

NOVEMBER 2021 Community Calendar

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

Angry mothers and students protest a proposed charter high school in East LA

by Carlos Montes

Over a 100 students, teachers and parents from Garfield High School (GHS) held a protest in East Los Angeles on October 13, against a planned construction of a new charter high school.

East Los Angeles unincorporated area has become saturated with private charter schools, causing a crisis in Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) public schools. Mother Antonieta Garcia spoke about the damage another charter school will cause to public schools and the environment. GHS students led chants denouncing the charter school.

Garfield High School is being threatened with the



construction of a new Ednovate Charter High School only a block away. Ednovate is a corporate charter school operator with wealthy investors in its board and plans to expand. Ednovate plans to construct a two-story building with 16 classrooms for a high school a block from GHS. Ednovate used a maneuver to avoid public scrutiny, using a land planning tactic to avoid the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) study. This new high school will devastate GHS [by swiping] students, leading to less funding.

Ricardo Rivas and Juan Garcia, two great teachers at GHS, thanked the community of parents and students for participating. They also talked about the vast history and tradition of excellence at GHS.

Lupe Torres with Centro CSO's Education Committee and an East LA resident talked about getting involved by doing a community door-to-door walk to reach more residents. A Centro CSO forum is set for November 4, at 5 p.m. on charters and privatization attacks on public schools. Torres urged all to contact CSO to get involved. Eastside Padres also joined and supported the protest.

LAUSD enrollment is already down, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and economic hardships. East LA already has Esteban Torres High School and Garfield High School and both have excellent instruction programs. Also nearby are Boyle Heights' Roosevelt High School, Mendez High School and Bravo Magnet High School. There is no need for another high school in the Eastside area.

Garfield High School has a long history of academic and cultural excellence. Multiple generations of families have graduated from GHS. Jaime Escalante, a well-known math teacher, became famous at GHS. He is portrayed in the movie *Stand and Deliver*. The well-known rock group Los Lobos also attended GHS.

To get involved with Centro CSO's Education Committee, be sure to contact CSO at 323-943-2030, CentroCSO@gmail.com, or @CentroCSO on TikTok, Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.

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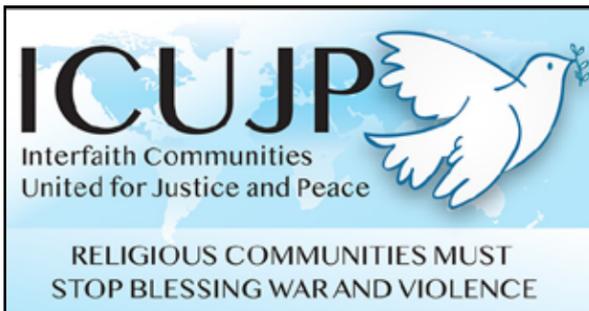
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STOP THE WARS - PEACE, EQUALITY & JUSTICE FOR ALL!

Creating a Faith-Based Network Against Racism

If racism and the way it's embedded in our society and systems troubles your soul, please join ICUJP online via Zoom, Sunday, November 7, 4-6:00 pm PST. Register here now: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMud-GqqTkjGNdhFRuOsFzAODLX4s49v11d](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMud-GqqTkjGNdhFRuOsFzAODLX4s49v11d)

ICUJP's Program Committee is calling together faith



centers, activist organizations, and individuals to create an ongoing faith-based network to end systemic racism. We hope to reinforce each other's work and help build a critical mass that will contribute to ending systemic racism.

The meeting will begin with brief presentations from a panel speaking on racism in health care, housing, the legal system, education, and the environment, and how communities are working to overcome these injustices. Following the panel, attendees will break into small groups to discuss ongoing networking and action campaigns we can engage in. Please bring your questions and ideas for developing the network and areas on which to focus our efforts.

Our aim is that this network will become a force to help take on the racism that ranges from economic to environmental, that we may leave for our children a world in which justice and peace are realized. We will encourage collaboration among people of different faiths, particularly those who live in geographic proximity to each other.

We also invite you to join our final planning meeting to help us shape the Nov. 7 event:

Friday, November 5 9:35 AM Pacific Time Via zoom. Meeting ID: 894 3587 9739 Passcode: 217351

(Please note the meeting will take place after our Friday Forums, which may still be wrapping up when you log on. You are welcome to join at 7:30 AM with the same log-in data.)

