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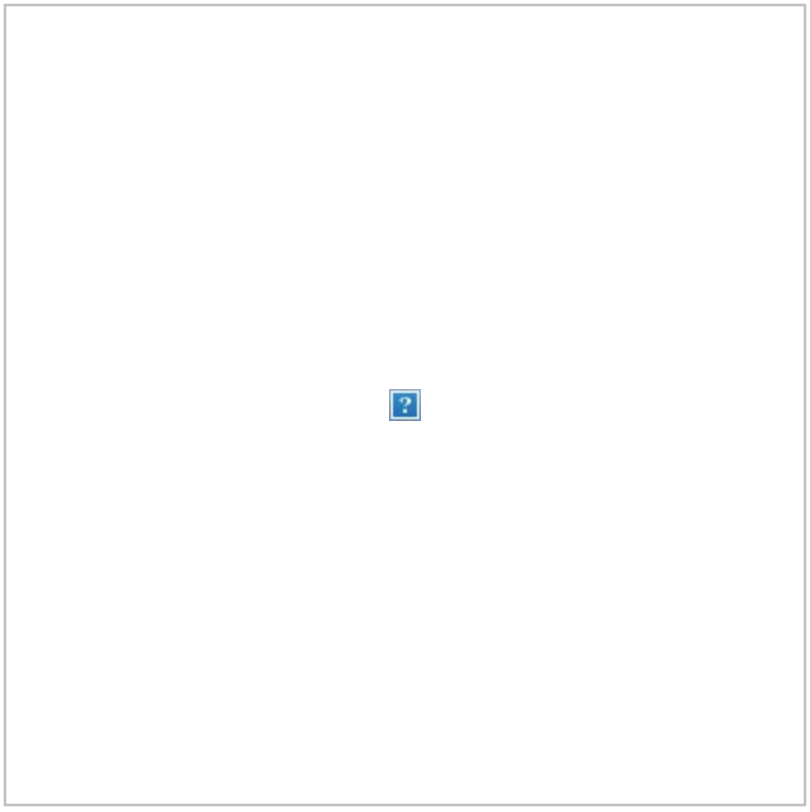
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On Thu, Nov 23, 2023 at 7:20 AM State of Criminal Justice by PushBlack <stateofcriminaljustice@pushblack.us> wrote:



Hey fam,

Check out this week's State of Criminal Justice, a weekly series where we talk about the most important events happening in the criminal legal system at the moment.

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In this week's State of Criminal Justice, we'll cover why a Texas town got rid of its police force, how US policing is linked to genocide in Palestine, and the bungled closing of New York City's Rikers Island jail. In our New Ground section, we'll tell you about an important victory for one of the Central Park 5.

How Coffee City Got Rid of Police

A small town had enough of police exploitation

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All it took for one small town was a bunch of information to be exposed about what the police had been up to, and they deactivated the entire force. Coffee City, Texas, is only 250 people, but apparently, that was enough to rack up over a million dollars in citations. The city employed five times the amount of police officers typically staffed for a city of its size. More than 50 cops were on payroll. It's a disturbing ratio of one officer for every five residents. Many officers reportedly were hired from other places where they were fired for misconduct. Coffee City was essentially an exploitative police state. The example goes to show us how policing, crime, and safety are all connected by popular misconceptions. It doesn't matter if it's a large metropolis or a small town like Coffee City. What's true across the board is that policing isn't keeping us safe. It's connected to a larger system rooted in profits, exploitation, and repression. Cities that learn this the hard way have an opportunity to create alternatives and think of different ways to combat crises that don't depend on policing.

US Police Links to Genocide in Palestine

Exploitation and oppression cross borders

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Black people in the US know how it feels to be treated like a "terrorist" for resisting police violence. We've even had the military target us at home. This type of violence is linked to colonialism, displacement, and apartheid across the globe. Thousands of police officers, hailing from all over the country, have trained with Israeli officials. Hundreds traveled to Israel to learn killer tactics in

person. They include former Ferguson police chief Timothy Fitch, who "studied counter-terrorism." Israel and U.S. police have also used the same U.S.-made tear gas canisters against Palestinian and Black American activists. The disturbing exchange between these two countries isn't just about friendly diplomatic relations. It's about policing, militarism, and strategic interests in geopolitics. That's why Israel gets billions from the U.S. on a yearly basis for weapons, intelligence, and repression. The most vulnerable people pay the price. In order for us to actually resist, we have to be able to see the web of oppression we're stuck in. What happens elsewhere affects us here because prisons, policing, and military incursions are big business at home and abroad.

More Problems at Rikers Island Jail

The notorious facility has had a troublesome closing

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The closing of the Rikers Island jail in New York City has long been a messy process. Now it's clear that's still the case. In a 61-page report, Federal Monitor Steve J. Martin revealed the disturbing conditions of New York City jails. Martin and his team are in charge of overseeing the closure of Rikers Island and neighboring NYC jails as the city faces a federal takeover of Rikers. Twenty-eight people have died, and the report takes issue with New York City Mayor Eric Adams and his administration. The City Council has announced a second iteration of the original commission to close Rikers Island. The new commission mandates that the jail closes by August 2027. The problem is that refusal to comply and not meeting demands have held up the process. The city can't be trusted, and that's part of why justice isn't just about whatever public officials say it is. We have to push for more, no matter what.

New Ground

The New Ground segment features hopeful stories of changes within the realm of the criminal legal system. There is a better future on the horizon through the efforts to dismantle the oppressive system targeting Black America. It happens when all of our thumbs are on the pulse.

Central Park Five Yusef Salaam Wins Election

The victory comes at an important time

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Many people would never imagine that someone who made headlines after

falsely being accused of a heinous crime would recover. Yusef Salaam is proof that can happen. He just won a seat on the New York City Council “more than two decades after DNA evidence was used to overturn the convictions of Salaam and four other Black and Latino men in the 1989 rape and beating of a white jogger in Central Park,” reports the AP. Now, Salaam has the chance to make good on his promises to fight poverty and gentrification in Harlem. “I am really the ambassador for everyone’s pain,” he said. “In many ways, I went through that for our people.” It’s good he’s remembering where he came from, and now we’ll see what happens next for the new council member. Elections aren’t everything, but they do represent the will of voters who seek change through the process. This is a victory for people who worked hard to make that happen.

We have a quick favor to ask:

Today, we are asking all of our subscribers to pitch in to support PushBlack's criminal justice campaigns.

Did you know PushBlack fights for CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM?

Like when PushBlack rallied over 200,000 of our subscribers to get the Balch Springs Police Department to fire the officer who shot and killed Jordan Edwards.

And beyond holding police and prosecutors accountable, we are working to drive broader criminal legal system reform.

And as a nonprofit, we rely on small donations from subscribers like you. Your monthly donation will support PushBlack in hiring a criminal justice organizer.

*With as little as $5 a month, you can help PushBlack raise up Black voices. It only takes a minute, so will you please **donate now**?*

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- Jay and the PushBlack team

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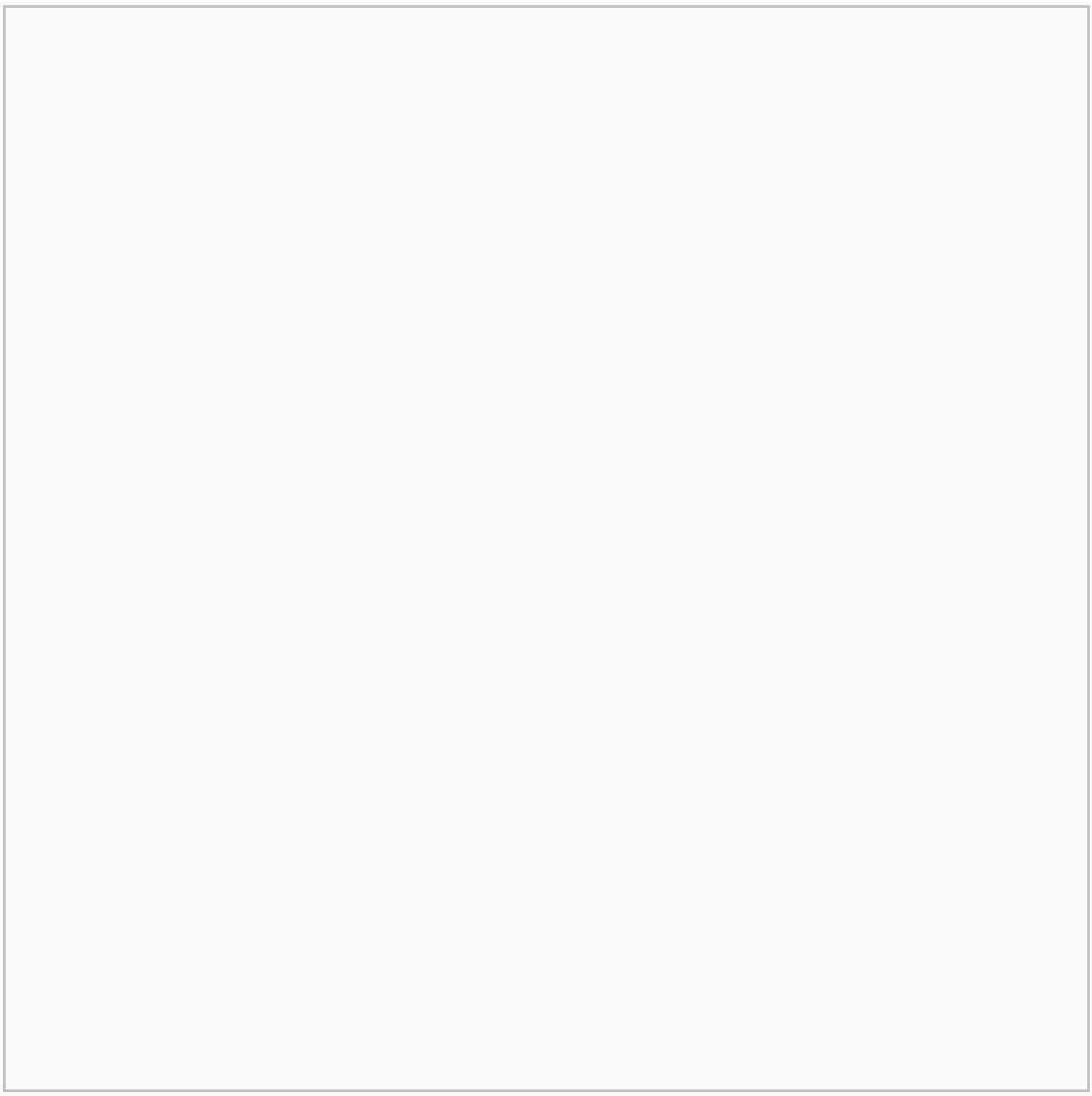
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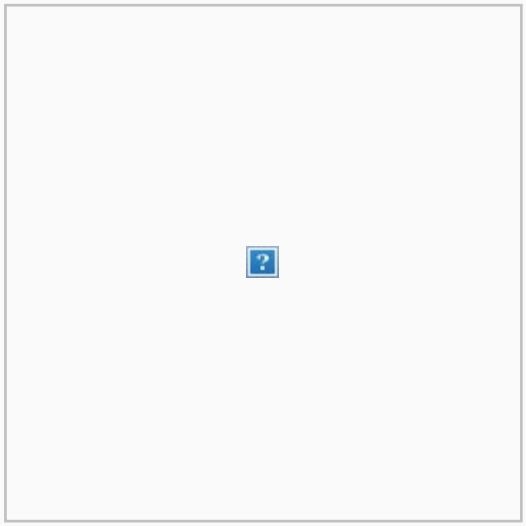
A Holiday Is Upon Us!

Many of us are anticipating a lovely Thanksgiving spent with family, friends, food, and football! I'm about to welcome many members of my East Coast family whom we don't normally have the pleasure of seeing. There will be a total of 16 of us around the Lythcott-Haims table (plus one infant!) and we've gone for a big square rather than a long rectangle. I call it Thanksgiving Geometry.

For many, however, this and other holidays can be a lonely time because we don't have anyone to gather with. I encourage you to open your heart and your home to those who may need a place to be. And if you're worried about a certain someone acting a certain way and how you're going to deal with it, read this piece I wrote some years ago called "Don't Let Aunt Susie Get To You This Christmas" (Don't let the 'Christmas' dissuade you - the advice applies to all

family gatherings!)

What I See From The Dais



I pushed the envelope the other night, rhetorically. Surprise, surprise, it was about housing.

As you know, the ability to build housing in Palo Alto is constrained first and foremost by the audacious yet simple fact that the land here in Palo Alto and in our region more broadly is some of the most expensive real estate on the planet. Also, we don't have a lot of undeveloped land sitting around. But even when builders DO own land here, and want to build, they're constrained by Palo Alto's long-treasured limitations on height, the density of people allowed per acre, and what is known as 'Floor Area Ratio (FAR).' (The number of building stories divided by the percentage of the lot used; a higher FAR comes from a taller building or a building that takes up almost all of its lot, or both.) Forgive the wonkiness of those last few sentences; I want you to understand this stuff if you don't already.

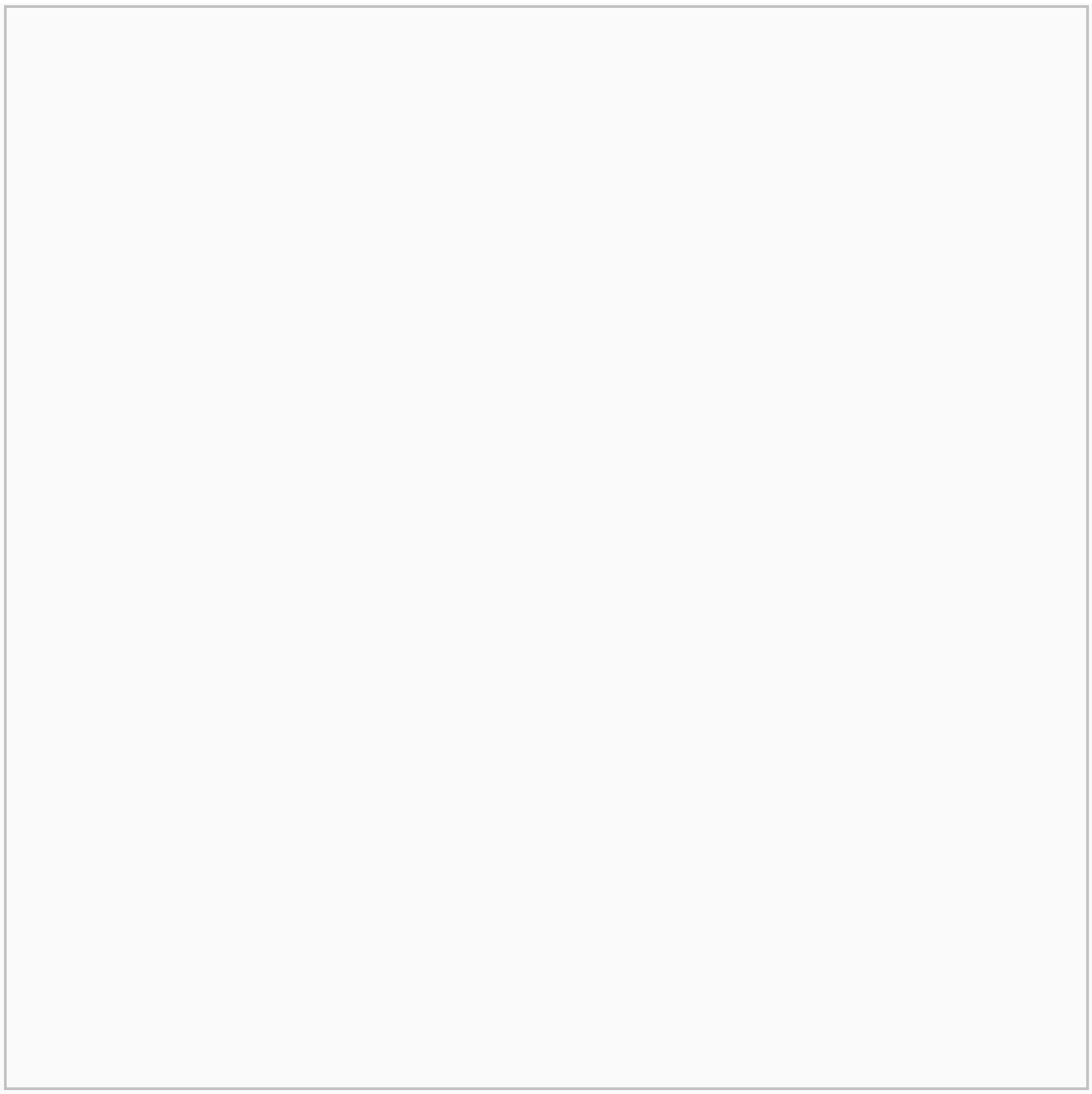
Being a housing advocate means pushing for higher FARs as well as increased height and density allowances. All of this is called "upzoning."

So, last Monday November, 13th, our council ad hoc housing committee (made up of Vice Mayor Stone and Council Member Lauing) had worked with staff to propose an increase in FAR along San Antonio Road, where we intend to put a whole lot of new housing. The proposal was to go from an existing FAR of say 1.5 (*e.g.* think of this as 3 stories covering 50% of the lot) to 2.5 (*e.g.* 5 stories

covering 50% of the lot). A higher FAR is a good thing. However, our community's leading housing policy advocates at Palo Alto Forward have been encouraging us to go to an FAR of 3 (*e.g.* 6 stories covering 50% of the lot) or 4 (*e.g.* 8 stories covering 50% of the lot). What to do? What to say? The revised plans were already in place, this was not the time for me to go back to the drawing board unless I could be absolutely certain I had the votes to push it through. And my colleagues who worked so hard to move the FAR from 1.5 to 2.5 would have been all *What the eff, Julie...*

So, when it was my turn at the microphone, I decided to simply opine. "I'd just like to know what is preventing us from going to an FAR of 3.0 or 4.0, other than outrage?" I wanted to call out the feelings of outrage over upzoning, because outrage has come time and time again and, let's face it, it has often prevailed. I want us to appreciate that feelings of outrage are out there, and to equip ourselves to be better listeners to those concerns, and better conversationalists about why upzoning is a good thing, so that we can ultimately be persuaders when it comes to advocating for what's right for our community. One day, we could be a city that vociferously champions higher Floor Area Ratios! Imagine that. If you want more detail on this, you can read the *Palo Alto Weekly* article about our deliberations here.

Next Up at Council, November 27



Part of being a houser means advocating for conditions that allow more housing, and more affordable housing, to be built. Another part of being a houser means protecting renters, preserving rental housing and producing more rental units.

Toward that end, on Monday November 27, Council will be looking at a proposed rental registry. I hear from landlords who are against it and claim it puts an undue burden on them in terms of cost and staff time. Yet housing advocates say it's imperative that we have one. I will be deeply interested in listening and learning to the various arguments on this one.

We'll also be discussing changes to our Council procedures and protocols which is just good "hygiene" for us to regularly review as a policy making body. Not super sexy, but important for our systems and processes.

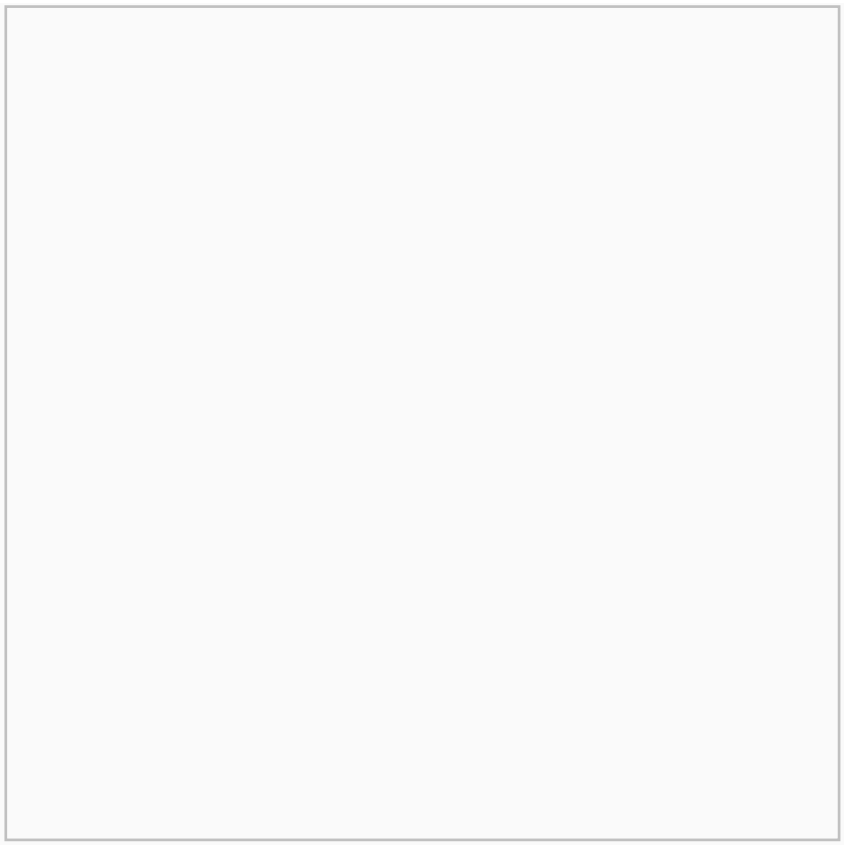
If you care about tenant/landlord issues, or about Council procedures and protocols, join us! The meeting begins at 5:30pm and the approximate times for each item can be found on the agenda. Here is the Zoom Link and the Meeting ID is: 362 027 238. And, as always, it will be broadcast on Cable TV Channel 26, live on YouTube https://www.youtube.com/c/cityofpaloalto, and streamed to Midpen Media Center https://midpenmedia.org.

It is ALWAYS a joy to see your face in chambers. Bring a friend. Make your voice HEARD.

