



Whites for Racial Equity

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Want to take tangible steps to end racial injustice and white supremacy? Join a SURJ Action Hour! This is one way to truly Show Up for Racial Justice through collective action. They meet over Zoom to take concrete steps together: calling elected officials, signing petitions, etc. (Closed captioning will be available in the main room of Action Hour calls.)

The next session takes place on **Oct 25**, from noon-1pm.

If you can't make it but you'd like to access the agenda, which is updated weekly with actions you can take, email actionhour@surjbayarea.org

<https://secure.everyaction.com/cjOwqJglLkag-vu9AfM17A2>



On **Oct 25**, from 1-3pm, there will be a roundtable discussion will delve into the multifaceted landscape of immigration policy and justice in the United States before and after the General Election, by touching on the historical context of immigration, key laws and policies, social and cultural impact, and the ongoing debates surrounding immigration reform. Speakers will explain the challenges faced by immigrants in the Monterey Bay Area (tri-county area – Monterey, San Benito, Santa Cruz counties) and discuss how immigration policy is formed and enforced. The discussion will critically analyze the impact of laws on immigrant populations and advocate for equitable and fair treatment for all immigrants.

Key topics will include admission and deportation processes, family-based immigration, refugees and asylum, undocumented immigrants, immigrant farm workers, immigration rights advocacy, and immigrants in the criminal justice system. The talk will incorporate guest lectures from local immigration attorneys, legal scholars, policy experts, and social activists. The audience will have opportunities to ask questions on immigration-related issues and receive information about resources for further exploration and conversations after the election.

This is a Hybrid event: in-person (CSUMB Otter Student Union Ballroom), with ZOOM live option

Speakers include:

Eric Tao (CSUMB professor, Coalition for Asian Justice)

Kaiqi Hua (CSUMB professor)

Alejandro “Alex” Mares (Monterey County Deputy Public Defender, Immigration Specialist)

Jeraline Singh Edwards (Monterey County and Santa Cruz County immigration attorney)

Lizett Rodriguez Pena (Immigration Attorney in Hollister, San Benito Bar Association chair)



The **Paralumán Fil-Am Festival** is a Filipino American celebration that takes place in Salinas, on **Oct 26**, from 12–6 PM. The festival will be held at the historic Filipino Hall, located at 250 Calle Cebu.

The festival will include: culture and community, history, food, wellness, entertainment, and shopping.

The festival is presented by the Filipino Community of Salinas Valley.



La Ofrenda, a community event and fundraiser honoring the Resource Center for Non-Violence's social justice past, present, and future will take place on Sat, **Oct 26**, from 4-6:30 pm at the Center, 612 Ocean St., Santa Cruz.

Keynote speaker **Jonathan Cruz**, former Chief Deputy Public Defender for Santa Cruz County and the first Filipino-American executive in Santa Cruz County Government, now serves as an attorney for the State of California. In this pivotal role, Cruz is spearheading the creation of California's first state wide post-conviction unit to review claims of innocence. His keynote at the RCNV event will challenge attendees to consider new avenues for advocacy and reform, drawing on his extensive background in legal defense and civil rights.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/la-ofrenda-a-bridge-across-time-rcnv-fundraiser-tickets-103661698831?aff=oddtcreator>



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On **Oct 30**, from 12:30-2pm, join Sue Parris and Dr. Tasneem Mohamed at the Marina Library for an insightful event focusing on **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) strategies** tailored for the nonprofit sector. Learn from industry experts, share experiences, and gain valuable insights to create a more inclusive work environment. This in-person event promises interactive sessions, networking opportunities, and practical tips to implement DEI strategies effectively in your organization.