**STOP EXCLUDING MILITARY POLLUTION
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By David Swanson, World Beyond War <https://worldbeyondwar.org/500-organizations-propose-mysteriously-unknowable-climate-solution/>

War and preparations for war are not just the pit into which trillions of dollars that could be used to prevent environmental damage are dumped, and a means of preventing necessary cooperation, but also a major direct cause of that environmental damage.

The majority of "Superfund" sites in the U.S. are current or former military-related installations, sites designated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency where extreme hazardous waste threatens human health and the environment.

The U.S. military is among the top three largest polluters of U.S. waterways. It dumped 63,335,653 pounds of poison into waterways from 2010-2014, including carcinogenic and radioactive chemicals, rocket fuel, and toxic sewage.

The deadliest weapons left behind by war are landmines and cluster bombs. A 1993 U.S. State Department report called landmines "perhaps the most toxic and widespread pollution facing mankind." Millions of hectares in Europe, North Africa, and Asia are under interdiction because of tens of millions of landmines and cluster bombs left behind by war.

Between 2001 and 2019, the U.S. military emitted 1.2 billion metric tons of greenhouse gases, roughly what all the cars in the U.S. emit in a year.

See: "Military Pollution," p. 7

KPFK, Pacifica Face Uncertain Future

by Michael Novick, KPFK LSB Chair

The future of KPFK and Pacifica are up in the air, as newly-elected or re-elected Local Station Board members are to be seated in December here and at the other four Pacifica stations in Berkeley, Houston, New York and Washington DC. New general managers recently took the helm at KPFK and at KPFT in Texas, with big problems to overcome. The L.A. station has been mired in deficits, with revenues falling even as economies have been made to reduce the red ink. The resignations of a number of paid programming staff opens the door to a rejuvenation



and refreshing of the program offerings to better correspond with the Pacifica mission, the necessity for greater community engagement and involvement, and responsiveness to the needs of a new generation of listeners more accustomed to the interactivity of social media. The station is wrapping up its fall membership drive on November 5. Generous donations are essential to enable the station to do the program development, promotion and outreach necessary to restore its capacity to serve community interests and air stimulating, uncensored public affairs, news and cultural expression. You can donate online at kpfk.org/donate.

On Saturday, November 13 at 4:00 PM PST, Pacifica Fightback, a national coalition of listeners and staff from all five Pacifica stations, will be holding a virtual national town hall via Zoom to address the pressing questions of how KPFK and its sister stations can revive their fortunes, and rebuild their audience and impact on all the pressing issues of our time. Preserving Pacifica as a democratic mass medium committed to free speech and meeting the social, cultural and educational needs of the community without corporate underwriting is an essential task in an era of growing economic inequality, a world-wide reckoning with racism, catastrophic climate change and the threat of a new cold (or hot) war.

Participants from all five stations will discuss the recently completed election process and lessons from it for running a participatory democratic election for listener and staff delegates next year as scheduled. They will also consider how Pacifica's five stations can rebuild their audience, impact and financial base. Here's the zoom registration info: Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUlfuGopzoqHtAfCD3JWZiVJ_11fVTCEg-C](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUlfuGopzoqHtAfCD3JWZiVJ_11fVTCEg-C)
You will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

In related news, the KPFK LSB will be on the air with their third LSB dialogue with the listeners on Monday evening, November 15 from 9-10:00 PM (heard on 90.7 FM in Los Angeles or on-line at kpfk.org). Earlier that same day, starting at 4 PM, the LSB Programming Oversight Committee will meet telephonically, followed at 7 PM by a meeting of the Community Advisory Board (CAB), working towards a community needs assessment. The LSB itself will meet on Wednesday evening Nov. 17 via zoom from 6-9 PM PST.

Change-Links Monthly Poetry Corner

JULIAN ASSANGE AND MEGA MEDIA

by Chan Mongol

<https://www.poemhunter.com/poem/julian-assange-and-mega-media/>

We are as same as Julian Assange, in this age;
We bring up truths against their lies, days after days.

But Julian Assange is in the prison and we are not;
We are unpopular but in their attention, Julian was caught!