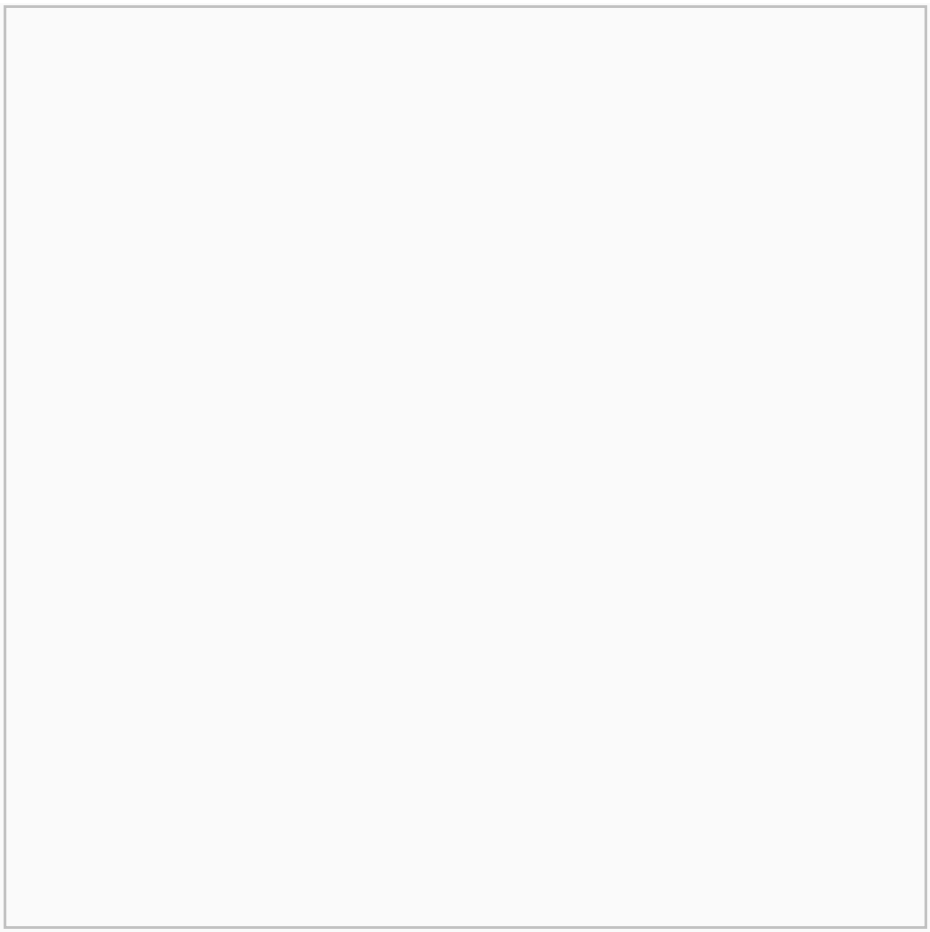
Just Action Event Recap

When you have to put out more chairs than expected, I think it's safe to say your event was a hit. That's how we're feeling about our evening with the authors of *Just Action* last week at the Imagination Lab School at Cubberley. Co-sponsoring organizations set up tables with info and merchandise. A lot of electeds and former electeds came. And when all was said and done and the chairs were counted, we estimate 150 people were in the house! Palo Alto Forward asked if they could bring refreshments (yes!) Friends of the Palo Alto Library asked if they could help (yes!) Books Inc Palo Alto sold a boatload of books (yes!) It was rainy outside but the vibe inside was warmth, engagement, and optimism. Chris Beszylko and his team at the Imagination Lab School were the perfect hosts!

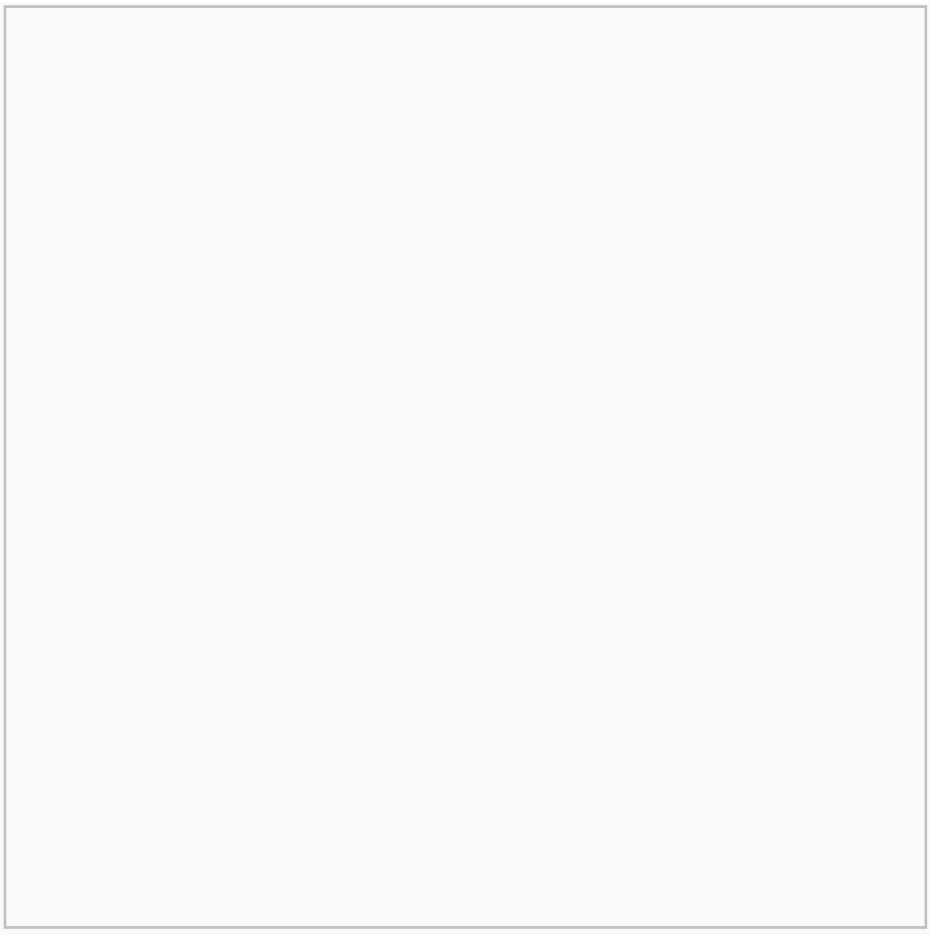
Richard and Leah Rothstein, it was an honor to have you!

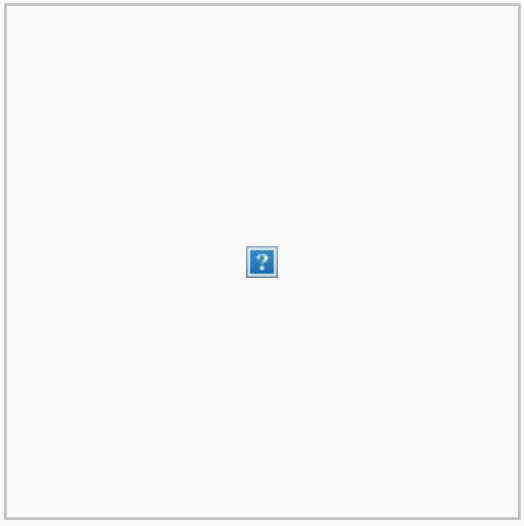


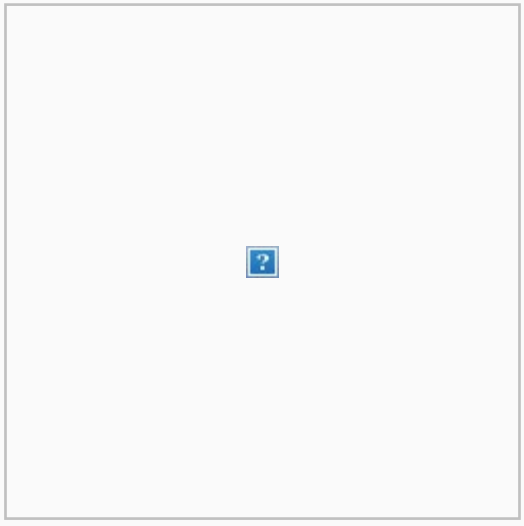
Look at this amazing group of co-sponsors! Excited to see what we will accomplish together bringing Just Action to Palo Alto.



The people came! Look at all these change makers!



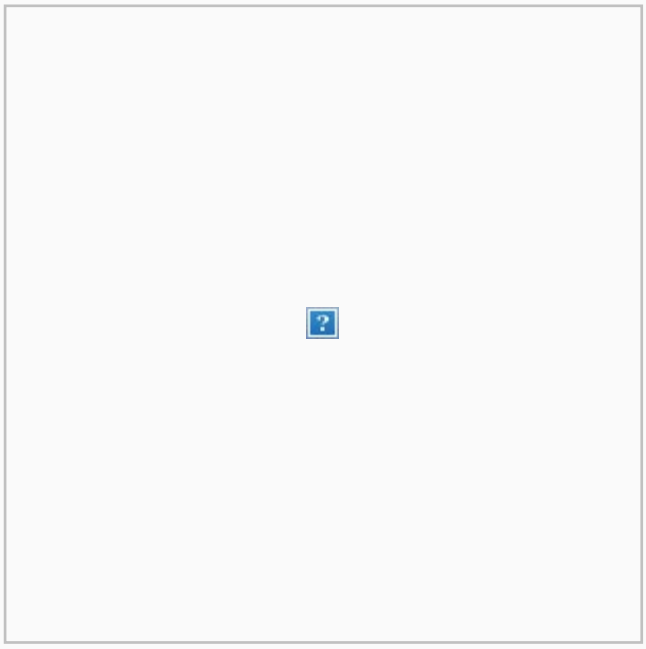




Richard and Leah Rothstein even stayed to sign books!

I'm so grateful to my amazing team for pulling this off. Jeanette Miller (who works with us remotely from Houston) planned the event and executed the run of show. Clarice Cho (Brooklyn) provided all the graphics and branding. Trisha Suvari ran point on the night of. Interns Kinsey Hall and Kurt Frewing assisted with mics and the book signing line. When I told Richard Rothstein that Kinsey had read an early copy of *Just Action* and produced a lengthy written summary he asked if he could read it. What an amazing opportunity and connection for a kid who is double-majoring in Econ and Political Science at Santa Clara University!

Next Up From Us: Family Night at Gamelandia on December 6



Join us for our second annual Gamelandia family night on December 6 co-sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and Palo Alto Youth Council. We're having 2 sittings (5-7pm and 7:30-9:30pm), so if you've got a young family, come early. Or come late if that's your vibe. And with Hanukkah starting the next day, and Christmas a few weeks later, this is your perfect opportunity to get holiday gifts at a 15% discount just for attending our event. RSVP here. Connecting with neighbors and making new friends over games is FUN. Have dinner on Cal Ave before or after!

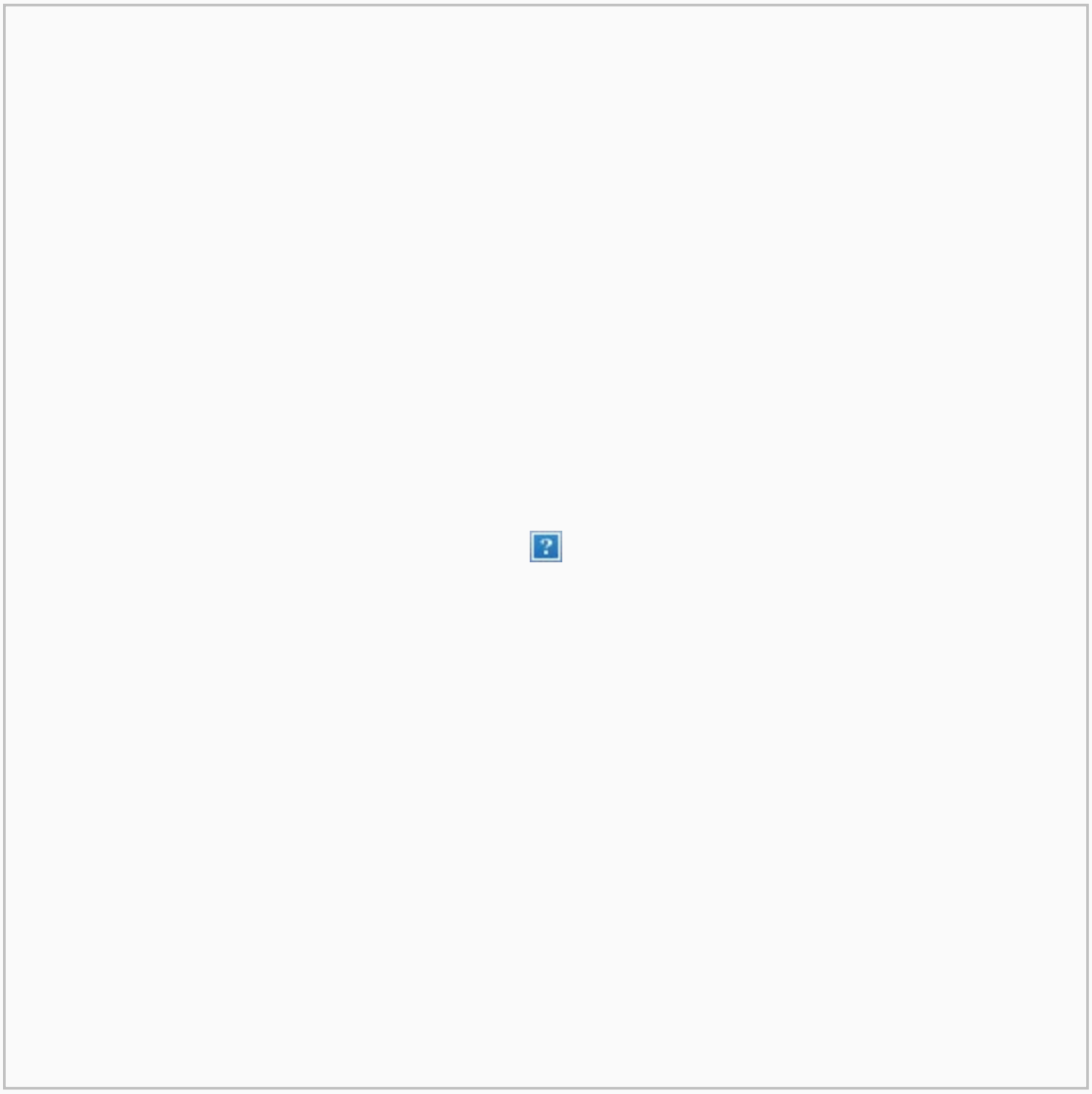
Sibling City Town Hall: Climate Action

Sunday, Dec 3
1-3pm
Mitchell Park Community Center. Register here.

This is the third of three town hall conversations sponsored by Sibling Cities. If climate action is your passion, please join your fellow Palo Altans in a live conversation with our counterparts in Bloomington, Indiana!

Winter is Coming/Winter is HERE: Emergency Alerts And Storm

Preparedness

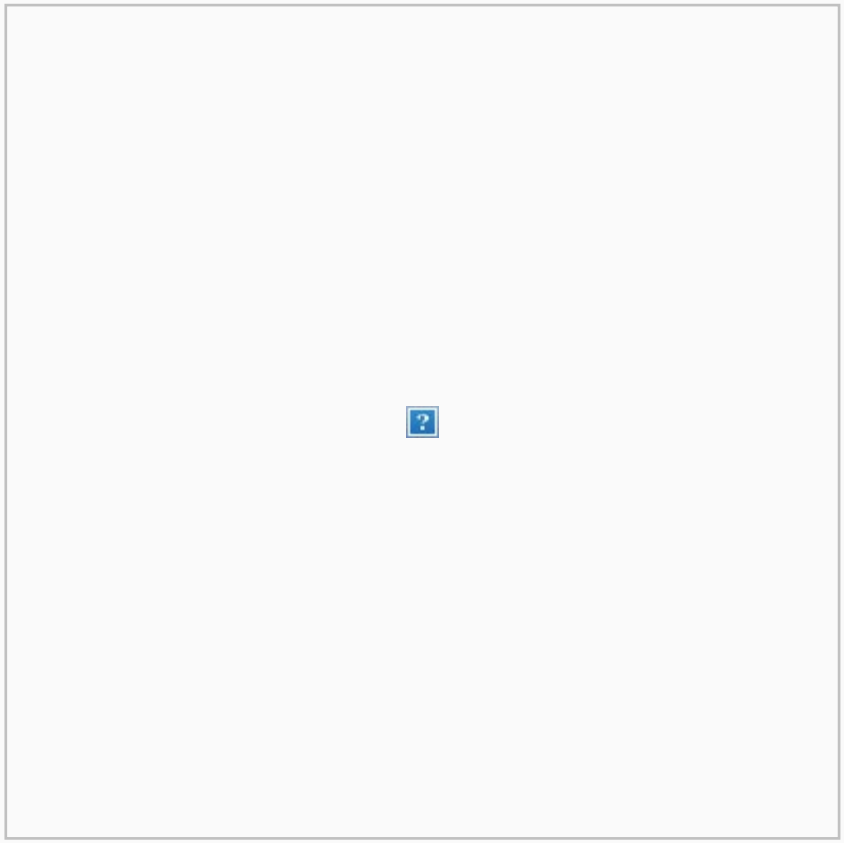


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Community Events



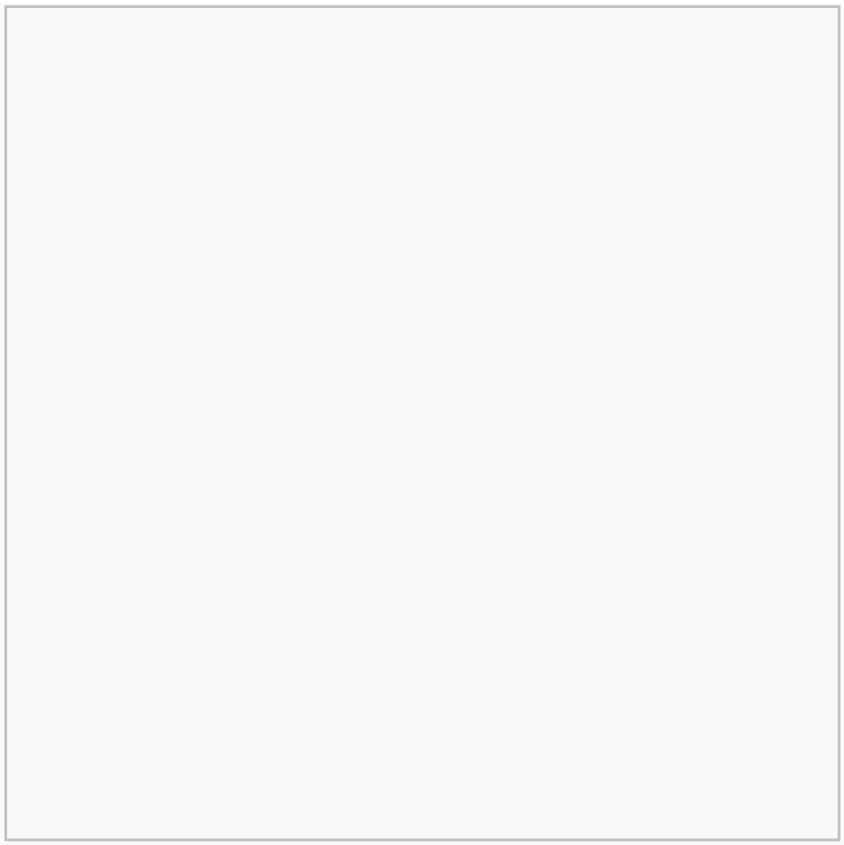
Community Thanksgiving Church Service

First Church of Christ

November 23 (Thanksgiving Day), 10-11am

3045 Cowper Street or Online

This is advertised as "Join for a special community Thanksgiving church service- at time to share ideas and inspiration that comfort, heal, and lead to a deeper understanding of God's goodness."



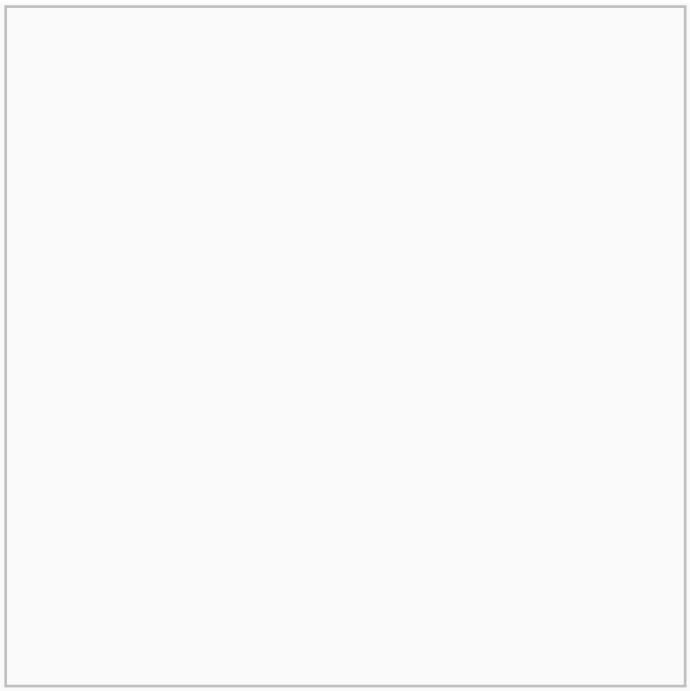
Holiday Toy Drive

Help out our local youth this holiday season by contributing to Palo Alto's toy drive.

Donations of new and unwrapped toys, books, gift cards and other gifts are currently being accepted through December 14 at the following locations:

- Any Fire Station In Palo Alto
- Any Palo Alto Libraries
- Mitchell Park Community Center
- Lucie Stern Community Center

More information available here.

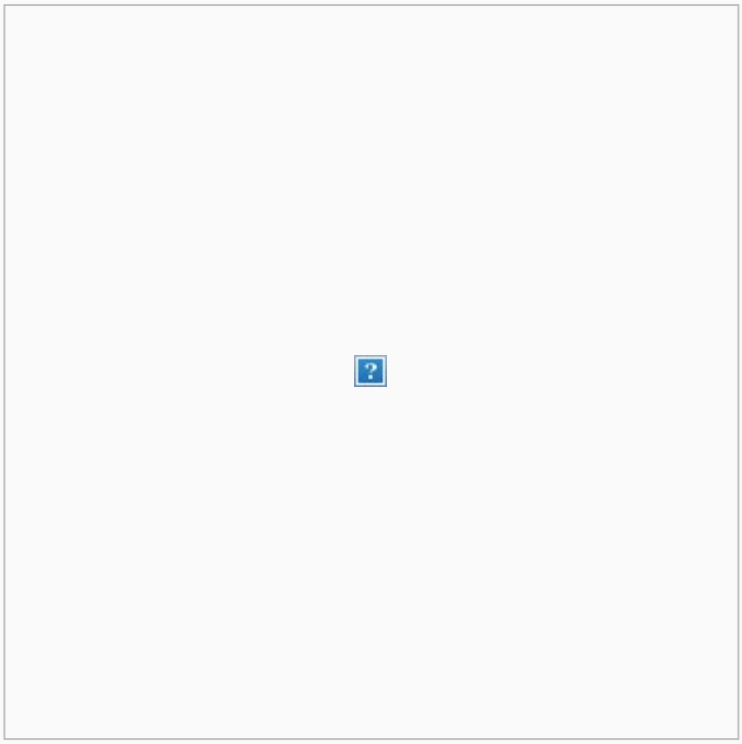


Tree Lighting

December 1, 5:30-7pm

Lytton Plaza

More details found here.



