

ACTION IDEAS (Nov. 18, 2020)

>>> Help the many people of color who are donating time to get paid for educational services! <<<

For example: Coffee with a Black Guy, Healing Justice SB, Heart 2 Heart Sharing Stories, Restorative Community Network, Pastor David Moore, and the Alternatives to Violence Project.

Get involved with one of the many community action groups in our area:

SURJ (Showing Up for Racial Justice) Santa Barbara - Committed to drawing white people into the multiracial movement for racial justice in ways that are effective and accountable. We work in direct collaboration with organizing groups led by people of color in our community and across the nation, to whom we are accountable.

* SURJ weekly email list - Sign up [here](#)

Action Opportunities: Action Pod Descriptions

<https://sbsurj.weebly.com/show-up.html>

* SURJ Government Work Pod - Anyone can join - Join [here](#)

* SURJ Schools Work Pod - Anyone can join - Join [here](#)

* SURJ Education Opportunities - We will start another Study to Action group soon:

<https://sbsurj.weebly.com/education.html>

How to Be a Good Ally - <https://sbsurj.weebly.com/best-practices.html>

Upcoming Events / Actions:

December 1, 2020 - The County Board of Supervisors will receive an update on the racial justice and criminal justice reform actions that came out of the two hearings over the summer. (See the Forum recording if you missed the summary of what the County is currently considering.) But this is also the time for public comment on what the County should be considering.

December 4, 2020 - Deadline to apply for the City of Santa Barbara Community Formation Commission which will help to guide the creation of a civilian police review system. Applicants must reside in the City of Santa Barbara, citizenship is not required. A stipend of \$50/meeting will apply. Apply here:

<https://www.santabarbaraca.gov/gov/brdcomm/ac/cfc/default.asp>

December 5, 2020 - 1:00-3:00 pm - A Conversation with Mia Lopez, Wishtoyo, Chumash Foundation. As a follow up to this Forum, our League is holding a discussion group meeting on Zoom where we will all have a chance to ask Mia questions about the Chumash views on reversing racism and how to protect Chumash culture. (Registration for this Zoom meeting is required - sign up on the LWVSB website <http://www.lwvsantabarbara.org>.)

December 7, 2020 - 5:00-6:00 pm - Next monthly SURJ (Showing Up for Racial Justice) introductory webinar (click [here](#) to register).

December 8, 2020 - 5:30-7:00 pm - Forum followup discussion group - Confronting Racism in Santa Barbara (Registration for Zoom meeting will be required and can be signed up for on the LWVSB website <http://www.lwvsantabarbara.org>)

December 10, 2020 - 4:30 pm - League of Women Voters Social Policy Committee meeting via Zoom. The Committee is planning to increase its monitoring of criminal justice and racial justice issues so that new people are encouraged to join in. If you would like to get more information about this meeting or to register for it, contact the Committee Chair,, Pam Flynt Tambo at pambotambo@gmail.com.

For interest in Mental Health Service improvements in the County:

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) - <https://www.namisantabarbara.org/>

CLUE Santa Barbara (Clergy & Laity United for Economic Justice) - <https://cluesb.org/>

For interest in Immigrant Assistance

Interfaith Sanctuary Alliance - Created as a branch of Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE) in response to increased anti-immigration rhetoric and ICE activity nationwide, ISA is a coalition of over 30 local faith communities seeking to advocate for and create resources for undocumented immigrants living in fear of deportation. The ISA's mission is to work to ensure respect for the dignity, safety, and human rights of all people, while lawfully resisting unjust policies and practices that target and discriminate against immigrant communities. ISA is seeking hosts and sponsors to support LGBTQ+ asylum seekers. See <https://sbact.org/isa>

For interest in preserving the Murals currently threatened to be removed from Ortega park

Contact Mark Moses Alvarado - Founder, One Community Bridge Project, mark@onecommunitysb.org

Groups to Donate to:

CAUSE (Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy) Santa Barbara - <https://causenow.org/content/santa-barbara>

805 Undocufund - Provides disaster relief for immigrant families - <https://805undocufund.org/>

Santa Barbara Foundation - <https://www.sbfoundation.org/>

Healing Justice Santa Barbara - <https://www.hjsb.org/>

Fund for Santa Barbara - Social Justice Grantmaking - <https://www.fundforsantabarbara.org/>

Educational Resources

The Santa Barbara Library's Antiracist Reading List

<https://www.santabarbaraca.gov/gov/depts/lib/getinvolved/sbpls/system/details.asp?NewsID=2186&TargetID=31>

"Building an Equity Mindset" - City College course taught online by SURJ SB founder Carrie Hutchinson, (currently there is a waitlist - you can sign up on the SURJ website listed above).