Same minded people are all over, everywhere;
They picked up one Julian to start another type of war.

Julian got the most publicity to talk against those liars.
Against yellow journalism, Bush, Blair and wars.

Things go up and things go down for propaganda;
Public, army, police become brutal in media's agenda.

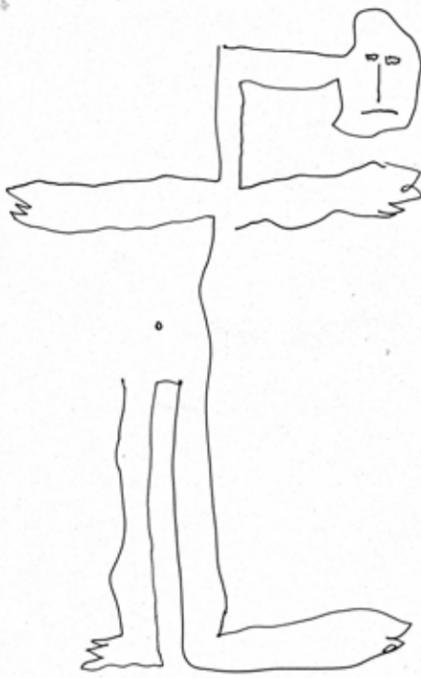
Mega media sets fire everywhere and are king makers;
Media guys squeeze positions as liars and make wars?

Governments make policy from tales of rubbish
media?

Julian was ordinary but media made him State's big
phobia.

CIA, FBI and court make procedures on mega media's
news;

Julian Assange became a prey for mega media's wrong
views.



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*The US government's crucifixion if Julian
Assange is hypocritical, immoral, dishonest,
cowardly and self-serving. Assange is a
courageous journalist and hero.*

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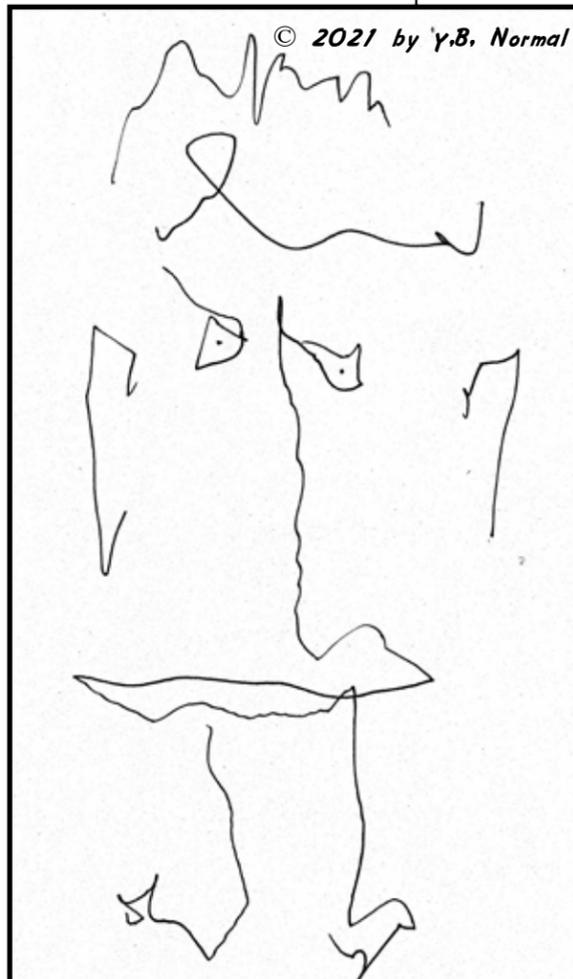
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Political Prisoner News

Critical hearings are being held in England that could determine the fate of journalist and publisher Julian Assange of Wikileaks, as the US appeals a British refusal to extradite him for trial in the US on espionage charges growing out of Wikileaks publication of files and photos documenting US war crimes, released by whistle-blower Chelsea Manning. Assange, whose mental health has been suffering from his long incarceration resisting the US charges, is viewed as the victim of one of the harshest attacks on press freedom in US history.