Art Center Holiday Sale

December 2, 10am-4pm

Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road

If you are looking for handmade gifts for the holidays, the Art Center Studio Holiday Sale is your one-stop shop. Our sale showcases unique artwork created by local artists working in the studios at the Palo Alto Art Center. Stunning and innovative jewelry, functional and fine art ceramics, paintings, prints and more will be available.

Proceeds benefit the participating artists, our studios, and the Palo Alto Art Center Foundation.
Details can be found here.

That's All, Y'all!

May the foods you prepare this week fill the tummies of your loved ones with delight! And if you're on the receiving end of someone else's culinary efforts, don't forget to thank them for that with all your might!

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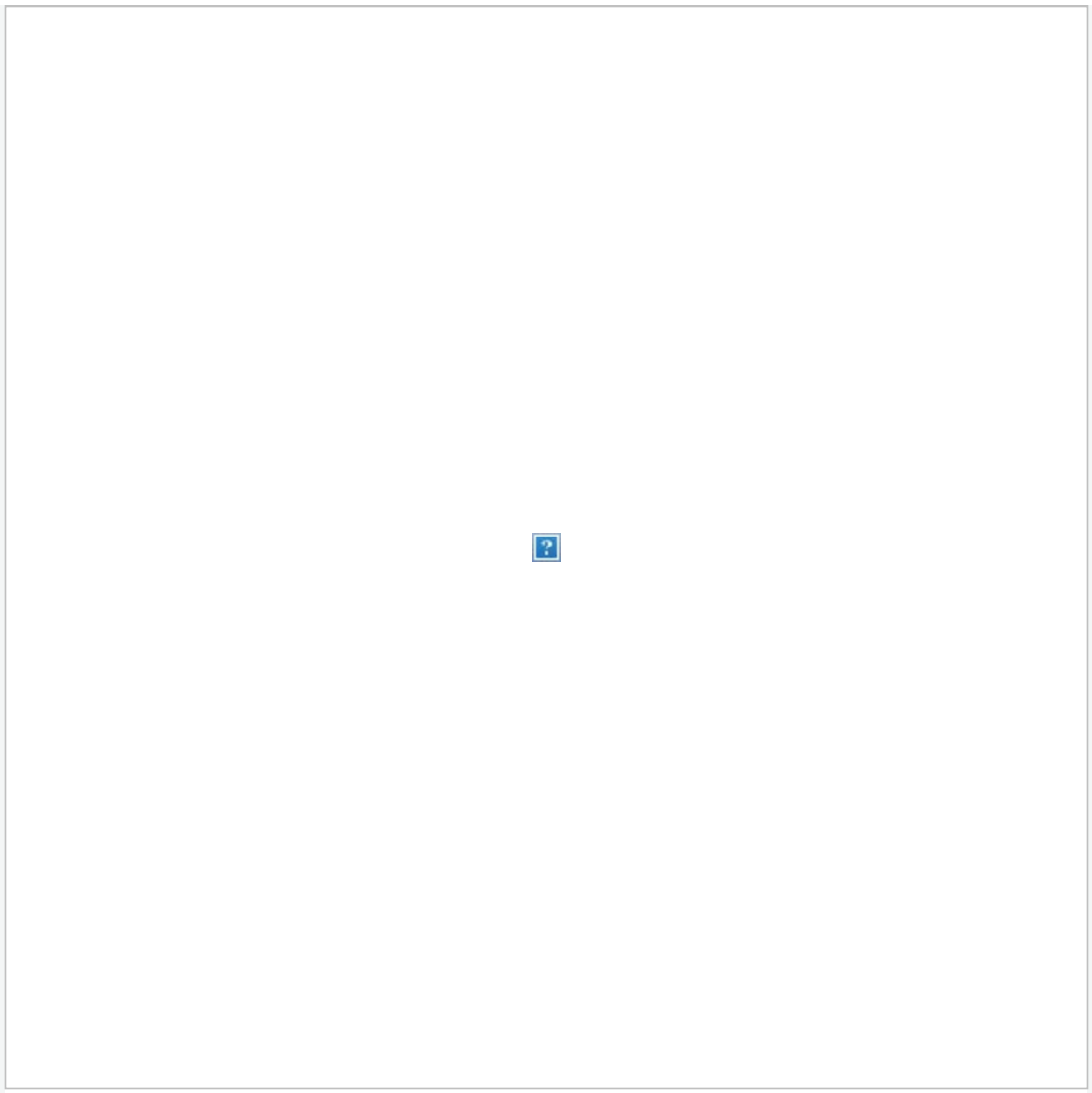
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8 ways to have hard conversations about ceasefire this Thanksgiving.



In the past month, hundreds of thousands of people have joined JVP for the first time.

Many of us are probably overwhelmed by the scale of devastation that we're seeing each day in Palestine. And some of us might be new to having hard conversations about Israeli apartheid. All of us are fighting every day for an immediate ceasefire, a critical first step to end the Israeli military's relentless destruction of Gaza.

As we move into the holidays, we may struggle to talk to our family members and loved ones about Israeli violence.

This year, JVP's How to Have Hard Conversations toolkit offers some skills and approaches on how to bring our family members and loved ones into support for a ceasefire — and how to engage beyond this moment in support of a future of Palestinian liberation and justice for all people.

Take a breath.

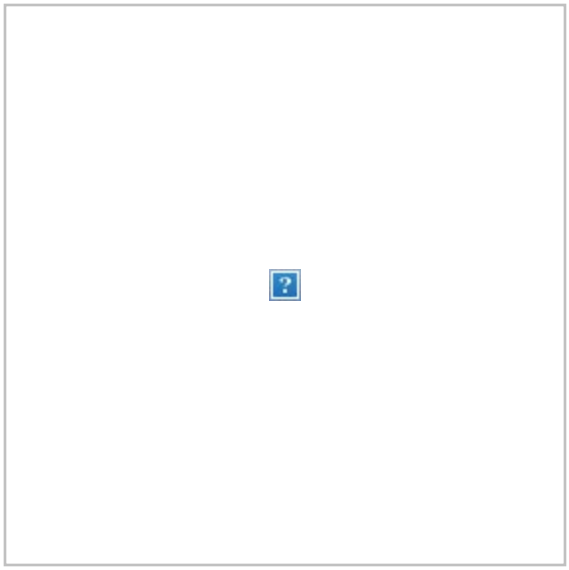
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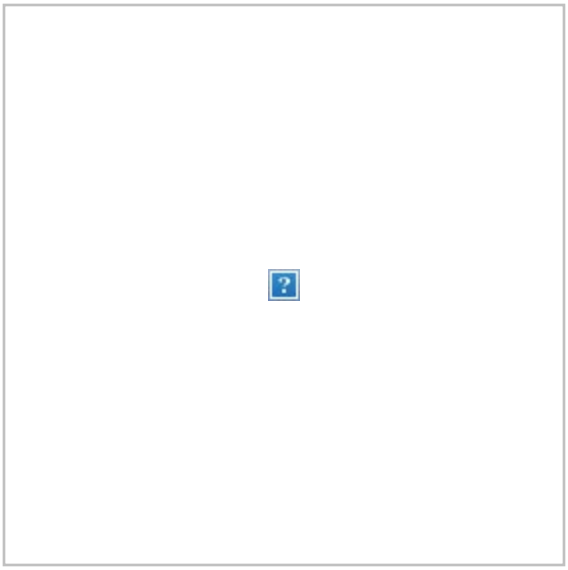
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Practice these skills.

Want some real-life practice having these hard conversations?

Join JVP-Bay Area **tonight, Tuesday, November 21** at either 7pm ET/4pm PT OR 9pm ET/6pm PT, for How to Not Ruin the Holidays: An Anti-Zionist Guide to Initiating Difficult Conversations About Israel.





Register for 7pm ET/4pm PT

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Tell Biden: Peace means ending Israeli apartheid.

On Saturday, the Washington Post published an op-ed by President Joe Biden about Israel's war on Gaza. In the op-ed, Biden portrays Israel's devastating military assault as a war for democracy and erases the context of 75 years of Israeli apartheid and oppression of Palestinians.

Write to the Washington Post now and tell Biden: Ending Israeli apartheid is the only path to peace.

Write to the WaPo now

"The dangers of weaponizing antisemitism"

Executive director of JVP Stefanie Fox joined political analyst Omar Baddar and professor Omer Bartov in discussing the rise of antisemitism and its dangerous weaponization in support of Israeli genocide, with Marc Lamont Hill on al-Jazeera yesterday.

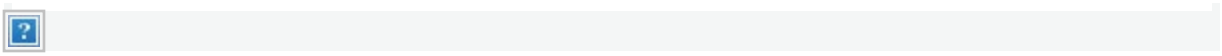
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Linda Lopez Otero

" Be yourself; everyone else is already taken." Oscar Wilde

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Dear Movement Family,

I wanted to share a piece I recently wrote with several of my colleagues: Evangelical Appeal to Moral Case for Cease-fire.

You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD. — Lev. 19:18

As evangelical Christians in America, we are grieved by the violence that has consumed

Israel and Gaza and we are troubled by the ways our faith tradition has been used to justify it. Yet even as we witness gross distortions of faith by Christian nationalists in public life, we also celebrate how people from Jewish, Christian, and Muslim traditions around the world are coming together to cry for peace. So say cease-fire, some say a "cessation of hostilities," some say humanitarian pause. Some just say, "Stop for the babies!" But the world is experiencing a kind of Pentecost as people cry out in different tongues with a unified call to end the violence.

Judaism teaches through the prophet Amos that God hears a united remnant against injustice. Islam teaches that "God is with the group." And Jesus prayed that we all might be One, even as he and his Father are One. There is power in the unified cry of faithful people. Judaism, Christianity, and Islam share moral convictions that ground our response to this moment.

We believe that every human being is created in the image of God. Both the Talmud and Islamic teaching say that to save a single life is to save all humanity, and Jesus extends the law of love for kin and neighbors even to those who are our enemies. Together we believe that every Israeli life is precious; every Palestinian life is precious; every single life is precious.

We also share the conviction that vengeance belongs to God. While governments have a right and duty to ensure security, our traditions insist on restraint and limits when the state exercises its power. No government knows enough to become the ultimate arbiter of justice.

Finally, our traditions share a commitment to justice, especially for those who are weak and vulnerable in this world. Whenever there is an imbalance of power, God hears the cries of those who are suffering and calls us to join their cry for justice.
Because of these shared convictions and our knowledge that a "three-fold chord is not easily broken," we join our voices with Jews, Christians, and Muslims around the world who are calling for a ceasefire in Gaza and the safe return of all hostages and civilian prisoners taken in the present conflict.

While "cease-fire" is a technical term of international law, our faith demands that we outline a basic moral call to CEASE-FIRE. Confront and stop immediately indiscriminate violence against any civilian, especially women, children, and the sick.
End the denial of basic necessities to any population, including food, water, electricity, fuel, internet, and medical supplies. Affirm the image of God in every human being.
Stop the practice of holding hostages and ensure the safe return of all hostages and prisoners home. Exercise nonviolent power to build a just peace for all people.
Faithfully work as Jews, Christians, and Muslims to support a viable alternative to the brutality of Hamas and to challenge the Netanyahu administration's practices of occupation and apartheid. Insist that human rights for all people are nonnegotiable.
Raise a moral cry against murder, indiscriminate violence, war, and public policies rooted in vengeance, no matter which faith is used to justify violence. Engage nonviolently to interrupt the violence that is being carried out against fellow human beings.
As people who are committed to manifesting beloved community and overcoming violence of any kind against any person or people, we steadfastly demand that justice be done and seek to protect the dignity of all human life regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, or national identity.

We need a cease-fire for God's sake, for the future's sake, for the sake of the babies who are dying, and for the sake of our own humanity. Jesus said, "If you live by the sword, you will

die by the sword," and, as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. made clear, in an era of nuclear weapons that can destroy the whole world, our ultimate choice is not between violence and nonviolence, but between nonviolence and nonexistence. Killing our future is worse than wrong; it is an act of despair that denies God's hope.

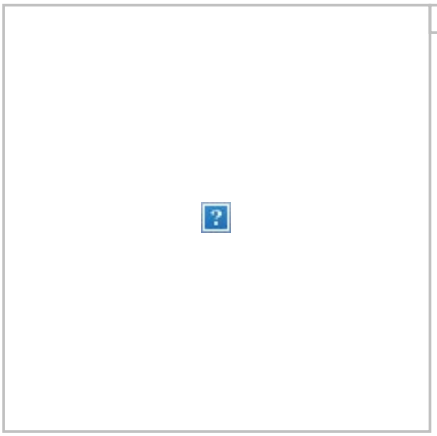
Our faith compels us to lift up this moral call for a cease-fire. ***We invite any who share this conviction to join people of faith around the world who are praying and taking action for peace.***

Bishop William J. Barber, II
Center for Public Theology and Public Policy, Yale Divinity School
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END THE PERSECUTION OF PRO-PALESTINE STUDENTS!

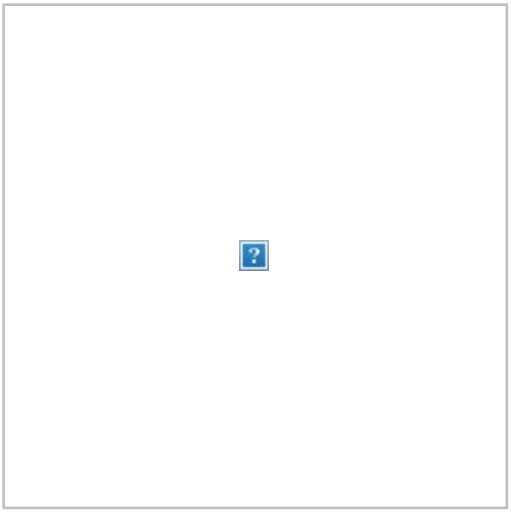
On September 12th, 2023, 18-year-old San Jose State University freshman Omar Ramaha had a verbal exchange with a group of Zionists who were tabling on campus. He rightfully expressed criticism of the state of Israel and their campaign of murder against the Palestinian people. He spoke respectfully and truthfully in defense of victims of genocide, and asked the people tabling a simple question, “Are you aware that you are supporting a country that kills people?” In response to this, the girl told him that she does not care about those lives lost. Such an insensitive response was clearly spoken with the intent to provoke Omar, a Palestinian student who believes in basic human rights. He said nothing about Jewish people or Judaism. An hour later, he was arrested and jailed for battery and a hate crime for allegedly tossing a Capri Sun towards the Zionists (He tossed it in their general direction as he was removing himself from the situation). SJSU has suspended

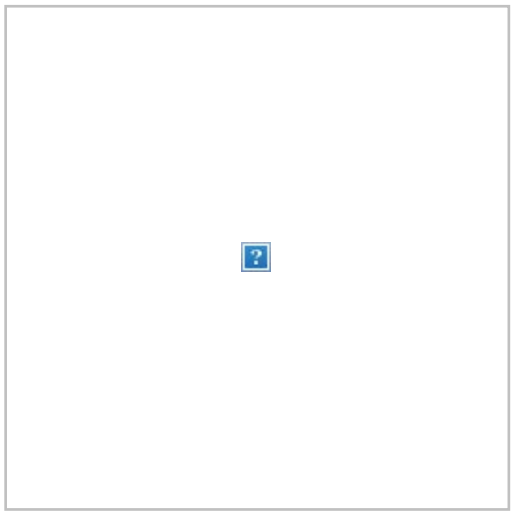
him without giving him the chance to share his account of what occurred. SJSU Vice President of Student Affairs Patrick Day, and Chief Diversity Officer Dawn Lee also sent out an email to the entire student body on September 29th, misrepresenting what occurred as an anti-Semitic hate crime and making Omar even more of a target. They sent this email to the whole school before Omar even got the chance to tell his side, or attempt to defend himself. There is a difference between Anti-Semitism, and Anti-Zionism. Omar was not anti-semetic, and to frame him as so is simply unjust defamation from our school leaders. ***READ MORE***

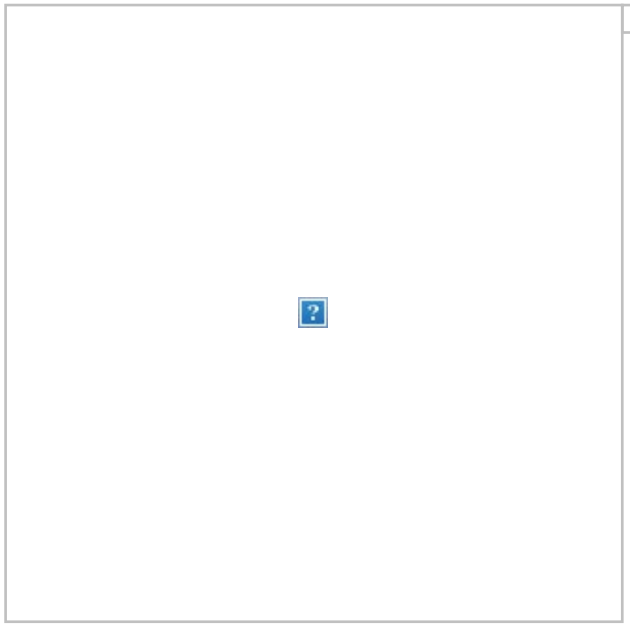


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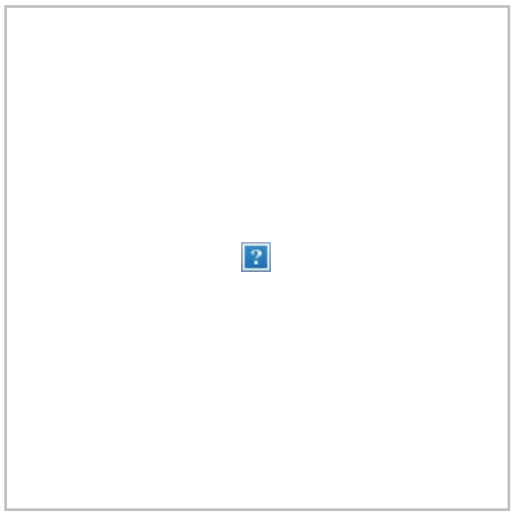
Dear Editor: I'm a 74-year-old Jewish man. The more I read and the more I learn about the historical re-cord, the more I am convinced that the land I refer to as Palestine was stolen by the far right-wing genocidal state of Israel. The more recent historical record makes clear that the U.S. government has supported the Israeli military throughout its 75-year existence. 2002, the U.S. provided $3.3 billion in military aid to Israel, according to the U.S. government's USAID. This military aid has been to the great detriment of the Palestinian people's struggle for freedom, justice and an independent homeland. It is a travesty that the billions sent to Israel for military equipment, including for the production of nuclear weapons, should have instead gone to African-American communities here at home and others living in pover-ty-stricken inner cities across this coun-try. Israel has been carpet bombing Gaza, killing thousands of innocent civilians, including more than 4,500 children, according to the Gaza Health Ministry. To add insult to injury, the Biden administration is proposing to send a $14 billion package to aid Israel to complete a genocide of the Palestinian people. The louder the international call for a cease-fire grows, the more the Israeli government digs in their heels. The longer the genocide continues, the more potent antisemitism grows both here at home and around the world. None of it makes sense. A cease-fire must be put in place now. Aram James Palo Alto





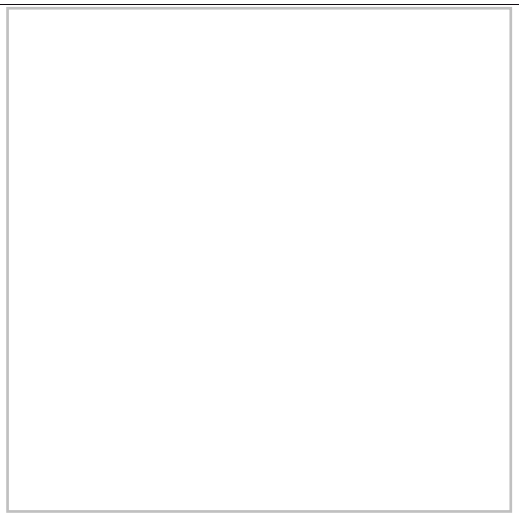


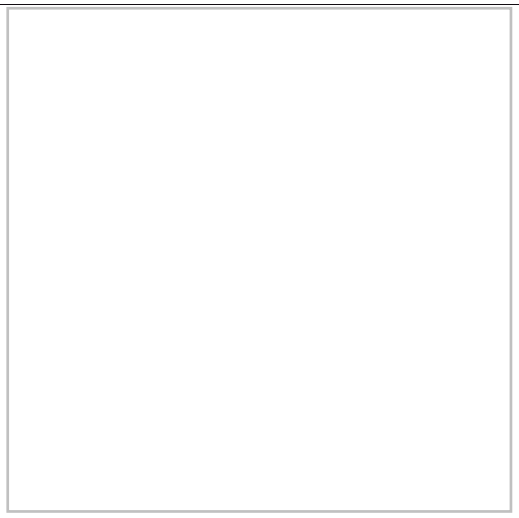
The San Jose Silicon Valley NAACP Branch expresses our heartfelt condolences on the passing of former First Lady Rosalynn Carter. Mrs. Carter will be remembered for her tireless advocacy and leadership in mental health issues, her dedication to public service, and her commitment to making a positive impact in the lives of others. We honor her legacy and extend our deepest sympathies are with former President Carter and the Carter family as they prepare to celebrate her life of service.