Sue Parris is currently President of the NCBI (National Coalition Building Institute) International Board of Directors and leads its White Affinity Group. Sue is also a co-founder of Whites for Racial Equity, a local group of white people committed to

dismantling racism. S

Dr. Tasneem Mohamed has served CSUMB in several capacities including working on the University College DEI planning committee, serving as an Equity Advocate, and serving on the President's Committee for Equity and Inclusion. Dr. Mohamed joined NCBI in 2022 and is both a facilitator and board member for the Monterey County Chapter.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dei-strategies-and-best-practices-to-support-your-nonprofit-workplace-tickets-1045520679497?aff=oddtcreator>



Ute Warrior painting by Redbird Willie (Pomo, Paiute, Wintu and Wailaki)

On Fri., **Nov 1**, from 5-8pm, join in an evening of art, performances, and screenings as part of the opening reception for **the Earth Story Ancestors Art Exhibit** showing at the Tides Converge Exhibition Space at the Presidio, 1016 Lincoln Blvd., San Francisco. There will be artwork on display featuring the works of Redbird Willie, L. Frank Manriquez, Tiffany Adams, Victoria Canby, and John Jairo Valencia.

It is being sponsored by **the Cultural Conservancy**, a Native-led organization founded in 1985. Based in the San Francisco Bay Area, our headquarters is on unceded Ohlone land and our land base in the sovereign territories of Coast Miwok and Southern Pomo peoples. We work with Indigenous communities throughout Turtle Island and Abya Yala (the Americas) and Moananuiākea (the Pacific).

Their Mission is to protect and restore Indigenous cultures, empowering them in the direct application of traditional knowledge and practices on their ancestral lands.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/opening-reception-for-earth-story-ancestors-art-exhibit-registration-1038544363147?aff=oddtcreator>

NATIVE KNOWLEDGE 360° TEACH-IN

Saturday, November 2
12:00PM – 3:00PM ET

Online via Zoom
Fee: \$15

Keynote address by
Dr. Elizabeth Rule
(Chickasaw Nation)



Co-hosted by the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian & Teaching for Change

On **Nov 2**, from 9am-12 noon, join the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) and Teaching for Change for a day of online conversation, curriculum highlights, workshops, and idea exchange — preceded by a keynote by Dr. Elizabeth Rule (Chickasaw), public scholar, policymaker, and author of *Indigenous DC: Native Peoples and the Nation's Capital*.

Teachers select two workshop breakout sessions that include relevant and resource-rich experiences to support effective use of American Indian-focused classroom lessons and resources from Teaching for Change and NMAI. Teaching for Change and NMAI museum educators will share key concepts from NMAI's Essential Understandings Framework, children's literature from Social Justice Books, and classroom materials from NMAI's Native Knowledge 360° education initiative.

This event will be hosted online via Zoom.

<https://www.teachingforchange.org/2024-native-knowledge-360-teach-in>



PALENKE ARTS PRESENTS

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

Bilingual Chorus | Ballet
Folklorico | Danza Mexica
Community Ofrenda | Food

02 NOVEMBER

6:00 - 8:00 PM

OLDEMEYER CENTER
986 HILBY AVE, SEASIDE, CA

El Centro and the Quarry Amphitheater presents

Día de los Muertos Ceremonia

November 2, 2024 · UCSC Quarry Amphitheater



6:30-8:30pm, doors open at 5:00pm

This cultural and community event is FREE!