*The politicians whose lies created our wars in
Iraq and Afghanistan should be prosecuted,
not Julian Assange.*

Long-held political prisoners Russell Maroon Shoatz and David Gilbert were both recently released. Shoatz, who had twice escaped from captivity much earlier, was given a compassionate release from the Pennsylvania prison system because he is suffering from life-threatening and terminal illnesses after over 45 years in prison for actions he took in the Black liberation struggle. Maroon, author of "Maroon the Implacable" and other works, was released to his family, and efforts are being made to raise funds so he can see his grand-daughter and great-grandsons for the first time.

Gilbert, the father of progressive San Francisco District Attorney Chesa Boudin, was convicted of "felony murder" in the 1970s because of his involvement with the Revolutionary Armed Task Force associated with the Black Liberation Army. He had expressed remorse and apologized to the families of police officers and a security guard who were killed in a Brink's armored car hold-up in which he was a getaway car driver, although he had no role in the actual shootings. Gilbert was given a sentence commutation by outgoing New York Governor Andrew Cuomo which made him eligible for parole; based on his long record of educational work and AIDS activism during his decades of incarceration, parole was granted and he will be released shortly. Gilbert, a white anti-imperialist who was part of Columbia SDS in the 1960s, is also the author of several books.

Former political prisoner Rita 'Bo' Brown, a self-described butch lesbian who participated in armed actions of the George Jackson Brigade in the 1970s, passed away after a long and debilitating illness in Oakland. See other stories in this issue for updates about Leonard Peltier, Mumia Abu-Jamal, and the findings of an international tribunal of jurists about US human rights violations related to political prisoners, mass incarceration, and health inequities of Black, Brown and Indigenous people.

Native Lawmakers Ask Pres. Biden to Release Leonard Peltier

By Darren Thompson – <https://nativenewsonline.net>

On Tuesday, October 26, a group of lawmakers sent a letter to President Biden advocating for the release of Turtle Mountain Chippewa member Leonard Peltier. The group of lawmakers are all members of federally recognized tribes and represent 10 separate state governments.

The effort was largely organized by North Dakota Representative Ruth Buffalo (D-Fargo). Buffalo is a member of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nations and is the first female Native American Democrat elected to the North Dakota Legislature, in December 2018.

"Leonard is an elder of very poor health and is from a Tribal Nation located within my home state of North Dakota," said Rep. Buffalo to Native News Online. "He is housed in a facility with inhumane living conditions, where COVID-19 runs rampant and the water is contaminated."

The letter of support for the Turtle Mountain Chippewa activist and political prisoner comes weeks after 11 members of Congress sent a letter to President Joe Biden, U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland, Director of Federal Bureau of Prisons Michael Carvajal, and Southeast Regional Director of Federal Bureau of Prisons J.A. Keller, requesting the expedited release and clemency for Peltier. He suffers from diabetes and an abdominal aortic aneurysm. He's 77 years old.

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The U.S. Department of So-Called Defense is the largest institutional consumer of oil (\$17B/year) in the world, and the largest global landholder with 800 foreign military bases in 80 countries. The U.S. military consumes more petroleum than a lot of entire nations.

By one estimate, the U.S. military used 1.2 million barrels of oil in Iraq in just one month of 2008. One military estimate in 2003 was that two-thirds of the U.S. Army's fuel consumption occurred in vehicles that were delivering fuel to the battlefield.

Over three-quarters of the U.S. military's petroleum consumption is for airplanes and helicopters; over half is by the Air Force. A B-52 bomber airplane flying for 1 hour puts out as much in greenhouse gases as an average car driver does in 7 years. Some 30-40% of U.S. military greenhouse gas emissions is related to its bases, of which it has an enormous and disastrous supply.

Earlier this year, U.S. President Biden proposed to spend \$1.2 billion on climate aid to poor countries. In 2019, according to USAID, the U.S. government handed out \$33 billion in economic aid plus \$14 billion in so-called military "aid." Things that are no factor whatsoever in the distribution of this loot include women's rights and environmental behavior.

Biden also proposed for the U.S. government to spend \$14 billion on the climate, which compares rather unfavorably to the \$20 billion it hands out annually in fossil fuel subsidies, not counting livestock subsidies, never mind the \$1,250 billion the U.S. government spends each year on war and war preparations.