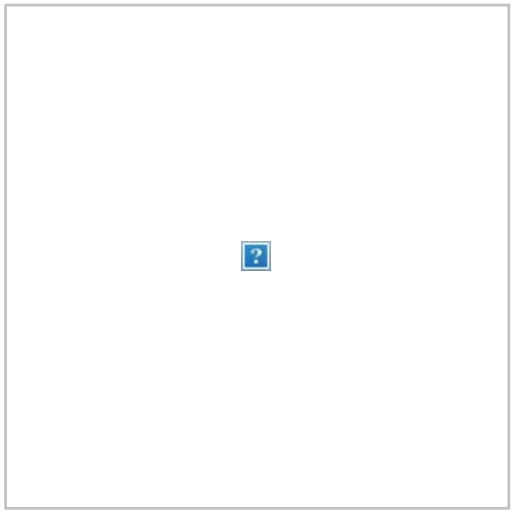


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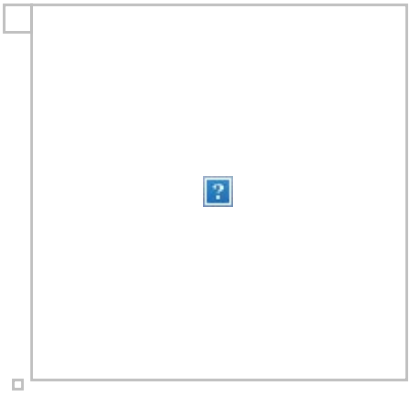
Our timeline traces its roots of crisis from European colonial expansion and racial capitalism to present-day fossil fuel industry and government projects that exploit the Earth in the name of maximum profit







On November 3, 2023, the media reported that a San Jose Police engaged in racist text messages. San Jose Police Chief Anthony Mata stated the text messages were discovered during another investigation. The Officer, Mark McNamara resigned immediately after the text messages were found by the department.



The recent revelation of racist text messages sent by a San Jose police officer has sparked outrage and demands for accountability from the community. The discovery of these reprehensible messages has once again brought issues of racism and accountability within law enforcement to the forefront. Officer Mark McNamara's resignation following the discovery of the racist texts is a step in the right direction, but it does not absolve him of responsibility for his actions. The fact that McNamara was involved in the shooting of K'aun Green in 2022 adds another troubling layer to this situation. The shooting of an innocent bystander, followed by the revelation of racist sentiments expressed by the same officer, raises serious concerns about bias

and misconduct within the San Jose Police Department. The implications of these text messages extend beyond the actions of one individual.

The involvement of another officer and a former officer who received these messages raises questions about the department's culture and the extent of racial bias within its ranks. The refusal of the city to release the names of these individuals only fuels suspicion and undermines transparency. The San Jose/Silicon Valley Branch of the NAACP's demand for the names of these individuals under the California Public Records Act is a crucial call for transparency and accountability. It is essential that those who share the same views as McNamara and failed to report his racist bias are held to account for their complicity. This is not only a matter of individual actions, but also a reflection of the integrity and trustworthiness of the entire law enforcement system. In light of these troubling revelations, immediate and comprehensive action is needed to address the deep-seated issues highlighted by this incident.

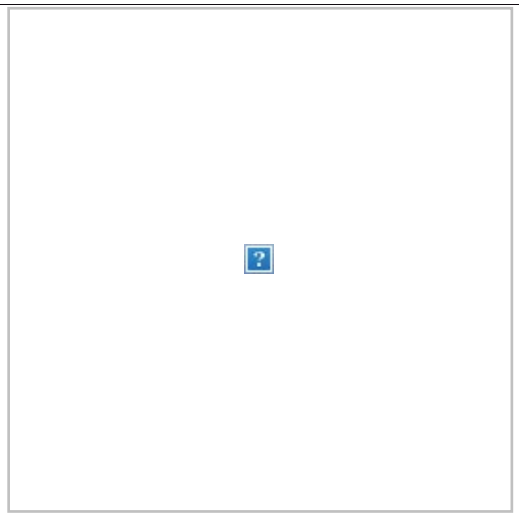
First and foremost, the active officer implicated in the receipt of the racist messages should be removed from service pending a thorough investigation. Any officer found to have exhibited or tolerated racist behavior must be held accountable to the fullest extent of the law. Furthermore, the demand for the decertification of all three individuals involved in this matter is a necessary step to prevent them from working in law enforcement in the future. The impact of their racist attitudes and actions cannot be underestimated, and allowing them to remain in positions of authority would endanger the public and undermine trust in law enforcement. Additionally, a review of all cases involving these officers is essential to ensure that justice is served. The integrity of past investigations and the rights of those affected by these officers' actions must be upheld. If any misconduct or bias is found to have influenced previous cases, appropriate measures should be taken to rectify the situation and ensure the fair treatment of all individuals involved.

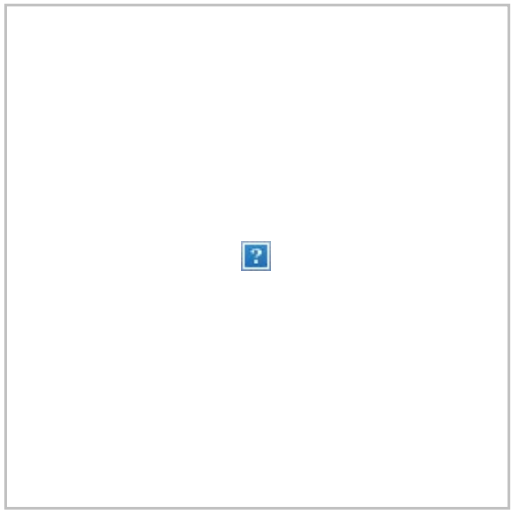
Beyond these immediate actions, there needs to be a thorough examination of the broader institutional culture within the San Jose Police Department. Addressing issues of racism, bias, and accountability requires a sustained and comprehensive effort to enact meaningful change. This includes implementing anti-bias training, promoting diversity within the department, and fostering a culture of accountability and transparency.

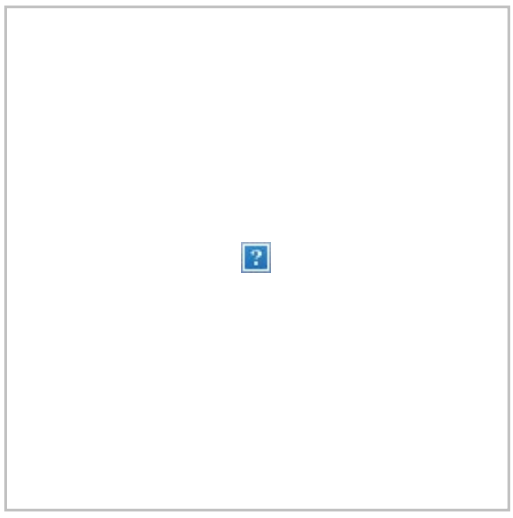
Furthermore, fostering stronger partnerships with the community, including organizations like the NAACP, can help build trust and accountability within law enforcement. Engaging in open dialogue, actively listening to the concerns of the community, and working collaboratively to address systemic issues are essential steps toward creating a more just and equitable law enforcement system. The revelations of racist text messages within the San Jose Police Department are deeply troubling and demand swift and decisive action. Accountability, transparency, and a commitment to addressing systemic issues of racism and bias are crucial to restoring trust and justice within the community.

It is only through a concerted effort to confront these challenges the department can begin to rebuilt its integrity and ensure the fair and equitable treatment of all individuals.

Pastor Jethroe Moore II, President
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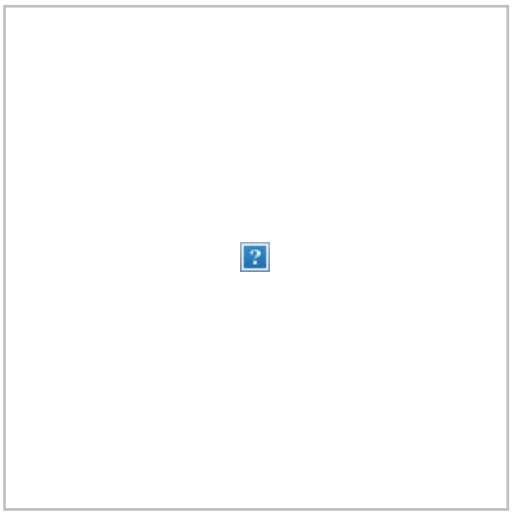


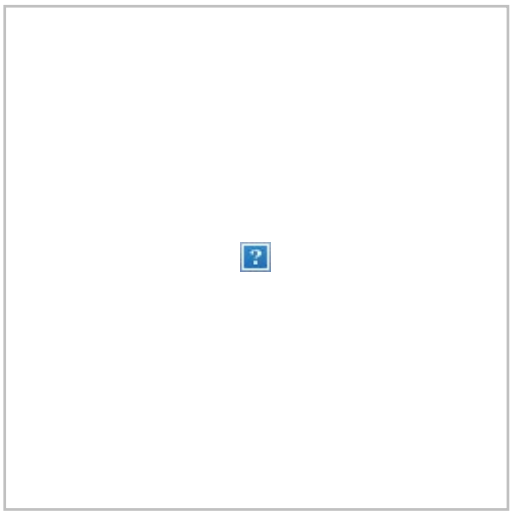


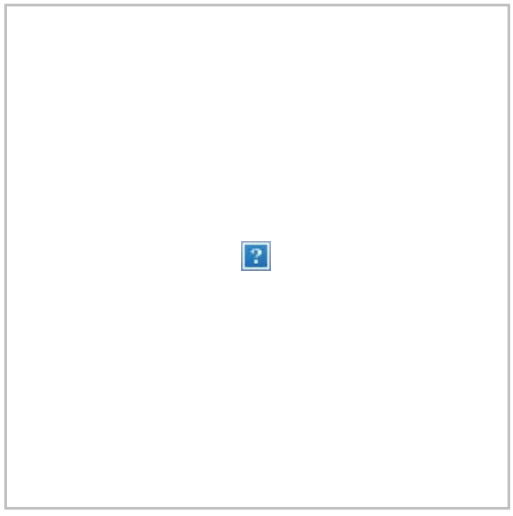


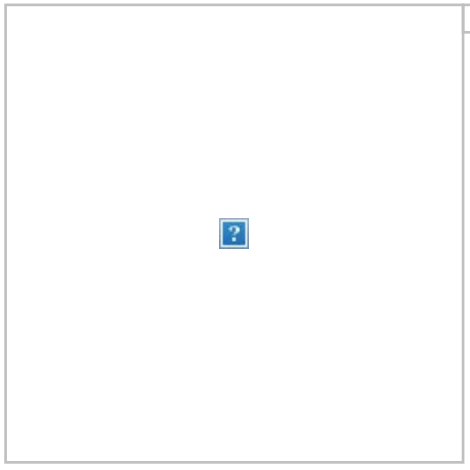
Mission College's Kwanzaa Celebration: December 6, 2023; 11:00am - 2:00pm; Freeberg Hospitality Management Building; Free Parking -- Lot C.

There is a worldwide celebration of Kwanzaa on its 57th anniversary coming up in December 2023. Mission College, Santa Clara, CA. is celebrating and its 15th anniversary December 6, 2023; 11:00am - 2:00pm; Freeberg Hospitality Management Building; FREE EVENT; Free Parking -- **Lot C**.









Call for Nominations: Quintessential Servant Leadership Award

Dear San Jose Silicon Valley Community,

The San Jose Silicon Valley Branch NAACP is thrilled to announce the annual African American Flag Raising Event Community Awards. This year, we are proud to present: the Quintessential Servant Leadership Award, dedicated to remembering Charles (Chuck) Alexander.

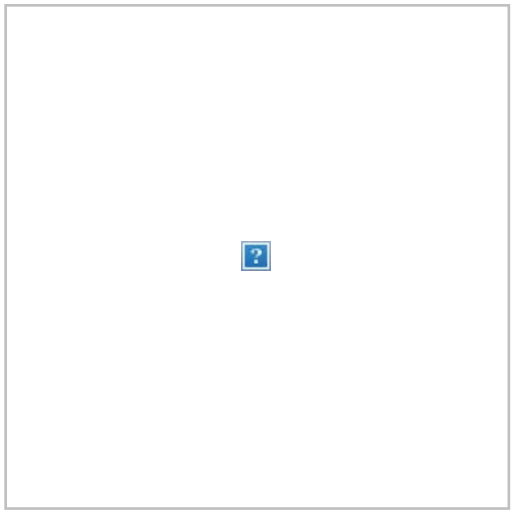
The Quintessential Servant Leadership Award aims to recognize an individual who exemplifies the qualities of a servant leader. This leadership style is characterized by a genuine desire to develop leadership qualities in others. It requires individuals to demonstrate empathy, active listening, stewardship, and a deep commitment to the personal growth of those around them.

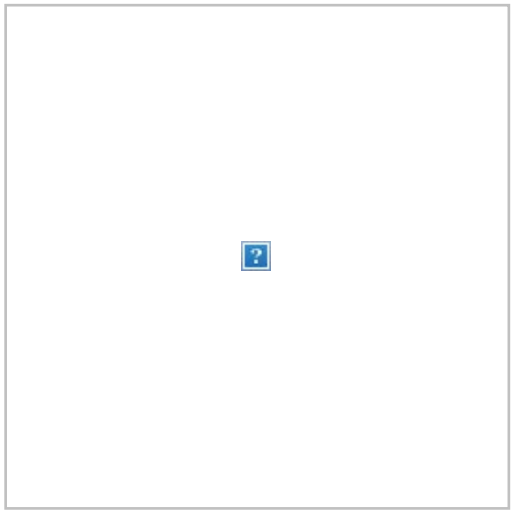
Servant leaders embody compassion, character, and competence, which form the

foundation of trust. By embracing honesty, transparency, and accountability, they establish authentic influence that motivates and inspires their teams. Through their leadership, they create an environment where team members can engage in sincere and meaningful exchanges with both leaders and peers.

Nominations for the Quintessential Servant Leadership Award are now open. We encourage you to nominate exceptional individuals who have demonstrated remarkable servant leadership qualities within our community. Together, let us celebrate those who have selflessly dedicated themselves to serving others and fostering the growth and development of those around them.

Please submit your nominations by January 15th, 2024. We look forward to receiving your recommendations and recognizing the outstanding contributions of servant leaders within our San Jose Silicon Valley community.
send nominations to moore2j@att.net/ victoria.mcdowell@sjsu.edu
Thank you for your continued support.





THE HISTORY OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

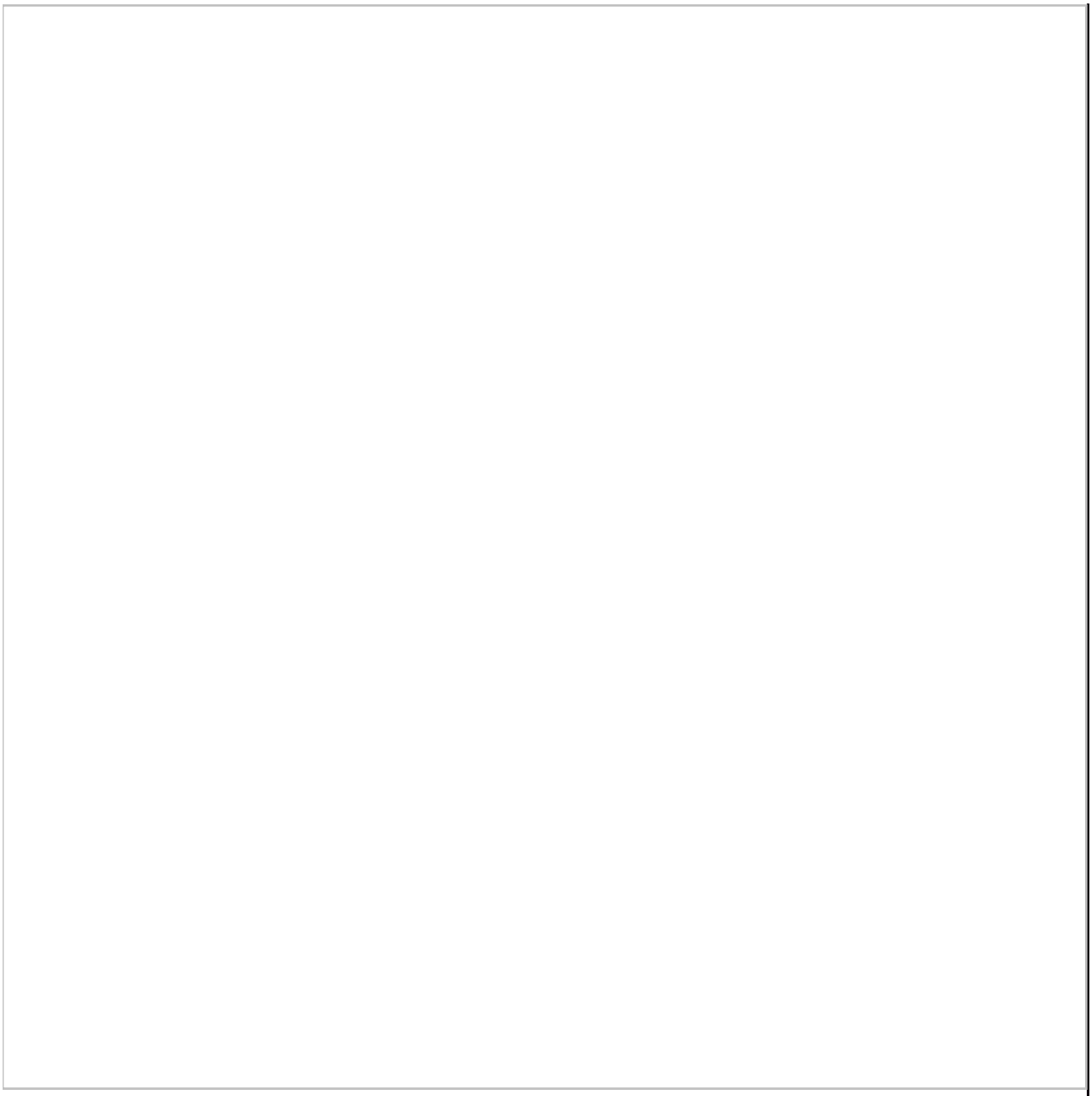
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is the first international fraternal organization founded on the campus of a historically black college.

On the evening of November 17, 1911, Omega Psi Phi was founded inside the Science Building (later renamed Thirkield Hall) at Howard University located in Washington, D.C. The founders were three undergraduates — Edgar Amos Love, Oscar James Cooper and Frank Coleman. Joining them was their faculty adviser, Ernest Everett Just.

From the initials of the Greek phrase meaning, “friendship is essential to the soul“, the name Omega Psi Phi was derived. That phrase was selected as the motto. Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift were adopted as Cardinal Principles.

CIVIL RIGHTS

Roy Wilkins – Long-time Executive Director of the NAACP.
Jesse Jackson- Former Director of Operation PUSH; Founder, National Rainbow Coalition.
Vernon Jordan – Noted Attorney and Former Executive Director of the National Urban League.
Ernest Green – Civil Rights Activist – Little Rock 9
Benjamin Hooks – Succeeded Roy Wilkins as Executive Director of the NAACP, the most effective of all civil rights organizations.
Wiley Branton – Attorney of the “Little Rock Nine” and former Dean of Howard University School of Law.
Oliver Hill – Civil Rights attorney whose work against racial discrimination helped end the doctrine of “separate but equal”. 1999 Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient.
Bayard Rustin – Civil rights organizer and activist and leader for Social movements. He organized the Freedom Rides and served as an organizer for the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.



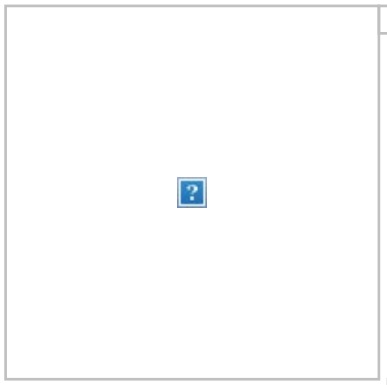
What: A Season of Black Art Event: Celebrate Black Theatre and Film -Celebrating the Craftsmen & Women of Black Expression on Stage and Screen; From the AAACC Hall of Culture hosted Films to samples of new theatre productions from local SF/Bay Area companies in the Historic Buriel Clay Theater, the Narratives of Black Lives Explode in a Continuum of Awe-inspiring Entertainment and Enlightenment!
When: Saturday, December 9, 2023 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm
Where: AAACC at 762 Fulton Street, San Francisco, CA 94102
Space is limited! ***Registration in advance is highly encouraged.***

Corruption and Rights Abuses Are Flourishing in Lithium Mining Across Africa, a New Report Finds

The global clean energy transition could be a game changer for Africa, but exploitation of miners continues as many foreign mining companies ignore local opposition. By *Katie Surma*

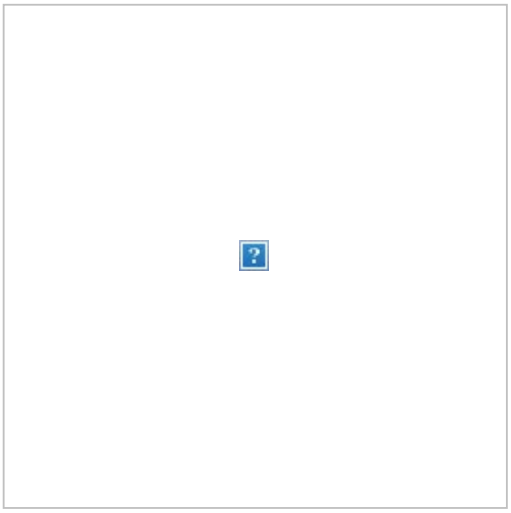
On a Sunday afternoon in March 2023, Darlington Vito was shot in the head outside an industrial lithium mine in Masvingo Province, Zimbabwe.

A subsistence miner, he had been searching for chunks of ore in a rubble pile when a security guard at the mine site fired his weapon without warning, family members and local human rights activists said in interviews. Vito died a week later from his injuries. For Vito and other locals living near the mine, the global lithium boom brought the promise of economic opportunity to the poverty-stricken region. Global demand for lithium, a lightweight metal used in electric vehicles, mobile phones and energy storage systems, is expected to increase ***fortyfold*** from 2020 to 2040, as the world moves away from fossil fuels and toward renewable sources of energy to mitigate climate change. ***READ MORE***



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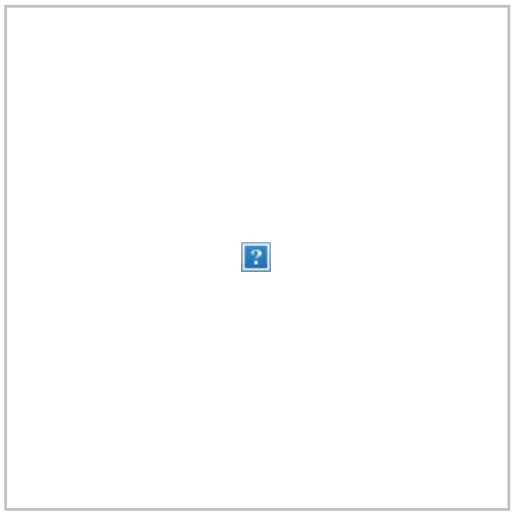
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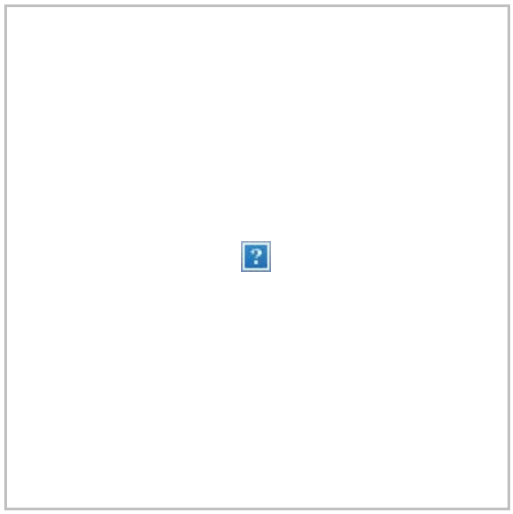
African American Cultural Center!

