in the US, couldn’t muster the majority needed to vote yes on the NDP revision. The irreversible changes they propose would make it almost impossible to defend and extend community oriented radio, restore local news, create a morning magazine show that taps into the enormous creativity, passion and intelligence of southern California communities in struggle.

If you want to be part of the solution at KPFK and Pacifica, there are two or three things you can do this month. First, if you are currently a member (as of April 7), vote NO on the New Day Pacifica Bylaws revision when you get your ballot information by email or postcard on June 7. If you haven’t received it by June 14, contact [NES@pacifica.org](mailto:NES@pacifica.org) with some proof of your membership (credit card or cancelled check or record of volunteer service). Second, consider running for the LSB yourself, especially if you have financial, fundraising, marketing or community engagement skills that can help the station. You can download the forms needed from <https://elections.pacifica.org> (where there is also information about the Bylaws measure). Finally, you can join the Pacifica Fightback virtual national town hall on the deadly consequences of the NDP Bylaws revision (see the calendar section



for Saturday June 5 for details). Finally, please donate and urge your friends to do so as generously as possible, to give KPFK and Pacifica the opportunity to grow and regain the impact demanded by the times we are in and the new generation of people struggling for peace and racial, social and economic justice.

As we were going to press, two disturbing developments came to light, making the effort to defeat the New Day bylaws, and to fight for community radio more important than ever: Jan Goodman and Beth Kean of New Day are seeking to prevent Pacifica’s staff, paid and unpaid workers, at WBAI and WPFW, from being able to vote on their measure, in an egregious violation of workers’ rights, the rules under the current Bylaws and their own prior agreement. Also, the new manager of KPFT appears to be proposing a purge of programmers of color in Houston, shunting some off to an HD channel with even fewer listeners.

Check us out at <https://pacificafightback.org> to see who else endorses the “Vote NO for Democracy & Diversity at Pacifica” campaign, including Mumia Abu-Jamal, Leonard Peltier, Oscar Lopez Rivera, Cindy Sheehan, Verna Avery Brown, Jim Lafferty, Fernando Velazquez, Lydia Ponce, Polina Vasiliev, Grace Aaron, Danny Glover, Harry Belafonte, Abby Martin, Perri McCary, Sheila Hamanaka, Clarence Thomas of the ILWU and other labor leaders.

## California Legislature Must Pass SB 2 and AB 118!

California, along with the entire U.S., is in a moment of reckoning that the people tasked with protecting public safety are far too often those who are compromising it - and we must develop public safety solutions that do not involve police. Community-based organizations are demanding police accountability and are scaling-up emergency response programs as an alternative to police. The California legislature must meet the moment and pass **SB 2: The Kenneth Ross Jr. Police Decertification Act** and **AB 118: The C.R.I.S.E.S. Act** this year!

SB 2 would increase accountability for law enforcement officers that commit serious misconduct and illegally violate a person’s civil rights. CA is one of only four states that have no mechanism for de-certifying cops!

The bill creates a fair and impartial statewide process to revoke the certification of a law enforcement officer following the conviction of certain serious crimes or termination from employment due to misconduct. The bill would authorize the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) to revoke a certificate on specified grounds, as set forth in regulations by the Commission, with due process rights from an administrative law judge.

Finally, the bill strengthens California’s key civil rights law to prevent abuse from law enforcement and other civil rights violations.

California, like the federal system, relies on a system of private enforcement of civil rights, requiring robust civil rights laws to protect our cherished constitutional rights. The Tom Bane Civil Rights Act has become one of the most important California civil rights laws. Bane Act claims are included whenever constitutional or other rights are violated by government or private actors, from law enforcement use of excessive force or false arrest, to discrimination, deprivation of medical care in jails or state hospitals, wrongful seizures of property, or violations of voting rights.

The Bane Act provides a private right of action for damages against any person who “interferes,” or “attempts to interfere by threat, intimidation, or coercion,” with the exercise or enjoyment of rights under California or federal law. The Bane Act can apply to both public and private

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### COMMUNITY’S TOP THEMES FOR PUBLIC INVESTMENT

Top areas where Participatory Budgeting participants wanted to see investment are:

#### • Housing Security

The dire need to offer dignified, permanent housing options to Black Angelenos living on the streets remains high priority. In particular, folks called for “safe Senior housing for Black Angelenos.” Participants also wanted to see financial support for Black people buying homes. We heard the continued demand for rent and mortgage relief.