Another comparison you won't see on your TV is that between the two most gigantic spending bills in the history of forever, the Infrastructure Extravaganza and the Build Back Better Reconciliation Bill, which would spend a combined \$450 billion a year (or would have before being hacked away at), as compared to that \$1,250 billion a year on militarism.

The President also said he wanted to reduce U.S. emissions 50 to 52 percent

by the year 2030. That sounds super fantastically better than nothing, right? But the fine print not found in the U.S. media reports includes that what he actually means is reducing 2005 levels by 50-52% by 2030. And the totally missing print that environmental activists know to object to from past experience includes such slimy practices as excluding from the calculation any emissions from imported goods or from international shipping and aviation or from the burning of biomass (that's green!), plus the omission of predictable feedback loops, plus building into the calculations the benefits of imaginary future pro-climate technologies. And then there are the things that even the environmental activist organizations tend to go silent on. These often include livestock. They almost always include militarism, which is generally excluded from climate agreements and even discussions about climate agreements.

There is plenty we can do, even including telling each other about the problem despite the impossibility of knowing about it. We can even pass laws to take funding out of both weapons and fossil fuels, educating people about the connections between the two during the process.

Yet the military and its pollution and energy consumption are omitted from all climate agreements and discussions, including the upcoming COP26 talks. You can begin to take action by calling on the COP26 parties to address this critical area.

Sign the petition here and learn about the global webinars Nov. 7-11:
<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/stop-excluding-military-pollution-from-climate-agreements-2/>
<https://actionnetwork.org/events/cop26-challenging-the-military-carbon-footprint> Nov. 6, Peace Brigades International webinar on COP26
<https://actionnetwork.org/events/cop26-and-land-defenders-cop26-y-defensorxs-de-la-tierra>

Join in these sessions from anywhere on Earth at the Nov. 7 - 10 People's Summit:
Challenging the Military Carbon Footprint.
Climate Colonialism and Climate Justice.
U.S. Militarism, Space Tech, and Climate Crisis.
Shadow World Film Screening.

In the Spirit of Mandela: International Tribunal Finds US Guilty of Crimes Against Humanity

Excerpts:

The testimonies of this Tribunal reaffirm the traditional wisdom and knowledge of Black, Brown, and Indigenous Peoples. Strong evidence was presented on the indomitable, unbreakable resistance and resilience of the peoples' struggle for justice and dignity. In the face of egregious human rights violations and crimes against humanity, this spirit of collective survival shone through.

The 2021 International Tribunal on US Human Rights Abuses Against Black, Brown and Indigenous Peoples was initiated by a US coalition, In the Spirit of Mandela. Its own recognized legacy, based on efforts dating from the 1951 "We Charge Genocide" petition to the present, rests on the idea that any examination of US human rights must be done in an international context.

The Panel of Jurists came together as an independent body made up of legal scholars, human rights advocates and activists, and community leaders. Utilizing the International Criminal Law on Genocide and other instruments, the Panel convened to hear and review the testimony organized by Spirit of Mandela Legal Team. The Accused, though informed, did not respond to the charges and indictment against them, nor did they appear as invited to present a defense.

The following is a summarized and preliminary presentation of the testimony.

Police Killings

Testimony was heard regarding an alarming pattern and practice of police murdering Black, Brown, and Indigenous people with impunity. We were informed that a recent Commission of Inquiry found that "Black people are 3.5 times

SETBACK IN APPEAL PROCESS FOR MUMIA ABU-JAMAL

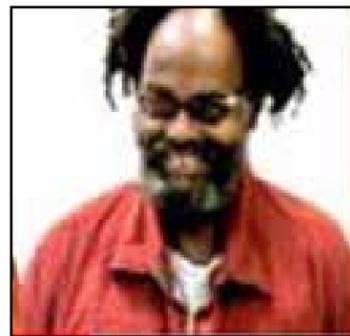
The Pennsylvania Superior Court has challenged Mumia Abu-Jamal's latest effort for an overturned conviction and new trial — nearly 40 years after he was convicted of killing Philadelphia Police Officer Daniel Faulkner. The court said Abu-Jamal's appeal was untimely, adding that the lower court shouldn't have reinstated any part of his appeal because it lacked jurisdiction.