WALTER WILSON

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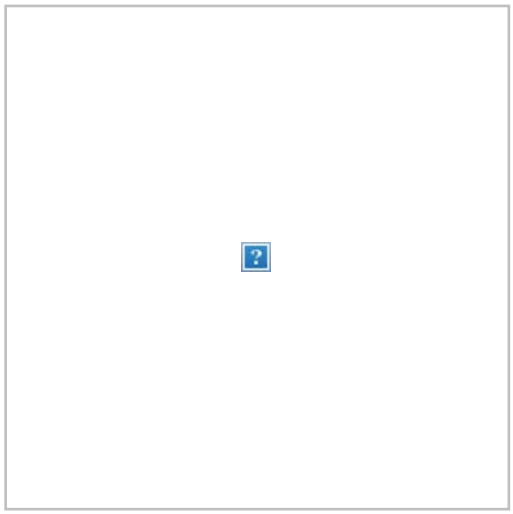


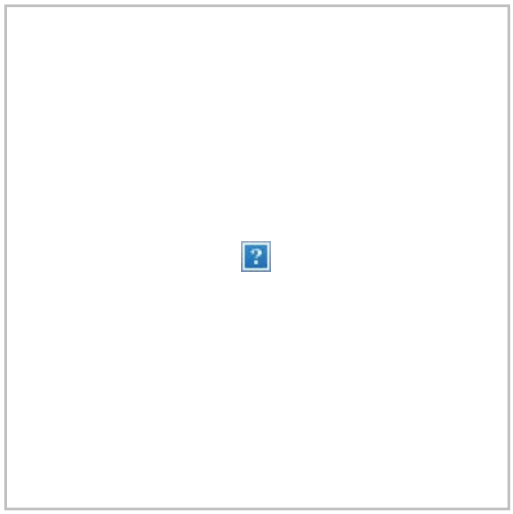
Learn about the different ways the tobacco industry targets the hip-hop community. Learn about the history and role of hip-hop culture and strategies on how to combat big tobacco.

Rethinking Thanksgiving Celebrations: Native Perspectives on Thanksgiving

The "First Thanksgiving" is often portrayed as a friendly harvest celebration where Pilgrims and generic, nameless Indians came together to eat and give thanks. This story is a myth that was sparked in the mid-1800s when English accounts of the 1621 harvest event resurfaced and fueled the American imagination. Romanticized paintings and stereotypical images of "Pilgrims" and "Indians" celebrating the "First Thanksgiving" became part of the national nostalgia and Manifest Destiny sentiment as the United States pushed west. Sarah Josepha Hale, an influential editor of a magazine called Godey's Lady's Book, led a campaign for a national Thanksgiving holiday, and the "First Thanksgiving" myth played into her agenda. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln declared a national Thanksgiving in November to celebrate gratitude and unity amidst the turmoil of the Civil War. In the decades that followed, the "First Thanksgiving" myth and the national holiday evolved into a foundational, national story reinforced by memorials, holiday marketing,

literature, and school curriculums. ***READ MORE***





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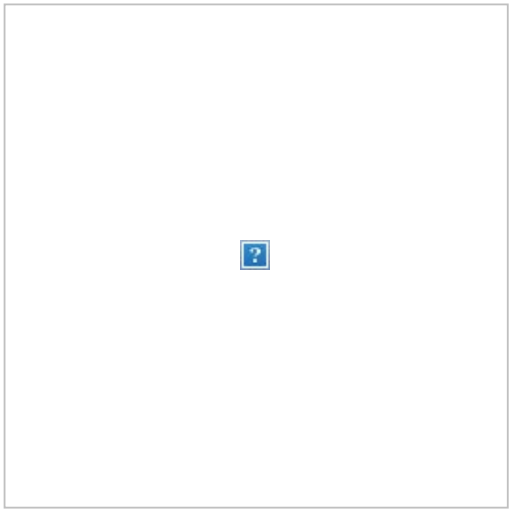
1. California and Hawaii citizens submit a **signed** ***"Civil & Human Rights Complaint" (CHRC) Form*** to their local NAACP Branch.
2. The local Branch submits the received CHRC form to their Legal Redress committee upon seeing "Racial Discrimination" or "Racial Harassment" triggers on the form.
3. The local Branch's Legal Redress Committee conducts an investigation and determines whether or not an attorney needs to be consulted.
   a. If it is determined that an attorney does not need to be involved, the Branch's Legal Redress Committee shall resolve the issue internally.
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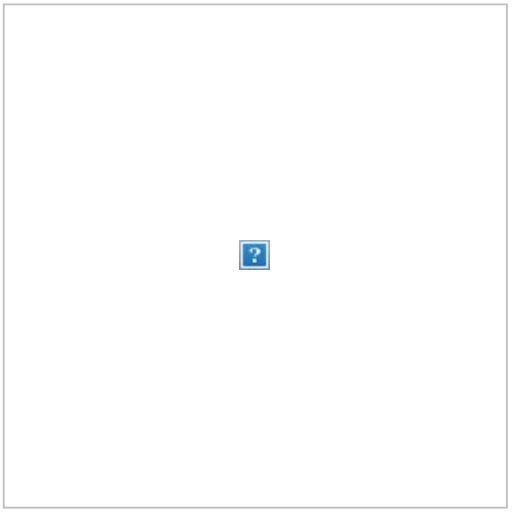
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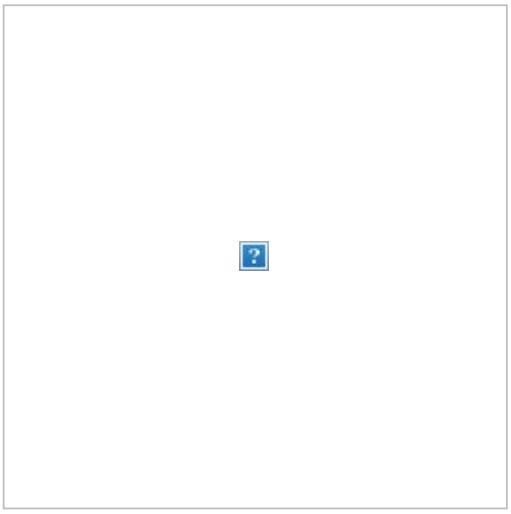
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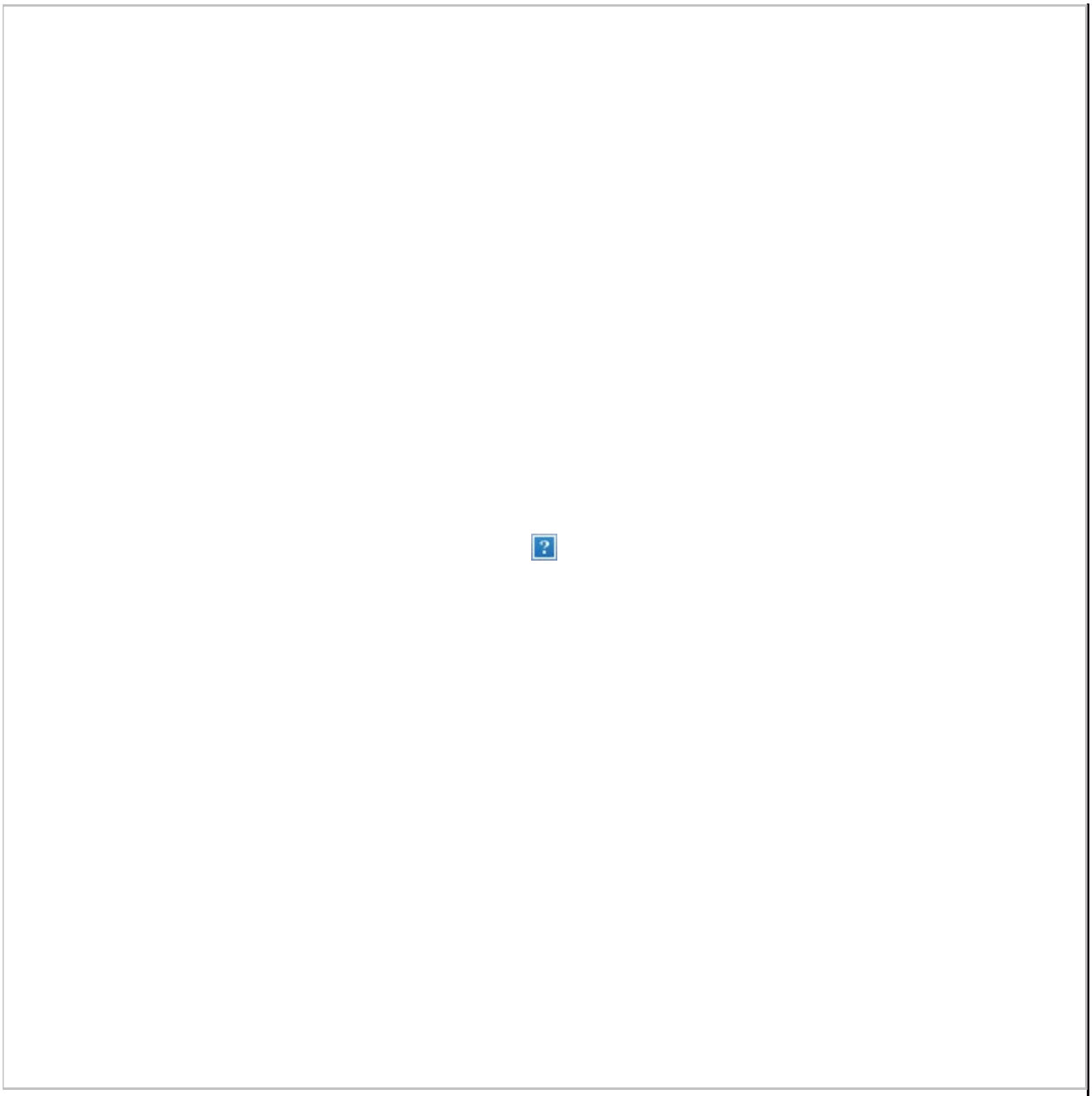
WHO IS ELIGIBLE:
Currently, Californians who are/were the victims of racial harassment or discrimination in employment, housing, and other situations that violate their civil rights. We are actively looking for law firms in additional areas of practice, and we welcome recommendations from Branches on new law practice areas that could be included.

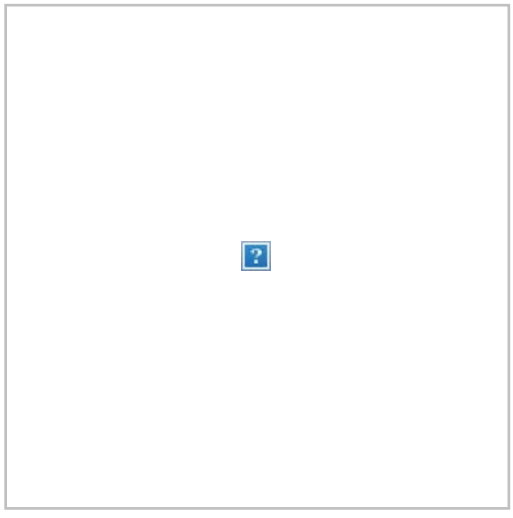
This information can also be found on the ***State Conference's website*** under the "Legal Redress" tab. Please feel free to get in touch with me with any questions or concerns.

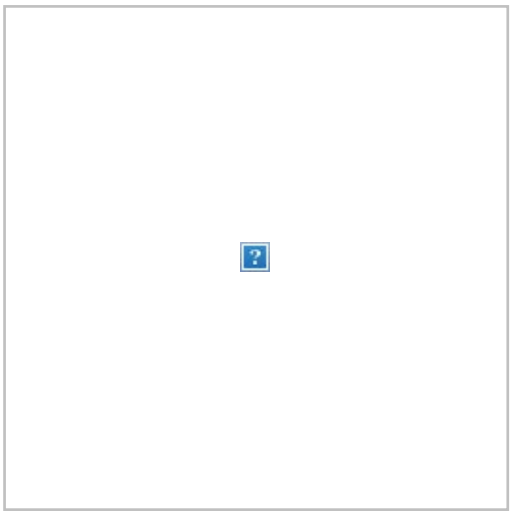


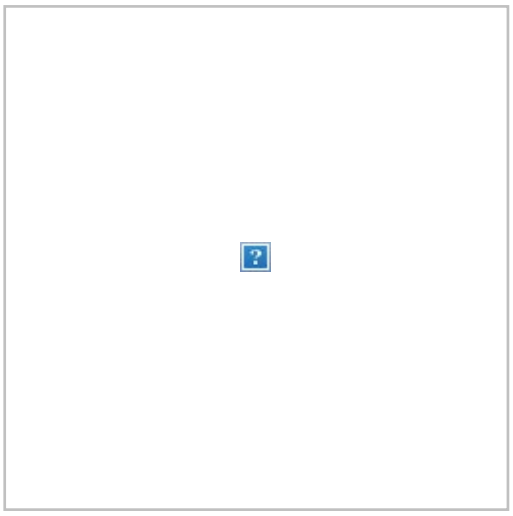


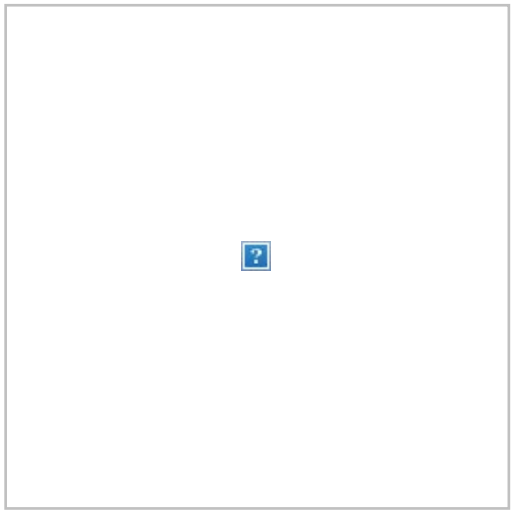


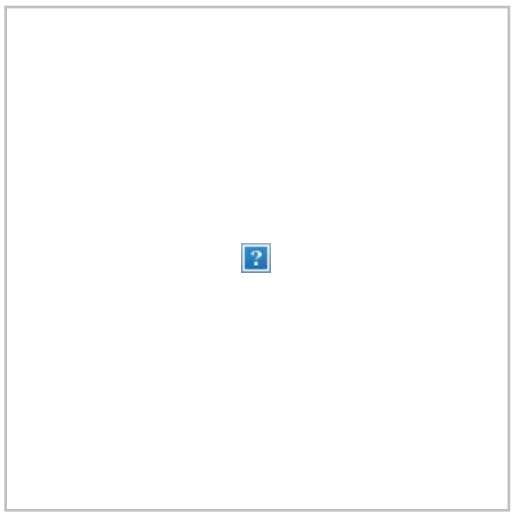


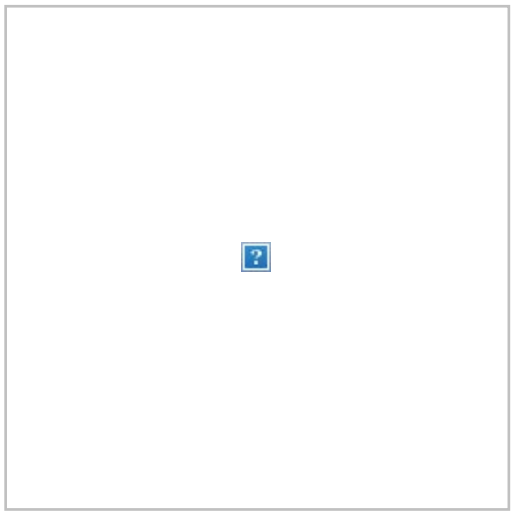


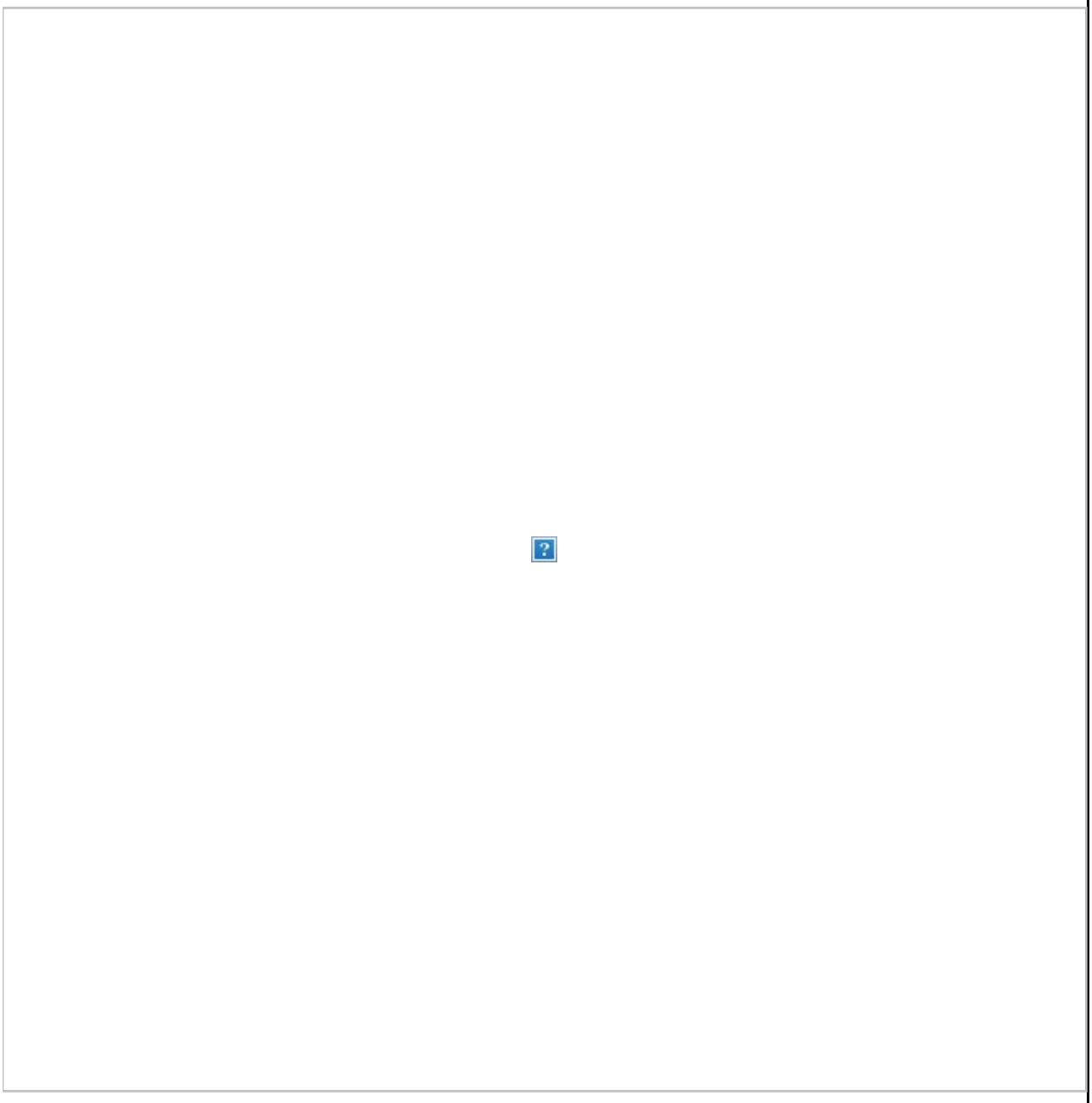












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CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS DISCLOSURE OF OFFICERS' NAMES

Acting in the case of Long Beach Police Officers Association v. City of Long Beach (2014 Cal. LEXIS 3757 (May 29, 2014)), the California Supreme Court, on a 6-1 vote, has held that the public interest in disclosure of the names of officers in an OIS will, as a general rule, outweigh in the privacy interest of the officers in having their names withheld.

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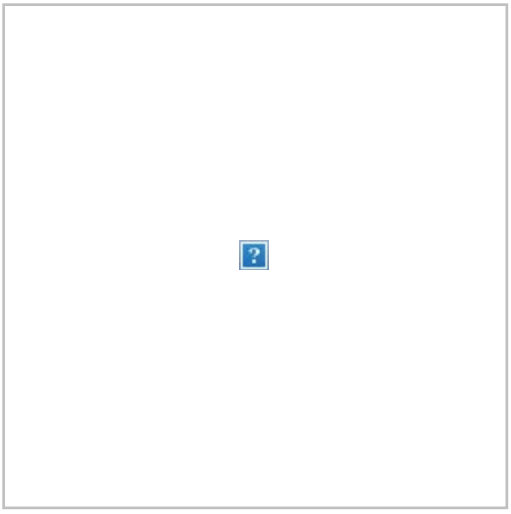
On December 12, 2010, officers of the Long Beach Police Department were involved in the fatal shooting of an intoxicated man who pointed an apparent handgun at them. (Though said by officers to have been pointed as though — and appearing to them to be — a firearm, the device was later learned to have been a hose spray nozzle.)

The Los Angeles Times made a Public Records Act (CPRA) request for release by the City of the names of the involved officers, as well as those involved in shootings in the preceding several years.

The Long Beach POA sought to enjoin the City from releasing the names, an effort supported by the City. They maintained that the Police Department historically treated the names of officers under investigation as personnel records not subject to disclosure, and that disclosure of names of shooting-involved officers would endanger their safety.

The Los Angeles Times argued that under the CPRA the public interest in knowing the names of involved officers outweighed the privacy interest of the officers.