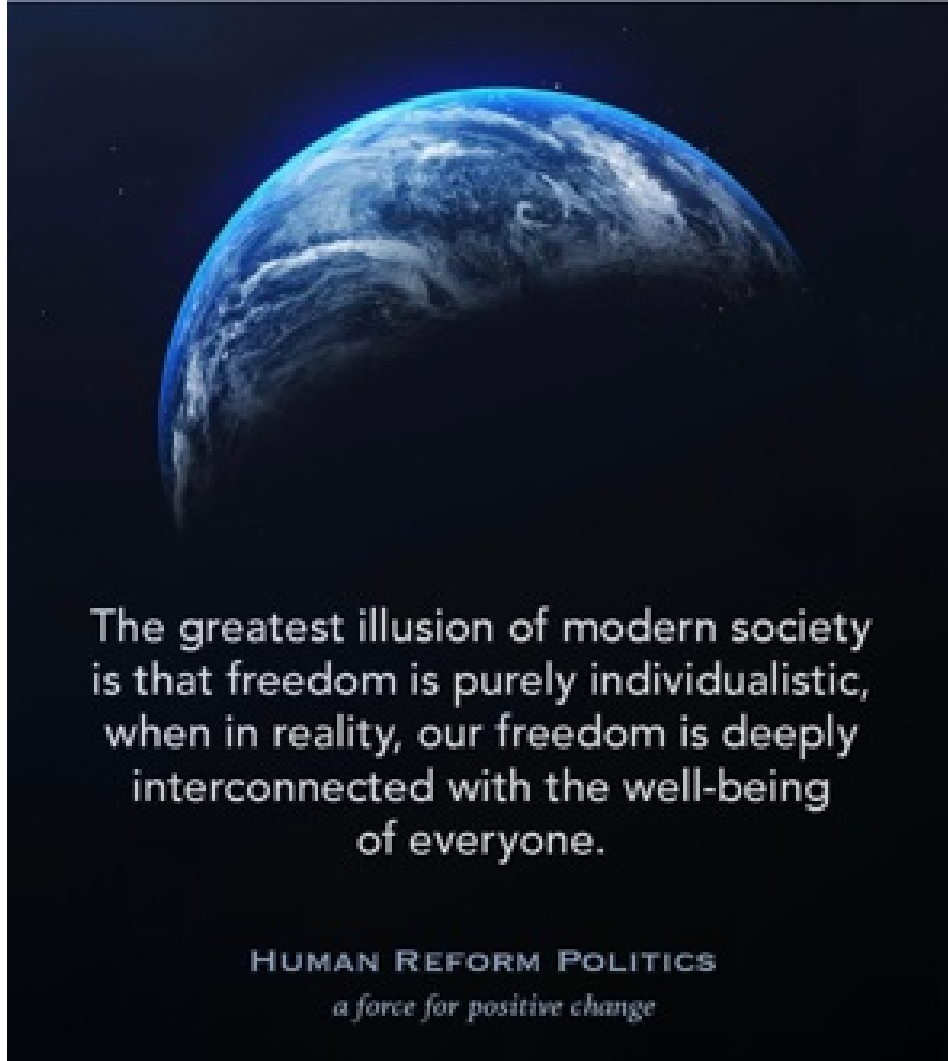
RSVP: [BIT.LY/UCSCDDL](https://bit.ly/ucscddl)



El Centro & Quarry Amphitheater present: **Día de Los Muertos Ceremonia 2024** on **Sat., Nov 2** from 6:30-8:30 pm. (doors open at 5pm). The event will take place at the Quarry Amphitheater, UC Santa Cruz, 1156 High Street.

Join in this free celebration of danza, prayer, food, music, and community. The community altar, or ofrenda, is a sacred space that represents a remembrance of the departed, a reminder that life is eternal and that the presence of our loved ones is everlasting. The ofrenda speaks of affection and praise toward the deceased and are an expression of love towards life. We preserve this ceremony as a space to reflect and heal. We ask that everyone respect the honoring of individuals lost and come together as we welcome back their spirits through ceremony, dance, song, and offerings. We also recognize that through all cultures and traditions we express ourselves differently, yet at this time we gather as members of humanity to support one another, to share our emotions of joy and sadness, and to embrace our humility as a community of this campus.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSco3-deVJSHgVWVfuPZueUMsdcYFRIdovd8kb7Awm7vOc0YA/viewform>



The greatest illusion of modern society
is that freedom is purely individualistic,
when in reality, our freedom is deeply
interconnected with the well-being
of everyone.

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WRE encourages all to engage with events in your community, statewide, nationally, internationally, and online to create the world in which you want to live. For those of you living in Monterey County, CA, please view **the Social Justice Community Calendar** at https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=5e10f8ba9aa72d14c55cd498bdaca8ed406oad4759bea9f6676f15dac2bbf3ca%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America%2FLos_Angeles to see events in our community



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