This fifth appeal attempt — filed in 2016 — was based on a federal ruling involving former Philadelphia District Attorney Ron Castille, who later became a state Supreme Court justice and ruled on a death penalty appeal. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled Castille had an "unconstitutional risk of bias" as the district attorney.

Abu-Jamal's attorneys argued to a Philadelphia judge in 2018 that Castille was also the District Attorney when Abu-Jamal was convicted, and a State Supreme Court Judge when he appealed. They pointed to a letter Castille penned to the governor in 1990, urging the death penalty be used to send a "clear and dramatic message to all police killers that the death penalty in Pennsylvania actually means something."

The Pennsylvania Superior Court concluded that "the 1990 letter cannot create a reasonable inference that Justice Castille had a personal interest in the outcome of the litigation," court documents say. "There is no evidence that Castille had ever personally participated in the prosecution of Abu-Jamal."

"The 1990 letter is not evidence of prior prosecutorial participation. It is evidence that while acting as an advocate, District Attorney Castille took a policy position to advance completion of the appellate process for convicted murderers: 'I very strongly urge you immediately to issue death warrants in each and every one of these cases. Only such action by you will cause these cases to move forward in a legally appropriate manner.' He was not arguing that the law should be changed or should be ignored. Rather, he simply took a position to facilitate collateral review of death sentences which was subscribed to by many prosecutors at the time." But the state Superior Court noted, Castille didn't list



Abu-Jamal, and they say Abu-Jamal didn't file a new petition, using the letter as an argument, in time.

"Further," the decision reads, "the 1990 letter was dated June 15th. At that time, Abu-Jamal's direct appeal was still pending before the Supreme Court of the United States. ... As such, Abu-Jamal was not even in the class of litigants that District Attorney Castille was referencing in the letter. The 1990 letter therefore cannot create a reasonable inference that Justice Castille was personally biased against Abu-Jamal."

Men in California Prisons Continue Fight to End Unconstitutional Use of Solitary Confinement

<https://blackstarnews.com>

Men who spent a decade or longer in solitary confinement charged that the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) is violating a landmark settlement agreement and continuing to undermine their constitutional rights in a court hearing Thursday.

As part of the case *Ashker v. Governor of California*, the men's attorneys asked a district court judge to extend the monitoring period of the settlement for a second time and to order remedies for continued rights violations.

"I suffered through decades in solitary confinement. The trauma we endured continues to impact the mental, emotional, and physical health of all the men California tortured for so long, even those like me who are now out of prison. This court must prevent more torture and also must end the abusive use of confidential information, because there is undisputed evidence showing officials have misused it at disciplinary proceedings, classification hearings, and parole hearings, etc.," said Paul Redd, a plaintiff in the case who suffered decades of solitary confinement and was released from prison last year.

The 2015 settlement agreement resulted from a class action case that had begun as a lawsuit filed on their own behalf by men held for decades in solitary at Pelican Bay State Prison in Crescent City, California.

The settlement mandated specific reforms and a two-year monitoring period intended to end indefinite solitary confinement and the use of specious findings of gang affiliation as a justification for isolating prisoners. But at the end of the monitoring period, Judge Claudia Wilken, the district court judge in the case, ordered an extension, finding that the CDCR was systemically violating due process rights and "effectively frustrating the purpose" of the settlement agreement. That decision is on appeal.

Thursday's argument was over a magistrate judge's denial of a request for a second extension. Last year, that judge found civil rights violations were not continuing, despite evidence to the contrary presented by prisoners, and that the case should therefore end.

Jules Lobel, lead counsel for the plaintiffs, stated, "The Ashker case began over a decade ago, as people in prison organized to end the inhumane practice of warehousing human beings in solitary confinement for decades on end. While we have succeeded in forcing California to transfer thousands of men into less restrictive units, there is so much left to do, and California has shown itself unwilling to make those necessary changes without court oversight."

CDCR is still using fabricated, exaggerated, or inaccurately disclosed confidential information to return men to solitary confinement, plaintiffs say. Imprisoned men are pressured to provide information in exchange for favors and better treatment, and prison officials treat obviously false information as reliable, taking no steps and enacting no safeguards to ascertain the facts.