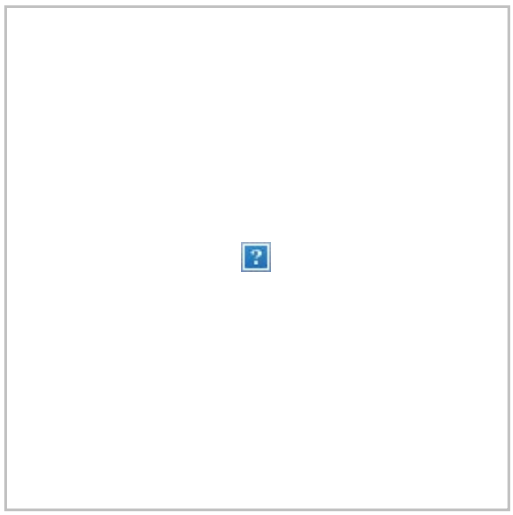
After the trial court denied injunctive relief, the POA and the City appealed without success before the Court of Appeal, and the California Supreme Court granted review.

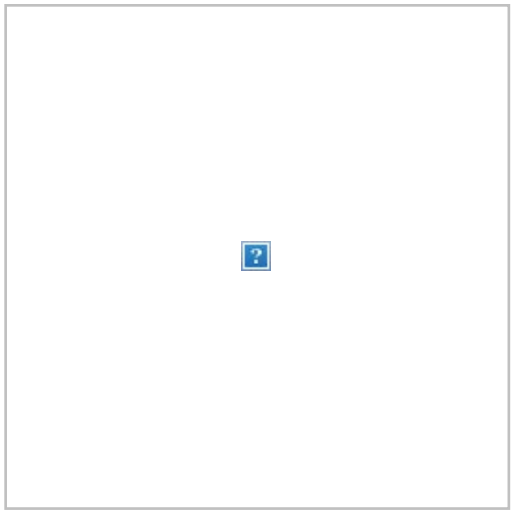


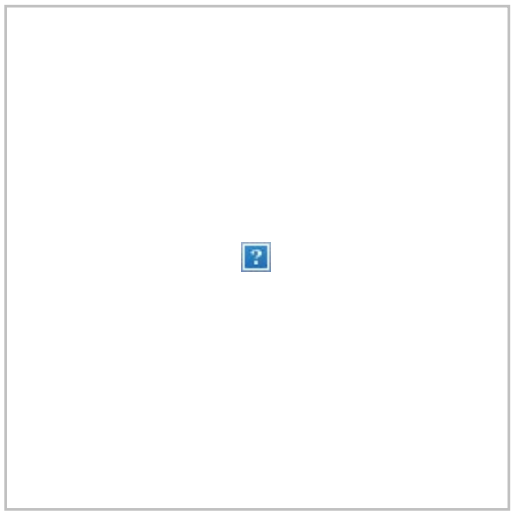
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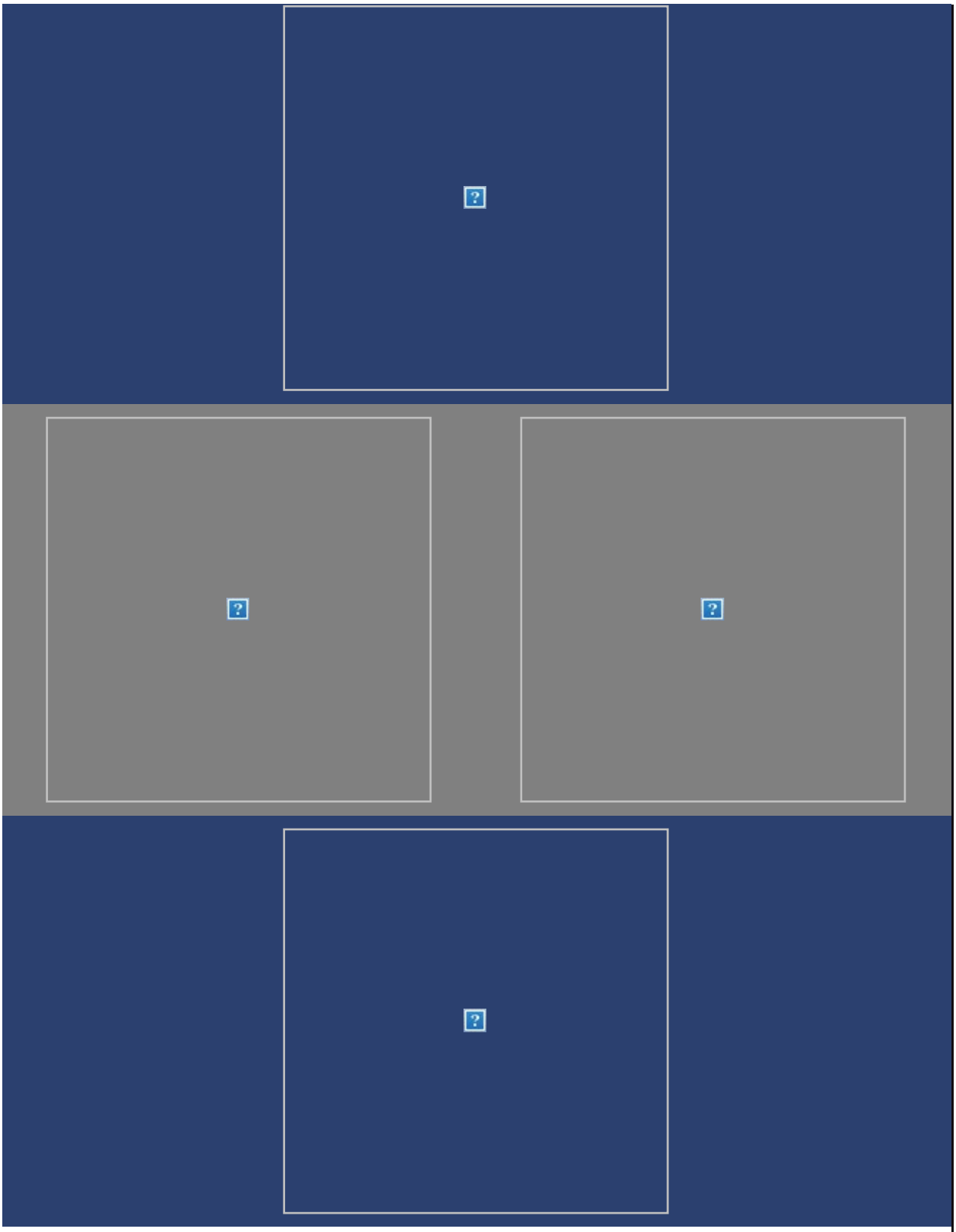
Each year the Foundation partners with local and regional transportation agencies to provide commemorative transportation to and from the celebration events.

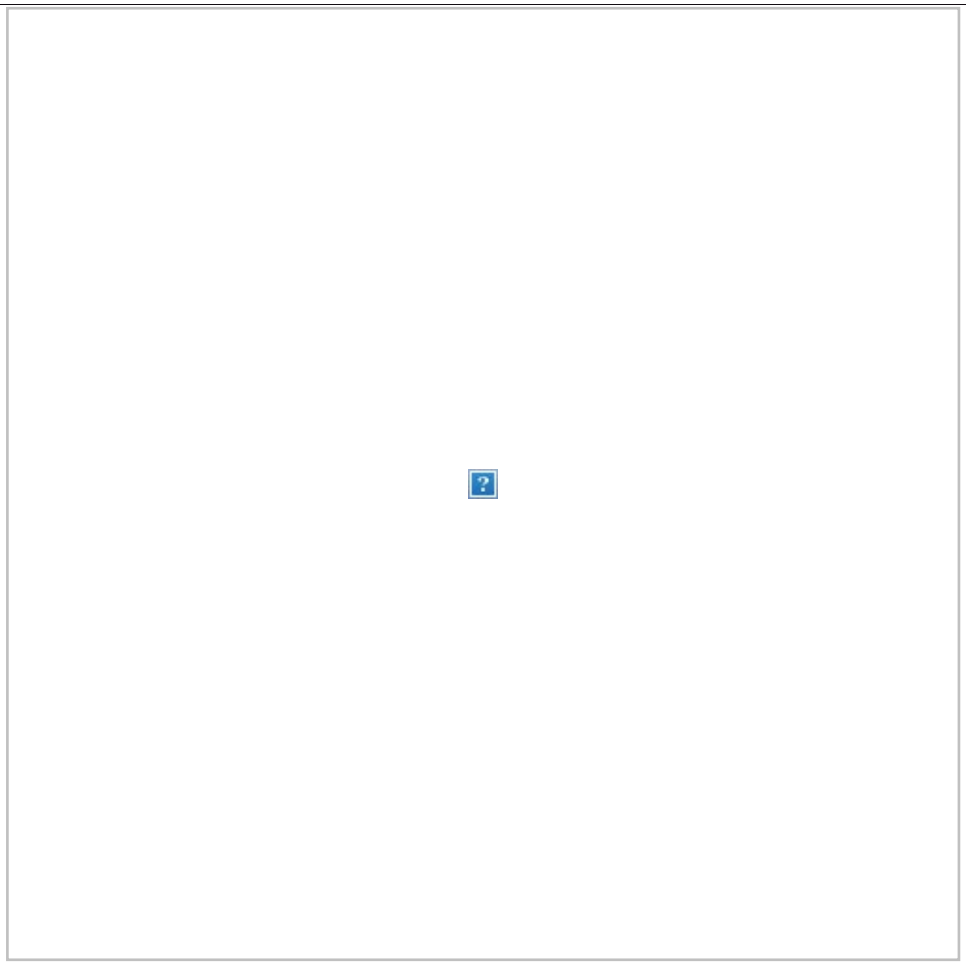
The NorcalMLK Foundation's MLK Transportation Program, in collaboration with Bay Area transit systems including Caltrain, BART SFMTA, and Golden Gate Ferries, is a vital initiative that removes barriers to participation in our MLK Celebration events. On the federal holiday commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., this program provides thousands of individuals and families across the San Francisco Bay Area and Northern California region with a remarkable opportunity to attend our events free of transit fare charges. ***READ MORE***

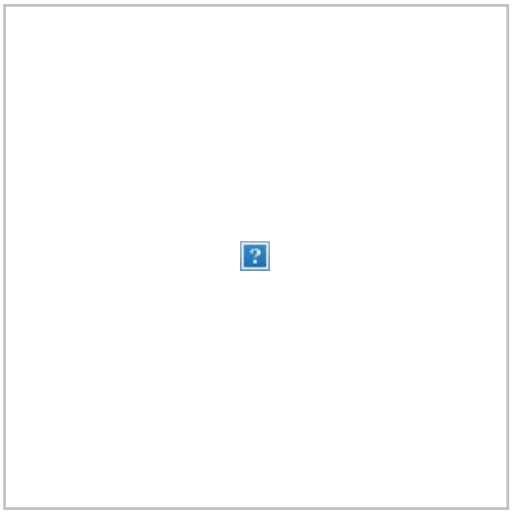


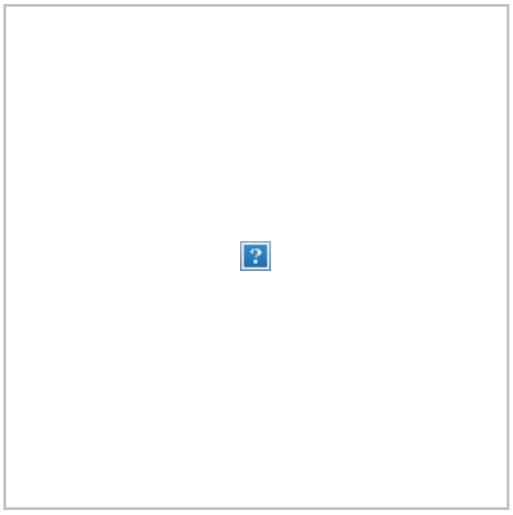






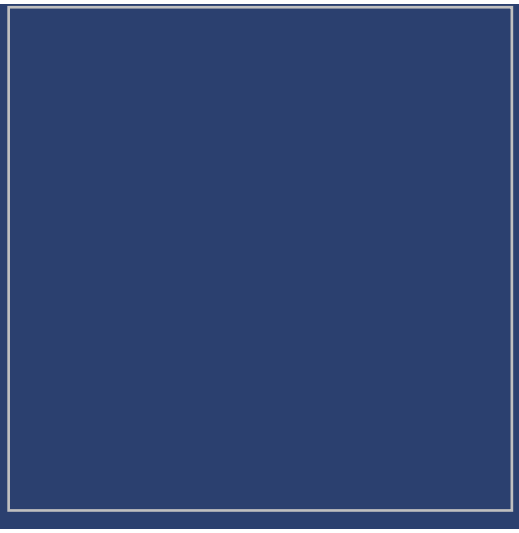


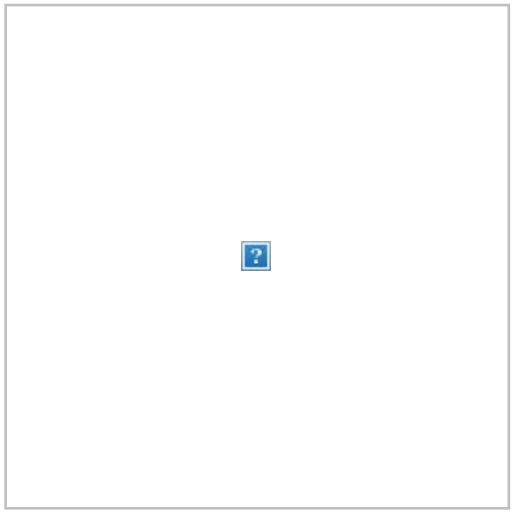




Mass Supervision
Probation, Parole, and the Illusion of Safety and Freedom
Vincent Schiraldi
With a foreword by Bruce Western

The most comprehensive critique of probation and parole—and a provocative and compelling argument for abolishing both—from the former Probation Commissioner of New York City





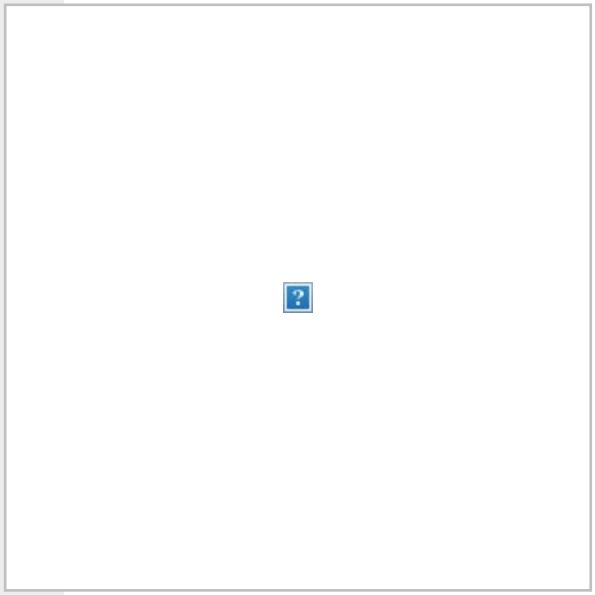
We obtained data on 58 California sheriff's departments.

SCORECARD AT A GLANCE

AVERAGE FOR 4 SECTIONS: 34%

Scores range from 0-100% comparing counties with 100-250k population. Counties with higher scores spend less on policing, use less force, are more likely to hold officers accountable and make fewer arrests for low-level offenses.

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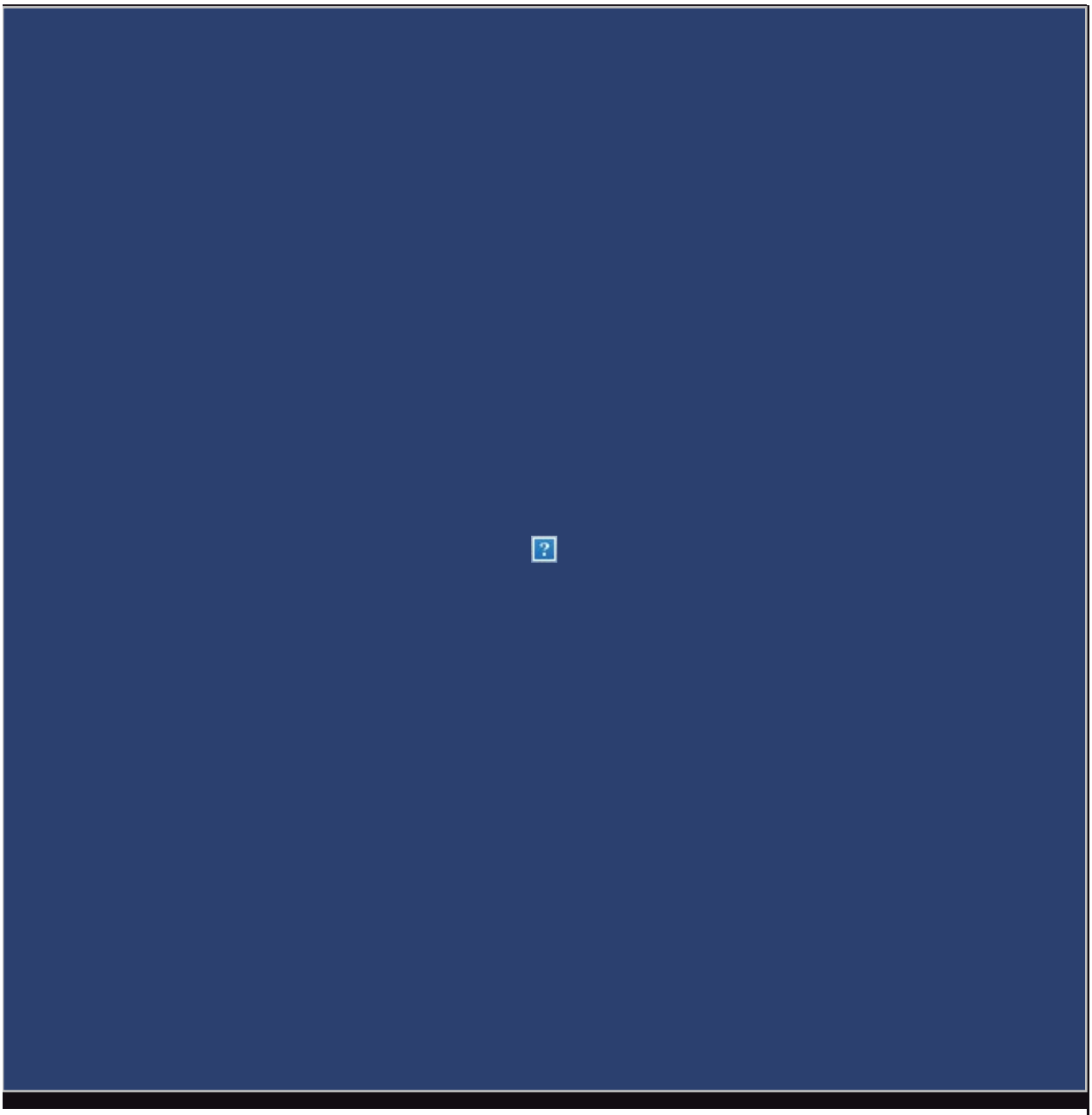
2024 King Holiday Observance Calendar of Events

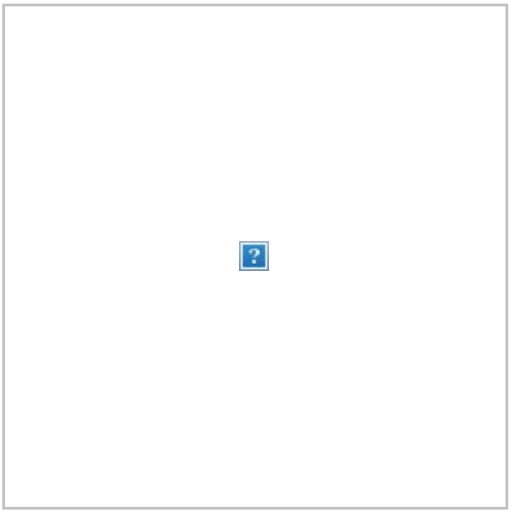
The 2024 King Holiday Observance Calendar of Events encompasses experiences to remind global citizens of our capacity to create the Beloved Community, and to help us develop strategies for shifting the cultural climate in key areas of our lives.

Share the schedule on social media using the hashtags

#KHO2024 #MLKDay2024 #TheKingCenter

Detailed Schedule





Register at https://sdpconference.info/2024-conference/

The 2024 conference will be convened at the **Palmer House Hotel, Monday, February 19 – Thursday, February 22, 2024, in Chicago, IL**.

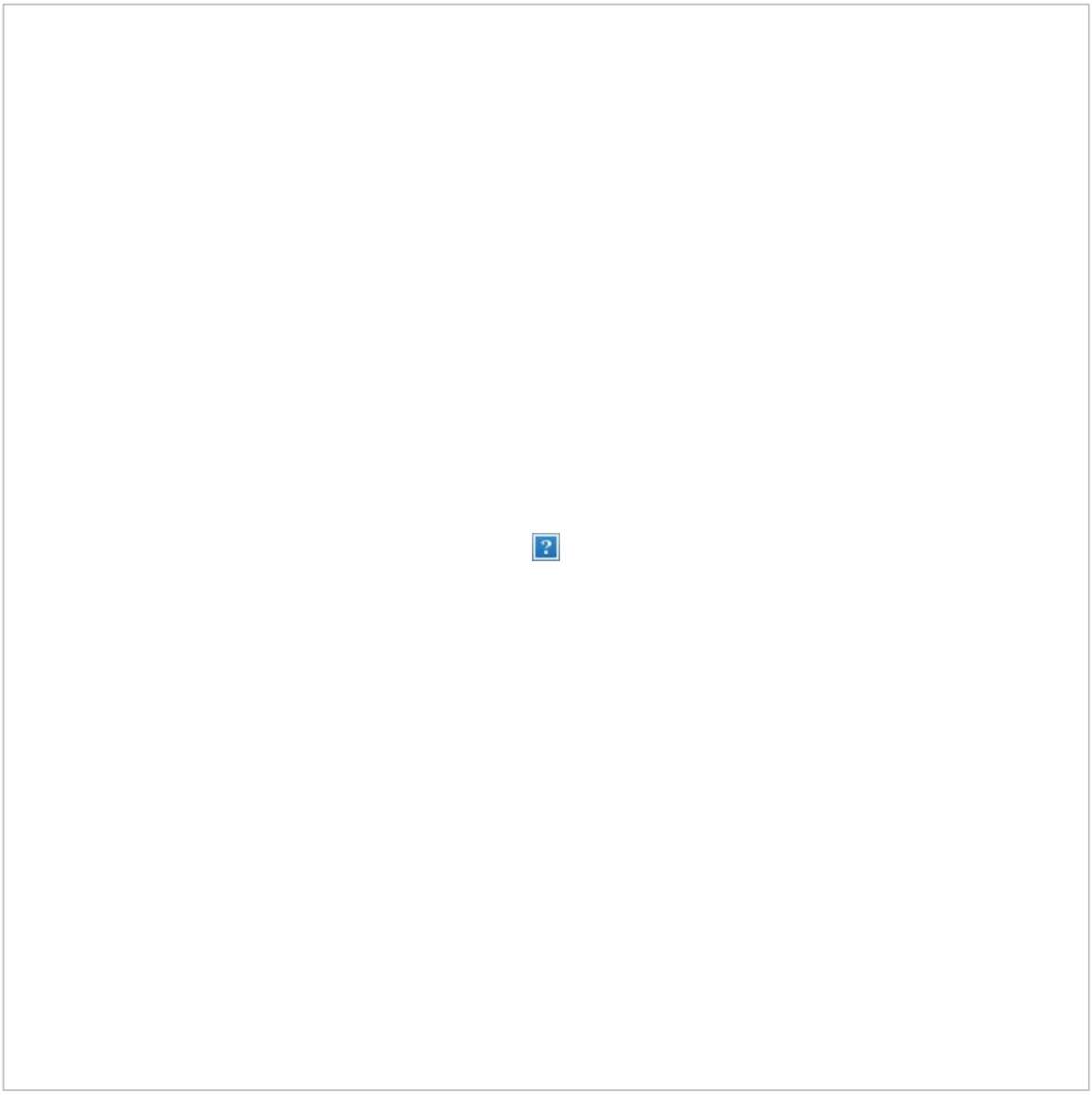
The Annual Clergy and Lay Leadership Conference through the power of prophetic preaching, informed teaching and social activism, clergy and laity work together on behalf of the disenfranchised, vulnerable, and those most ***marginalized*** in the world.