#### • Public Healthcare

Underscoring the Black LA demands, folks shared how inequitable our healthcare systems are for both preventing health emergencies and reacting to them. COVID-19 brought this sharply into focus as LA County’s Black residents died at twice the rate of other populations.

#### • Mental Health Support

Participants wanted to see significant investment in mental health, substance use programs, as well as “holistic interventions that promote family and community well-being and center culture as a central feature in wellness.”

#### • Support for Black Families and Children

Prioritizing Black children, their education, and keeping families together was a central theme. Folks also wanted to see financial support given directly to families who have had loved ones killed by the police as well as reparations and a Universal Basic Income (UBI). Universal

childcare and investments in preschool were highlighted.

#### • Support for Formerly Incarcerated People

Folks highlighted the need for financial support to people exiting the carceral system with a focus on prioritizing Black mothers who have been incarcerated. The promise Measure M made to invest in social entrepreneurship “to assist communities hit hardest by the War on Drugs” has not been realized nearly five years later.

#### • Education

Education is a core investment theme, including free or low cost college, school supplies, and more financial support for teachers. Educators highlighted the immense disparities in schools where Black children face a drastic lack of technology and learning resources and where the buildings themselves are unsafe.

#### • Grants for Small Businesses and Nonprofits

Participants wanted to see investments in Black and Brown Angelenos who are starting or growing their business or nonprofit. Small business grants, notably including street vendor grants, were highlighted. Specific needs include technology assistance and an investment in BIPOC worker-owned cooperatives.

#### • Access to Technology

Municipal Wi-Fi, computers, phones, and expanded library programs came forward as a critical new theme. During the pandemic, many people lost access to school, work, health services, and other lifesaving information due to lack of internet or access to devices.

violations of rights.

Unfortunately, as the Bane Act has become more utilized, defendants have argued for restrictive court interpretations of the law, and many state and federal courts have issued decisions that greatly impair the reach and effectiveness of this important civil rights remedy. SB2 would restore the or reinforce the impact the law was meant to have.

AB 118 will establish the Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Systems (CRISES) Act pilot program, which will scale up community-based alternatives to police.

The CRISES Act pilot grant program, promoting community-based responses to local emergency situations, including, but not limited to:

- Public Health Crisis
- People Experiencing Homelessness

- Mental Health Crisis
- Intimate Partner Violence
- Community Violence
- Substance Use
- Natural Disasters

The pilot program will provide a minimum of \$250,000 per organization/per year for the life of the grant program. The pilot shall create and strengthen alternatives to law enforcement in response to crisis situations not related to or that do not require a Fire Department or Emergency Medical Service (EMS) response in communities where there is a history and pattern of racial profiling, law enforcement violence, gaps in law enforcement service or where vulnerable populations live

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# Could Sex Ed Halt Trans Homicides? Some advocates say yes.

*As transgender homicides surge, experts say teaching kids that an attraction to transgender people is OK could curb the crisis.*

by Kate Sosin, LGBTQ+ reporter  
<https://19thnews.org/2021/05/could-queer-inclusive-sex-ed-halt-trans-homicides-some-advocates-say-yes/>

The sex education that KC Slack received at their Ohio high school in the early aughts was scant. “My own experience of sex ed was like two days of health class, which were dedicated to making us afraid of STIs and telling us that we weren’t allowed to have sex until we were married,” Slack recalled.

It wasn’t just a lack of information that Slack struggled with. The lessons sent the message that there was only one kind of sexual relationship: a heterosexual married one. Queer and trans people like Slack weren’t part of the curriculum.

Today, Slack is a sex educator in Los Angeles. Mostly private and charter schools — getting into public schools remains a challenge, Slack says — hire Slack and their colleagues to teach kids and teens all about navigating safety, desire and consent no matter your sexual orientation and gender identity. Work like Slack’s is critical for teaching LGBTQ+ youth how to protect themselves from STIs and comfortably navigate consent, experts say.