Mass Incarceration

Testimony emphasized that in the case of US Constitutional law, while the 13th Amendment promised the abolition of the process of chattel slavery, it in fact created an exception incentivizing the incarceration of people of African descent and other peoples. Further they argued that a school-to-prison pipeline has been set in motion by the racialized policies and programs of the US federal and state governments. One testimonial noted, "the law is used as a weapon of war" against Black, Brown and

Indigenous Peoples. Further testimony indicates that there are US policies of wars on poverty,

wars on drugs, wars on terror, and others - amounting to a war on Black, Brown, and Indigenous Peoples as they disproportionately criminalize their youth and communities.

Political Prisoners/Prisoners of War

Arguments were made presenting the criminalization of legitimate political struggles, most particularly of Black, Brown and Indigenous Peoples. One witness testified that it is like a "Counter-Intelligence Program on steroids." Several witnesses testified that with regard to traditional torture techniques, there is ample evidence of solitary confinement lasting for decades, which go so far beyond the UN constituted definitions of torture that they defy any modern standard of humane government.

Further testimony and findings at:
<https://spiritofmandela.org>

Open Letter Query to CDC:

Why Not Lift Restrictions on Those Who Already Had COVID-19, Parallel to Those Fully Vaccinated?

<https://www.icandecide.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Reply-to-CDC-Re-Natural-Immunity-v-Vaccine-Immunity.pdf>

[Note: *Change Links* advises considering all material regarding COVID with a healthy dose of skepticism, but the questions raised here about why those who have contracted and recovered from COVID are not getting the same access as those who are fully vaccinated seems like a valid one on its merits. It is not tied up with denialism of COVID or of the efficacy of the vaccines, masking or socially-responsible physical distancing to prevent transmission, though some other material from the Informed Consent Action Network does dip into those waters.]

October 21, 2021

Dr. Rochelle P. Walensky, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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RE: US Dept Of Health and Human Services and the Centers For Disease Control And Prevention Reply Regarding Citizen Petition To Lift Restrictions On The Naturally Immune To The Extent Lifted On The Vaccinated

Dear Dr. Walensky and Ms. Cashman,

Thank you for your response on September 17, 2021 to the petition filed on behalf of the Informed Consent Action Network ("Petitioner"), dated July 6, 2021. A copy of the petition, and the addendum, are appended as Appendix A (the "Petition"). A copy of your response is appended as Appendix B.

While your response is appreciated, it does not address any of the over 50 studies cited in the Petition which reflect that those previously infected with COVID-19 (the "naturally immune") have superior protection from becoming infected with and transmitting SARS-CoV-2 than those vaccinated for COVID-19 (the "vaccine immune"). Critically:

1. Your response does not contest any of the studies cited and data which collectively reviewed hundreds of thousands of naturally immune versus vaccine immune individuals and found that the rate of infection among the naturally immune ("reinfections") is far lower than the rate among the vaccinated ("breakthrough cases"). (Infra § I.)

2. Your response does not contest that, despite a world-wide hunt, there has never been a single documented case of reinfection resulting in further transmission, while, in contrast, there are numerous documented cases of breakthrough cases resulting in further transmission. (Infra § II.)

3. Your response does not contest any of the studies and data cited which reflect that, consistent with the foregoing real-world data, the naturally immune have more robust and durable T cell and B cell immunity. (Infra § III.)

These three facts alone should suffice to lift restrictions on those naturally immune at least to the same extent as those vaccine immune.

The failure to do so is causing an incredible level of reputational harm to the CDC. It is the primary reason that national news outlets, with distribution to a majority of Americans, have regularly described the CDC as anti-science, political hacks, and far worse.

That in turn causes a loss of confidence in the CDC's other important efforts that are unrelated to COVID-19. This loss of confidence is especially true for the science literate who, for example, can easily review the UK's official government COVID-19 data from the past 7 months which reflects a probable reinfection rate of 0.025% (and a confirmed reinfection rate of 0.0026%) but a breakthrough rate of 23% of all Delta cases.

It is also true for those who, if nothing else, watched Dr. Walensky on national television state that the vaccinated should wear masks because "what [the COVID-19 vaccines] can't do anymore is prevent transmission."

While admitting this fact, the CDC continues to pretend that the human immune system has nothing to offer in terms of protection from the virus without a vaccine.

Rental and Utility Bill Assistance

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