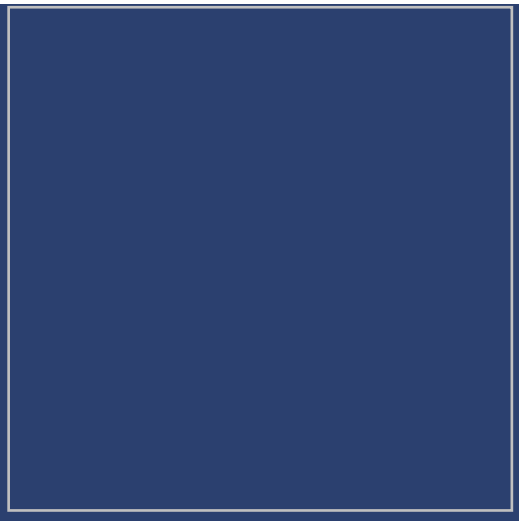
The 2024 Conference will include…

- Opening conference worship service at the Palmer House hotel
- Renowned African American preachers, theologians, and activists
- Informed teaching and educational opportunities through various breakout sessions including Connecting the Dots: Racism, Ecojustice and the Wealth Gap
- General Secretary's Luncheon & Ella Jo Baker Awards

- “Beautiful Are The Feet” Honoree Signature Event

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THREE-HUNDRED THIRTY delegates to the Democratic National Convention who backed Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., in his 2016 and 2020 presidential bids sent a letter to the senator urging him to introduce a resolution for a ceasefire in Gaza.

The letter, sent on Wednesday, urges Sanders to introduce a Senate companion bill to a ceasefire resolution introduced last month in the House of Representatives. The Sanders convention delegates also called on him to support an end to the Israeli blockade of Gaza, the occupation of Palestinian land, U.S. military funding for war crimes against Palestinians, and the expansion of Israeli settlements.

"Palestinians require more than just a 'humanitarian pause.'"

"We've progressed beyond the stage of seeking mere condemnations or symbolic gestures," the delegates wrote. "We concur with your assertion that these 'unspeakable crimes' must cease and that 'the bombs and missiles from both sides' should be halted. But Palestinians require more than just a 'humanitarian pause.'"

The House resolution was introduced by by Rep. Cori Bush, D-Mo.; Rashida Tlaib, D-Mich.; André Carson, D-Ind.; Summer Lee, D-Pa.; and Delia Ramirez, D-Ill. The House resolution now has 18 co-sponsors. So far, at least 31 members of Congress, including Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., have come out in favor of a ceasefire — although Durbin and others conditioned their calls on the release of Israeli prisoners in Gaza.

The letter comes three weeks after hundredsof Sanders presidential campaign alumni sent a letter urging the senator to back a ceasefire. Since that letter's release, Sanders has all but supported a ceasefire: calling for a humanitarian pause; to "stop the bombing"; and saying Congress, the Biden administration, and the world "must take action."

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Sanders's delegates delivered the letter to the Vermont senator one day after more than 115 former staffers for President Joe Biden and former President Barack Obama — including former Biden chief of staff Ron Klain and former Treasury Secretary and Harvard University President Lawrence Summers — applauded Biden for his "staunch support of Israel." The former top administration officials lauded Biden's proposed $14.3 billion in military aid for Israel.

It also follows a decision by Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D. N.Y., and House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, D-N.Y., to join Speaker of the House Mike Johnson, R-La., and Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, at Tuesday's March for Israel in Washington, D.C., where the quartet proclaimed, "We stand with Israel."

Hours later, Israel invaded Al-Shifa hospital, the Gaza Strip's largest hospital, where thousands of displaced and injured civilians were trapped, including dozens of premature babies.

Wednesday is the fifth consecutive day that the Gaza Ministry of Health has been unable to update its death toll, owing to a lack of fuel and power that has totaled the health care system, making tallying the dead and communications nearly impossible. The last time the ministry updated the death toll, on Friday, Israel had killed 11,078 people.

"As a Jewish person of conscience watching Israeli genocide in real time, I say, not in my name, not with my tax dollars, shall Israel bomb and deprive a trapped population, half of them children, of water, food, medicine and fuel," said Marcy Winograd, a 2020 Sanders delegate from California's 24th congressional district, and a co-founding member of the Los Angeles chapter of Jewish Voice for Peace. "As a Jewish member of Congress, Senator Sanders' voice would be particularly persuasive in demanding an end to Israel's violations of international law that shock the world to leave us feeling unmoored from our own humanity."



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“From coastal cities to rural valleys like mine, millions of young people turned their attention to politics for the first time in 2016 and 2020 because we shared Bernie’s vision for peace and justice,” said Taran Samarth, a student organizer and 2020 Sanders delegate from Pennsylvania. “We need him now, more than ever, to champion those values once more and call for a ceasefire in the face of the Biden administration’s unconditional support for the collective punishment of the Palestinian people.

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Hi Aram,

While we will hold comment on the latest with the Antioch PD with this article, we will say that maybe it's time for our group to align and join forces with other Bay Area groups. **WE** have for a long time, and *particularly since Sheriff Jonsen got elected*, that the community needs to focus on the leaders of the Departments, **especially those with a sordid past who are or potentially can be a problem.**

Our attempts to call attention to the very issue that you can remove, fire, charge, and decertify street cops or jail deputies, but the **real problem** remains in the leadership who will replace the dirty ones with others who are just as bad. Leadership needs to take immediate and swift action. Leaders need to acknowledge the problem they have and promise the community that these issues will not be tolerated and swift action will be the norm. Leadership needs to continue to remind the community that they are constantly monitoring and reviewing the issues that would pose a problem and not sit on it or move it under the carpet.

We have found several police chiefs and sheriffs across the USA whose own past, whether riddled with civil or criminal issues or worse, both, are serving without anyone calling attention to them. These are the same leaders who pose the real problem along with their officers who are a menace and danger to our communities. It's hard for them to take action or listen to the community especially when they have backgrounds or are poor decision makers, sometimes worse than their officers. Hypocrisy is detrimental to their mentalities and egos.

We applaud SJPD Chief Mata and other astute leaders for their swift actions and for speaking up with our communities that the problems will not be tolerated. Members of our group have communicated with Chief Mata and his leadership and they listen very well and are aware that the community will no longer tolerate Chiefs and Sheriffs taking a back seat. Our group is confident that the SJPD will continue to move forward with cleaning their house and taking care of the problems front and center very quickly. In addition, we hope that officers' actions will be closely scrutinized before siding with Dept policies as in the Antioch cases.

We also have to keep in mind that Officers terminated too quickly without full justification or due process, could get their jobs back through civil service appeal. If this happens, decertifying becomes next to impossible. Just as defendants' cases during court trials are dismissed due to a technicality or wrongdoing by the judicial system, it's not common that they are ever tried again.

Everyone knows what our group focus is and we hope to expand that focus within the Bay Area and to other groups in California and across the Nation. Either the current Chiefs, Sheriffs, and their leadership resign or retire, or their backgrounds or previous poor decisions will be brought out and scrutinized, and whether they are fit to serve their Depts and the community.

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November 1, 2023

Know your rights when rallying for justice.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Good morning, and happy Wednesday!

As communities around the country mobilize and show solidarity with Palestine, they are being met with pushback and condemnation, including losing jobs and doxxing. In today's newsletter, we put together resources to help protect those speaking out.

Want to listen to this newsletter? Here's a link to today's issue!

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- Sign up for our one-hour workshop on advocating safely and effectively.
- Follow Palestinian Legal to learn more about your rights in supporting Palestine and Palestinian people.
- Use these resources from the US Campaign for Palestinian Rights to guide your advocacy efforts.
- Use and share our protest guide to ensure you're protesting safely and effectively.
- Register here for *The ARD* online action hour tomorrow, 11/2, to demand Congress support a ceasefire.

GET EDUCATED

By Nicole Cardoza Lee (she/her)

Individuals, especially students, are receiving blowback for speaking against the attack on Palestinian people at their workplaces and schools. And as the attacks on Gaza continue (as of writing on 10/31, there have been over 8,000 confirmed deaths of Palestinian people, and internet and cellular service is gradually returning in Gaza after being cut off for 36 hours), more people will likely be inspired to speak out.

This is most acute on Harvard's campus, where students whose organizations

signed onto a statement condemning Israel for its occupation of Palestine are now facing an intense doxing campaign initiated by the conservative organization Accuracy in Media. The group has created a site listing these students as antisemitic, and a truck with the faces and names of students is driving around campus, referring to each as “Harvard’s Leading Antisemites.” Now, students fear for their safety (Teen Vogue). Ryna Workman, a student at NYU Law School, lost a job offer and was suspended after they expressed solidarity with Palestine (hear their story on Democracy Now).

Suppression is happening in corporate spaces, too. Writers like Nathan Thrall and Viet Thanh Nguyen have had events canceled for writing or sharing about Palestinian oppression. A hotel in Houston has canceled a conference scheduled for next week hosted by the US Campaign for Palestinian Rights (CNN). The Boston Palestine Film Festival was forced to cancel its live screenings (WBUR). And executives have been suspended or fired for sharing pro-Palestinian statements (The Guardian).

This type of suppression isn’t new and is even codified by law in some states. Twenty-seven states have adopted laws or policies that penalize businesses, organizations, or individuals that engage in or call for boycotts against Israel (HRW). And similar practices are unfolding across the world. Since the armed action by Palestinian groups on October 7, France, Germany, Hungary, and Austria have banned pro-Palestine protests and are arresting those who defy the order. In Britain, Palestinian flags and slogans are considered threats to public safety (Jewish Currents). On October 26, the U.S. Senate passed a resolution condemning “antisemitic rhetoric” on college campuses; however, it associates solidarity with Palestine as support for Hamas and anti-Israel criticism as antisemitism. And some legislators are calling for pro-Palestinian student groups to be investigated for possible terrorism ties. Palestinians feel silenced and discriminated against, and pro-Palestine supporters feel unheard (Reuters).

Since then, leaders and organizations have put together resources to help protect those speaking out. Here are some highlights, including links for more information.

Is it antisemitic to call for a ceasefire or advocate for the liberation of Palestine?

It's not antisemitic to name the oppression of Palestinian people by the Israeli government. It *is* antisemitic to call for violence against Jewish people, blame Jewish people for the decisions of the Israeli government, or speak disparagingly against Jewish people (Palestinian Rights).

- **Can I raise funds for Palestinian groups?**

  It is legal to raise charitable funds and donations for Palestinians affected by the occupation. It is not legal to raise funds for militant groups the U.S. government classified as "terrorist" organizations. All of the widely circulated fundraising campaigns for Palestine are legal—including the ones we've shared in the newsletter. (Palestinian Rights).

- **Can my college take action against me for sharing my perspective?**

  If you go to a public college, as long as your language doesn't directly harm students (see the next question), you have a right to express your opinion. Courts have upheld students' rights to wear things like an anti-war armband, an armband opposing the right to get an abortion, and a shirt supporting the LGBTQ community (ACLU).

- **Are my political viewpoints antisemitic?**

  Some groups have filed Title VI complaints alleging that Palestine activism amounts to discrimination or harassment against Jewish students. These complaints have so far been dismissed by the Department of Education (DOE), which has made clear that expression of political viewpoints, standing alone, is not "harassment" and does not create a hostile educational environment under Title VI. If you're organizing a conversation or rally, it's important to ensure that all parties participating agree to abide by these, too (Palestinian Rights).

- **What can I do about threatening or hateful messages on email or social media because I support Palestinian rights?**

  You might be able to find support on campus or at your workplace. But legally,

hate speech can't be punished by public universities or law enforcement unless it reaches the level of legal "harassment."

I hope these resources can help you understand the risk of speaking out for your own safety. But it's important to remember that the lives of Palestinian people are at stake. If you have the capacity to take the risk, it'll help to shift the narrative and, hopefully, end the genocide. We need every voice to support the movement for justice and liberation.

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- People are being punished for speaking up for Palestine and Palestinian people at schools, workplaces and events.
- Criticizing the political decisions of Israel is not antisemitism.
- Use the tools outlined here to understand your rights when rallying for

Palestine and take action most effectively.

READ MORE

- Death threats, doxxing and suspensions from school (NBC News)
- Israel-Hamas war: Harassment, doxing rise amid conflict in Gaza (WHYY)
- Ontario doctor suspended, his address published after pro-Palestinian social media posts (CBC)

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To:	Aram James
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Subject:	Re: Police chief and union head resignations called for
Date:	Sunday, November 12, 2023 5:00:59 PM

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Hi Aram,

While we will hold comment on the latest with the Antioch PD with this article, we will say that maybe it's time for our group to align and join forces with other Bay Area groups. **WE** have for a long time, and *particularly since Sheriff Jonsen got elected*, that the community needs to focus on the leaders of the Departments, **especially those with a sordid past who are or potentially can be a problem.**

Our attempts to call attention to the very issue that you can remove, fire, charge, and decertify street cops or jail deputies, but the **real problem** remains in the leadership who will replace the dirty ones with others who are just as bad. Leadership needs to take immediate and swift action. Leaders need to acknowledge the problem they have and promise the community that these issues will not be tolerated and swift action will be the norm. Leadership needs to continue to remind the community that they are constantly monitoring and reviewing the issues that would pose a problem and not sit on it or move it under the carpet.

We have found several police chiefs and sheriffs across the USA whose own past, whether riddled with civil or criminal issues or worse, both, are serving without anyone calling attention to them. These are the same leaders who pose the real problem along with their officers who are a menace and danger to our communities. It's hard for them to take action or listen to the community especially when they have backgrounds or are poor decision makers, sometimes worse than their officers. Hypocrisy is detrimental to their mentalities and egos.

We applaud SJPD Chief Mata and other astute leaders for their swift actions and for speaking up with our communities that the problems will not be tolerated. Members of our group have communicated with Chief Mata and his leadership and they listen very well and are aware that the community will no longer tolerate Chiefs and Sheriffs taking a back seat. Our group is confident that the SJPD will continue to move forward with cleaning their house and taking care of the problems front and center very quickly. In addition, we hope that officers' actions will be closely scrutinized before siding with Dept policies as in the Antioch cases.

We also have to keep in mind that Officers terminated too quickly without full justification or due process, could get their jobs back through civil service appeal. If this happens, decertifying becomes next to impossible. Just as defendants' cases during court trials are dismissed due to a technicality or wrongdoing by the judicial system, it's not common that they are ever tried again.

Everyone knows what our group focus is and we hope to expand that focus within the Bay Area and to other groups in California and across the Nation. Either the current Chiefs,

Sheriffs, and their leadership resign or retire, or their backgrounds or previous poor decisions will be brought out and scrutinized, and whether they are fit to serve their Depts and the community.

~SCCSTG

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From: San Jose Silicon Valley NAACP
To: Human Relations Commission
Subject: Call for Nominations: Quintessential Servant Leadership Award
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Unashamedly Black, Unapologetically Beautiful!!!!

The Oldest, Largest And Strongest
Civil Rights Organization In The United States.

The San Jose/Silicon Valley NAACP pays tribute to our courageous service members who make the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives in service of a cause greater than themselves — the protection of our country and its highest ideals.

Throughout history, generations of Black Americans have made this selfless sacrifice, driven by the hope that their service would reflect their humanity and pave the way to true freedoms and equality for themselves and their loved ones.

While the hopes of these heroes have not yet been fully realized, let their extraordinary courage serve as inspiration to us all. Let us renew our commitment to the advocacy work necessary to ensure that America unequivocally prioritizes the principles they fought to uphold so we may achieve a more just and equitable nation for all.



One love! What about the one heart? One heart!
What about the—Let's get together and feel alright
As it was in the beginning (One love!)
So shall it be in the end (One heart!)
Alright!
Give thanks and praise to the Lord and I will feel alright
Let's get together and feel alright
One more thing!

Let's get together to fight this holy Armageddon (One love!)
So when the man comes there will be no, no doom (one song!)
Have pity on those whose chances grows thinner
There is no hiding place from the Father of Creation

Singing!

Bob Marley & The Wailers

The San Jose Silicon Valley NAACP supports the calls for an immediate ceasefire in the Israel-Palestinian conflict. We believe that the ongoing violence and loss of innocent lives on both sides must come to an end.

We urge all parties involved to prioritize dialogue, diplomacy, and a peaceful resolution to the conflict. It is essential that all hostilities cease, allowing for humanitarian aid to reach those affected and for both Israelis and Palestinians to live in safety and security.

We recognize the deep-rooted grievances and complexities surrounding the conflict and understand that a lasting solution will require substantial efforts. Therefore, we encourage all stakeholders to engage in earnest negotiations in order to address the underlying causes of the conflict.

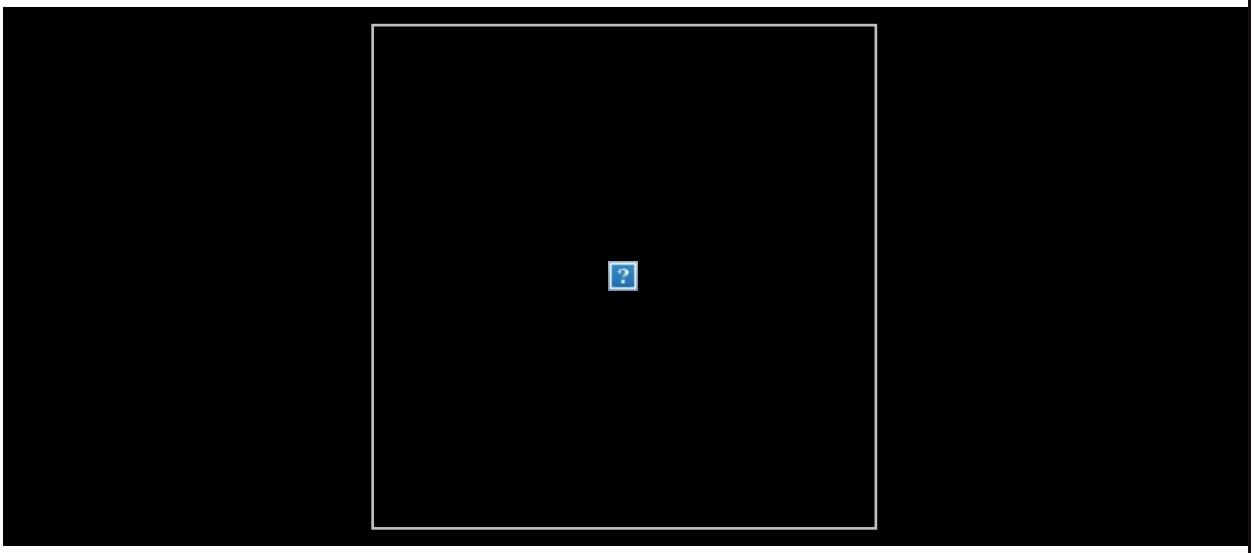
The lives of Israelis and Palestinians are equally valuable, and it is crucial that every effort is made to protect the lives and rights of civilians. We call upon all parties to exercise restraint and respect international humanitarian law, ensuring the well-being of innocent individuals caught in the midst of the conflict.

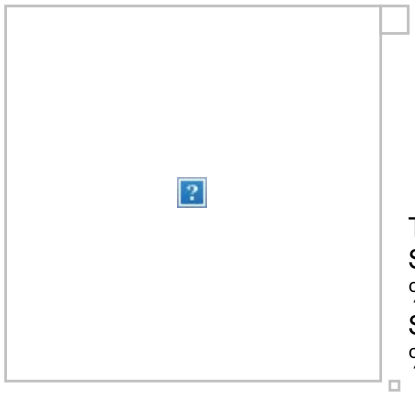
By advocating for a ceasefire, we affirm our commitment to peace, reconciliation, and justice. We stand in solidarity with all those affected by the violence and support initiatives that bring about a just and lasting peace for Israelis and Palestinians alike. Rev. Jethroe Moore II, President

END THE PERSECUTION OF PRO-PALESTINE STUDENTS!

On September 12th, 2023, 18-year-old San Jose State University freshman Omar Ramaha had a verbal exchange with a group of Zionists who were tabling on campus. He rightfully expressed criticism of the state of Israel and their campaign of murder against the Palestinian people. He spoke respectfully and truthfully in defense of victims of genocide, and asked the people tabling a simple question, “Are you aware that you are supporting a country that kills people?” In response to this, the girl told him that she does not care about those lives lost. Such an insensitive response was clearly spoken with the intent to provoke Omar, a Palestinian student who believes in basic human rights. He said nothing about Jewish people or Judaism. An hour later, he was arrested and jailed for battery and a hate crime for allegedly tossing a Capri Sun towards the Zionists (He tossed it in their general direction as he was removing himself from the situation). SJSU has suspended

him without giving him the chance to share his account of what occurred. SJSU Vice President of Student Affairs Patrick Day, and Chief Diversity Officer Dawn Lee also sent out an email to the entire student body on September 29th, misrepresenting what occurred as an anti-Semitic hate crime and making Omar even more of a target. They sent this email to the whole school before Omar even got the chance to tell his side, or attempt to defend himself. There is a difference between Anti-Semitism, and Anti-Zionism. Omar was not anti-semetic, and to frame him as so is simply unjust defamation from our school leaders. ***READ MORE***





To: San José City Council
Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office,
% DA Jeff Rosen
San José Police Department,
% Chief Anthony Mata

Date: 11/08/2023

Subject: Former Officer Mark McNamara

Council Members, DA Rosen, and Chief Mata:

We write to you on behalf of our members and the undersigned organizations regarding the revelations of profoundly racist statements by former officer Mark McNamara, who is apparently under at least one separate criminal investigation. We are especially concerned that many of the statements were made about and immediately following former officer McNamara having shot an innocent 20-year-old Black Contra Costa College student (Kaun Green), who had actually disarmed a violent patron moments earlier.