**National Black Justice Coalition stands up for trans rights.**

“Everything that I teach kids about sex and sexuality is stuff I didn’t get when I was young.” Slack said. “Two of the biggest things that are different ... is the focus on consent, and the focus on that you are an expert on your own body.” An increasing number of experts believe those lessons could also save lives.

2020 was the deadliest year on record for transgender people, with at least 44 murdered. Most of the victims were trans women of color. Already, this year is on track to outpace that. At least 22 transgender people have been killed in 2021, up from 16 the same time a year ago.

LGBTQ+ advocates say the pandemic — which has pushed transgender people further into poverty — and a flood of anti-transgender bills in statehouses across the nation have fueled what was already a crisis.

But advocates think that queer-inclusive sex ed could play a part in curbing the murders. Victoria Kirby York, deputy executive director of the LGBTQ+ advocacy organization National Black Justice Coalition (NBJC), believes that stopping that violence should start with telling kids that it’s OK to be attracted to transgender people. Many trans women are murdered by sexual or romantic partners.

“Some people, they’ve never had to think about the body part pieces until they’ve already become attracted to someone because of their personality and how they present,” Kirby York said. “And then when they get home or to a hotel room or backseat of a car, wherever they’re gonna have fun, as young people for the first time, ‘Oh, we got to figure out the body parts stuff.’”

Kirby York believes that if young people have time to process that attraction before sex, they would be better prepared to navigate complicated feelings about gender. “If our children were taught to think about these things earlier, they wouldn’t be at a disadvantage,” Kirby York said. “There’s this perception that you are now othered because of your attraction, that you are less than because of who you are sexually attracted to or not attracted to, and that’s a really bad and troubling message for our kids.”

Kirby York also believes that education could help long-term partners of trans people, some of whom experience a late-stage “panic” over loving a trans person or justify violence against their partners because they are trans.

NBJC is advocating for queer-inclusive sex ed in schools nationwide. The organization is not alone. For years, national advocates have pushed for federal legislation that would mandate queer-inclusive sex ed. LGBTQ+ youth organization GLSEN has developed resources for schools looking to add queer-inclusive sex ed to their curriculums. The Human Rights Campaign contends that the majority of Americans support LGBTQ+-inclusive sex ed programs. A 2015 survey by the organization and Planned Parenthood found that while 85 percent of parents supported conversations about sexual orientation as part of sexual education, GLSEN found that just 12 percent of kids reported their schools even talked about “same-sex” relationships.

Research shows that more young people identify as LGBTQ+ than ever before. In February, Gallup reported that one in six youth ages 18 to 23 identified as something other than heterosexual.

Still, states largely aren’t teaching sex ed that responds to that reality, according to advocates. States make their own rules about what students should learn when it comes sex, relationships and biology. In many parts of the country, where lawmakers are pushing anti-transgender legislation, kids are also growing up without conversations about their own bodies, advocates say.

Grecia Magdaleno, policy and advocacy manager at LGBTQ+ youth organization Illinois Safe Schools Alliance, has been pushing for queer-inclusive sex education in Illinois, where four transgender people have been murdered in less than two years. The state doesn’t require districts to teach sex education, and many schools emphasize abstinence until marriage, Magdaleno said. Queer-inclusive sex ed would help all students, they argue.

“If it’s trans inclusive, that means that all students, whether they’re trans or not, are going to get information and learn about the community, and learn about that identity and the world that comes with it. And that in turn builds camaraderie,” they said. “It lowers disproportionate rates of violence, discrimination and harassment against, trans and gender expansive students, especially those who are people of color.”

Those conversations can help cisgender students, too. Slack says in their experience, most young people already have trans and nonbinary peers.

“What I noticed is that the kids who come in with some misgivings about [trans identity] or less information, as they learn more, not only do they become kinder to their classmates, they become kinder to themselves,” Slack said.

Slack believes that learning to be kind to yourself can be the ultimate violence prevention. “All of us, really, we are asking ourselves to cut off pieces of our experience in order to fit into a normal and normative idea of how a person should be,” they said. “And when we aren’t encouraged to do that violence to ourselves, we are much less likely to do that violence to other people.”

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