Though McNamara's statements have been rightly condemned by many of you and others since the story broke, we believe that several steps need to be taken to ensure the safety of our constituent public, and justice for those impacted and threatened by former officer McNamara. We understand that while Officer McNamara resigned, the City of San José should

not be absolved from responsibility for the culture that bred, nurtured, and sustained such racism.

In response, we join our colleagues in demanding the following:
First, we demand an open investigation into all cases involving former officer McNamara and any other officers, named or unnamed, on the text strings currently under scrutiny. This should especially include the shooting of Mr. Green, and any other case involving the use of force. Further, we demand that any criminal cases that involved former officer McNamara be dropped immediately.

Second, we demand that the City of San José initiate the decertification process of Officer McNamara under CA Penal Code 13510.8 to prevent him from serving as a law enforcement officer elsewhere in the state of California in the interest of public safety. In 2021, the California legislature passed SB 2, the Kenneth Ross Decertification Act, that gave the California Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training the power to decertify, and the City should begin this process.

Third, we demand that the City of San José immediately submit to all demands of Mr. Green's civil litigation.
We thank you very much for your time and look forward to your response on this pressing matter.
Sincerely on behalf of the NAACP of San José and Silicon Valley, Silicon Valley DeBug, and the Black Leadership Kitchen Cabinet,
Rev. Jethroe Moore II
President, NAACP of SJ/SV
William Armaline, Ph.D.
Criminal Justice Chair, NAACP of SJ/SV
Raj Jayadev
Organizer, Silicon Valley De-Bug
Chandra Jacquez
Organizer, Silicon Valley De-Bug
Jahmal Williams
Co-Chair, Black Leadership Kitchen Cabinet
Richard Konda
Chairperson, Coalition for Justice and Accountability
Executive Director, Asian Law Alliance
Walter Wilson
African American Cultural Center

LOSING MEDICAID: AN EQUITY DISASTER

#HandsOffOurHealthcare

The "***Hands Off Our Healthcare: Keeping Families Covered***" campaign is twofold and advocates that the most vulnerable members of our community receive the necessary health coverage they deserve. The first campaign phase is a **Medicaid Unwinding Research Report** ***(attached)*** that launched on Monday, November 6th. The second phase is our **Civil Rights Medicaid Scorecard**, scheduled for release next Monday, November 13th.

PHASE 1: Six-Month Look into Medicaid Unwinding Research Report

The first phase of the campaign is a research report developed from a coalition of human and civil rights organizations. President Derrick Johnson participated on the national press conference call, and this is what he highlighted related to the research report:

- In December 2022, the NAACP and other leading civil rights organizations, released ***a report*** **to urge Congress to take immediate action and prevent the public health** crisis we are currently facing. They did nothing.

Three-quarters of the people who lost Medicaid may have been eligible. They were terminated for procedural reasons.

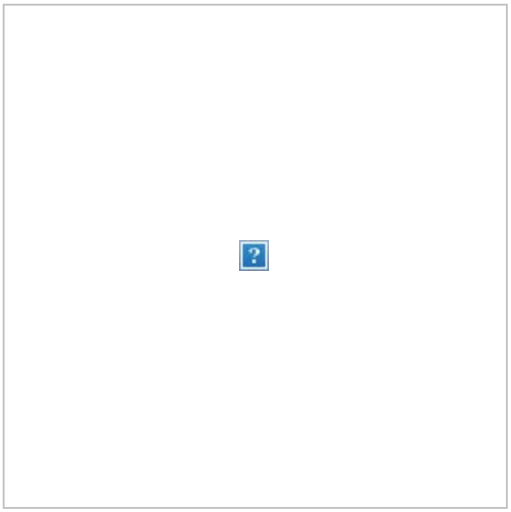
- **This crisis has already impacted more than 10 million people** - a majority of whom come from Black and other vulnerable communities.
- **Politicians must take their hands off our healthcare to make healthcare for all a reality**.
- **We are urging Governors to pause procedural Medicaid terminations**, and use an automated Medicaid enrollment renewal process moving forward so eligible people get the coverage they deserve.

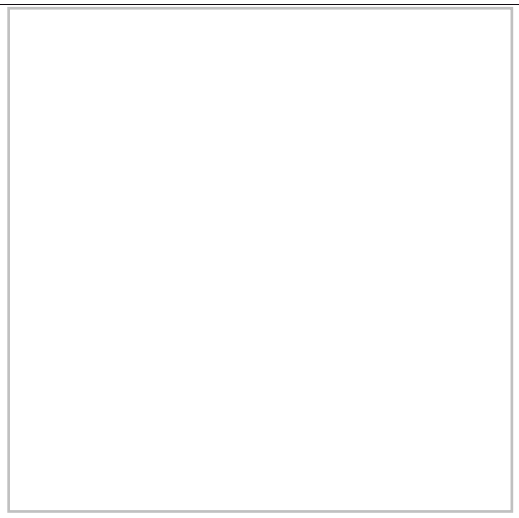
During the press call, Rep. Jill Tokuda (D-HI) expressed the importance of elected officials addressing this health coverage crisis head-on to ensure that those eligible for Medicaid coverage—especially from Black and brown communities—remain covered.

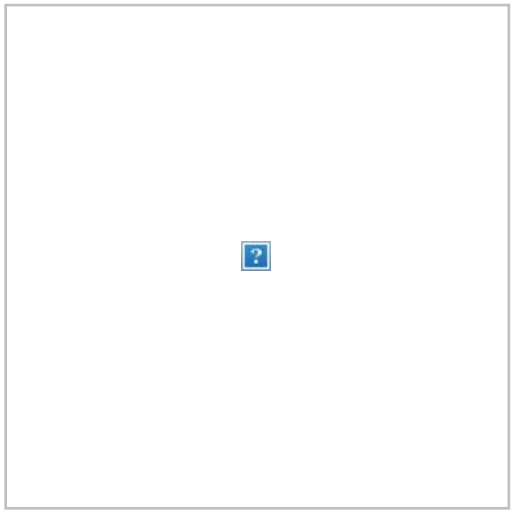
PHASE 2: Civil Rights Medicaid Scorecard
Next week, we will be releasing the second part which is our Civil Rights Medicaid Scorecard. As a reminder, the scorecard will assess each governor's performance in providing Medicaid coverage to their state's residents. Ultimately, states and their respective governors are evaluated based on their commitment to safeguarding the health of our communities by ensuring continued health coverage for all eligible individuals. Grades are **pass**, **fail**, or **incomplete**.

We look forward to building on the momentum of such an important and necessary campaign, and will be updating you regarding the next phase. More to come!

In Unity,
Yumeka







This Veteran's Day, we stand together to honor the extraordinary contributions of our veterans and acknowledge their sacrifices to our nation. In keeping with this spirit, we honor the sacrifices of the hundreds of Port Chicago Sailors who died in the Port Chicago disaster of July 17, 1944, and those sailors who risked their lives standing up for racial equality and workers' rights.

On October 3rd, the City of Emeryville unanimously passed a ***resolution*** supporting efforts to exonerate the civil rights pioneers

known as the Port Chicago 50. Just this week, ***the City of Berkeley***, led by Council Member Sophie Hahn, became one of ***13 cities*** across Alameda and Contra Costa counties to ***support justice for the Port Chicago sailors***. Watch the ***video*** below:

These 13 Bay Area cities now stand alongside Senator Alex Padilla and the late Senator Dianne Feinstein, U.S. Representatives Mark DeSaulnier, Rep. Barbara Lee, and Rep. John Garamendi, Contra Costa Mayors Conference, Contra Costa Board of Supervisors, and ***National NAACP*** in urging the United States Navy to clear the records of the sailors.

Our organization has communicated this overwhelming support with the Office of the Secretary of the Navy, and we have received confirmation from multiple sources that Navy Secretary Carlos Del Toro is aware of our collective efforts and is continuing to track this important national issue.

Special thank you to NAACP's Executive Team Dr. Antwanisha Williamson-Berlus and Jeff Moore, ***Friends of Port Chicago National Memorial*** President Reverend Diana McDaniel, and ***Port Chicago Task Force*** Chair Jonathan U. Lee for speaking at the NAACP California Hawaii State Conference in support of justice for the sailors of Port Chicago. To stay up to date on the latest news and events, visit ***Port Chicago50.com***.

For more details on Berkeley's efforts to support justice for the sailors, please refer to Berkeley Council Member Sophie Hahn's newsletter included below.

Thank you for joining us in honoring our veterans and seeking justice for the brave Americans who served their country at Port Chicago Naval Magazine, California.

Warm regards,

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Call for Nominations: Quintessential Servant Leadership Award

Dear San Jose Silicon Valley Community,

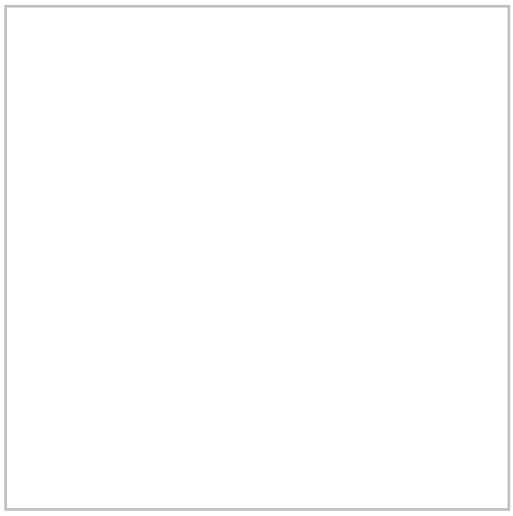
The San Jose Silicon Valley Branch NAACP is thrilled to announce the annual African American Flag Raising Event Community Awards. This year, we are proud to present: the Quintessential Servant Leadership Award, dedicated to remembering Charles (Chuck) Alexander.

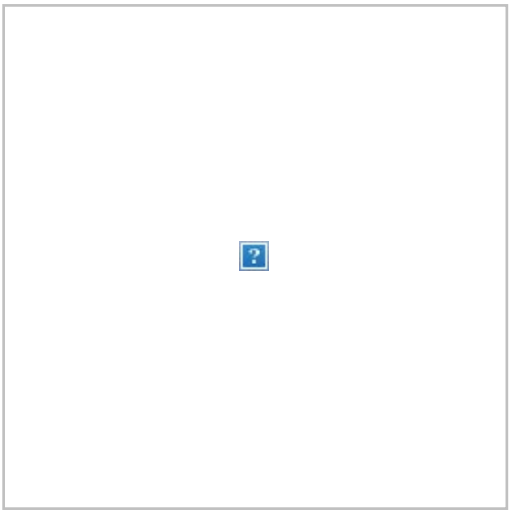
The Quintessential Servant Leadership Award aims to recognize an individual who exemplifies the qualities of a servant leader. This leadership style is characterized by a genuine desire to develop leadership qualities in others. It requires individuals to demonstrate empathy, active listening, stewardship, and a deep commitment to the personal growth of those around them.

Servant leaders embody compassion, character, and competence, which form the foundation of trust. By embracing honesty, transparency, and accountability, they establish authentic influence that motivates and inspires their teams. Through their leadership, they create an environment where team members can engage in sincere and meaningful exchanges with both leaders and peers.

Nominations for the Quintessential Servant Leadership Award are now open. We encourage you to nominate exceptional individuals who have demonstrated remarkable servant leadership qualities within our community. Together, let us celebrate those who have selflessly dedicated themselves to serving others and fostering the growth and development of those around them.

Please submit your nominations by January 15th, 2024. We look forward to receiving your recommendations and recognizing the outstanding contributions of servant leaders within our San Jose Silicon Valley community.
send nominations to moore2j@att.net/ victoria.mcdowell@sjsu.edu
Thank you for your continued support.





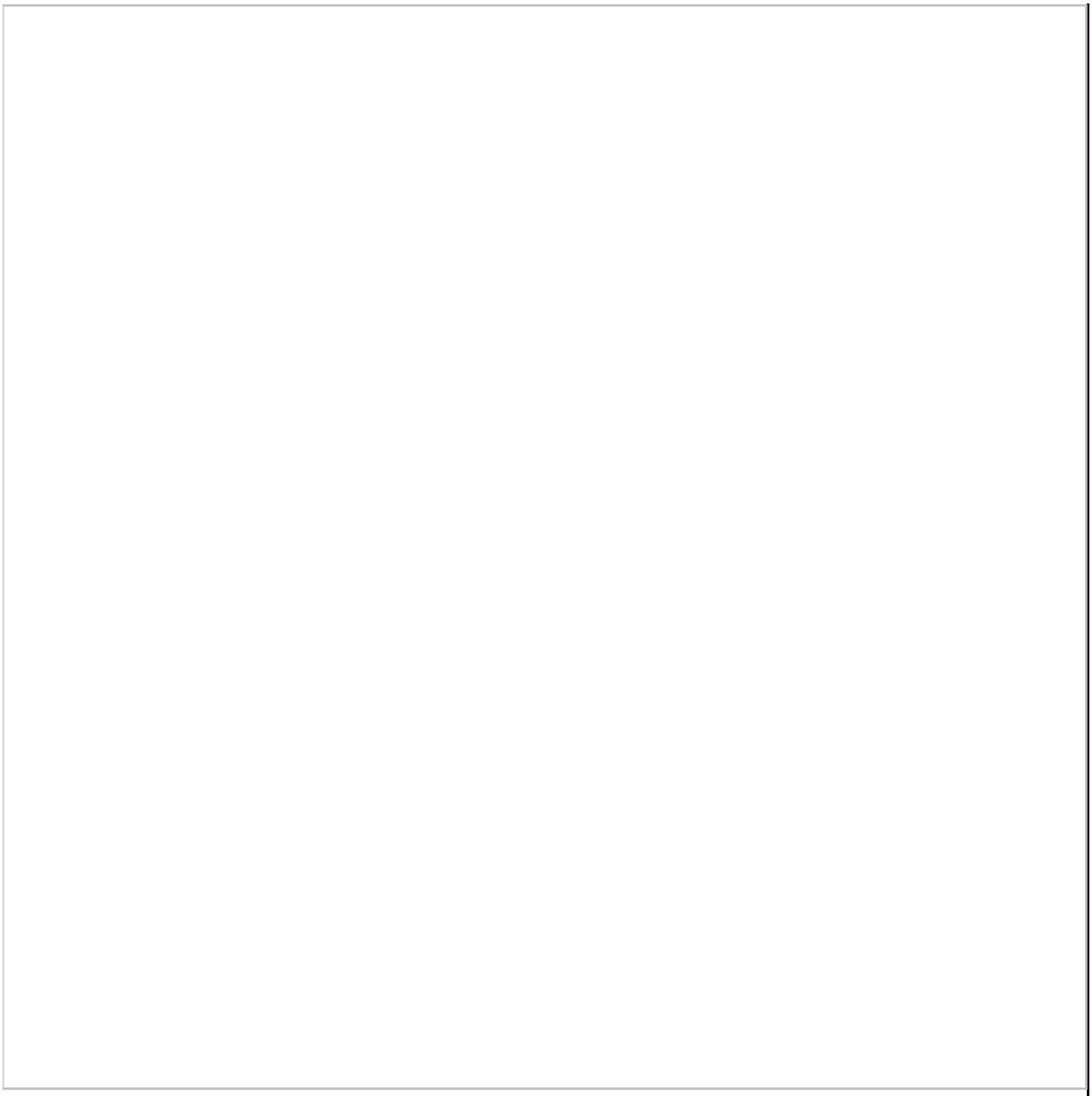
Veterans Day Message from NAACP CA/HI Armed Services and Veterans Affairs Chair, Dr. Antwanisha Williamson-Berlus

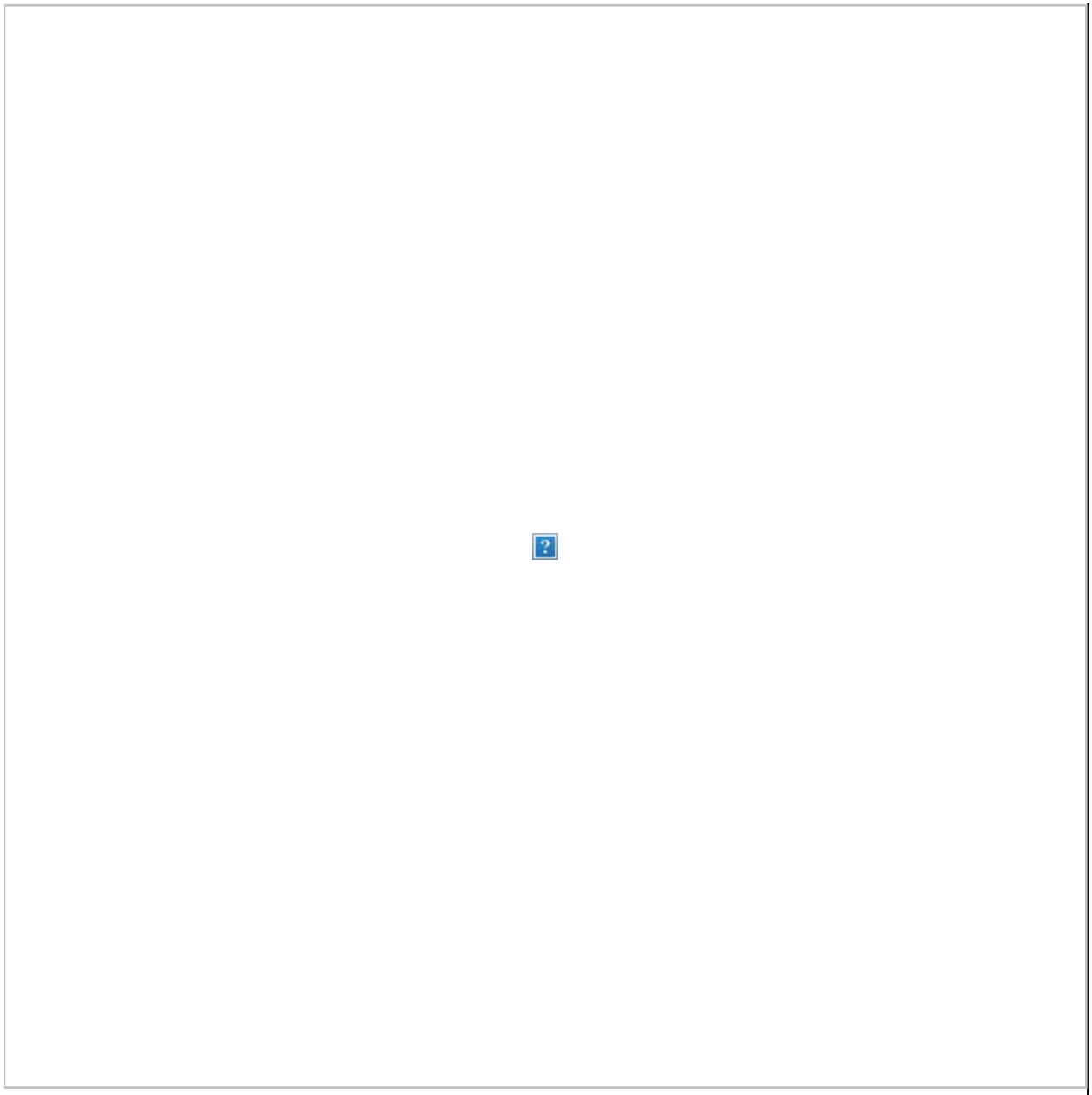
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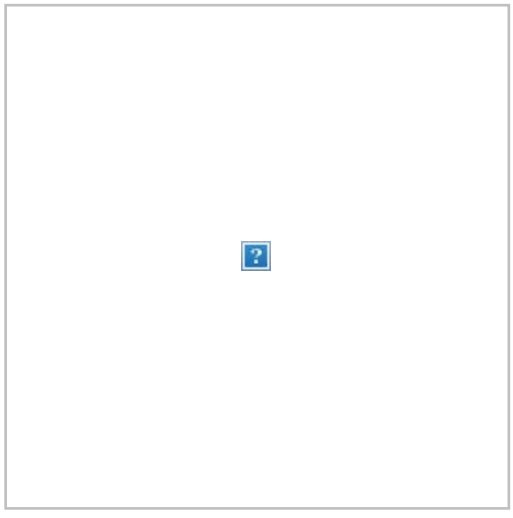
Dear Veterans,

On this special Veterans Day, I, Antwanisha, am honored to extend our heartfelt appreciation on behalf of the NAACP California Hawaii State Conference Armed Services and Veterans Affairs Committee. We would like to acknowledge the incredible dedication, sacrifice, and resilience demonstrated by all veterans, with a special emphasis on black veterans and veterans of color.

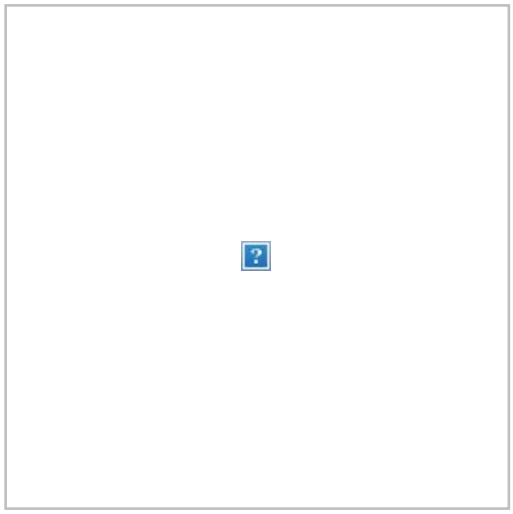
Throughout history, black veterans and veterans of color have faced immense challenges within the military, including racism, segregation, sexism, and various other disparities. Despite these obstacles, these brave individuals have served our nation proudly, displaying an unwavering commitment to protect and defend the freedoms we hold dear. ***READ MORE***







Two Jewish American friends take a stand for the liberation of the Palestinian people. My dear friend Donna Wallach is the most courageous activist I've ever known. She spent years living in the occupied territories to support the Palestinian struggle for freedom from the Israeli occupiers. Back home she has relentlessly fought to bring the plight of the Palestinian people to all who would listen with an open heart. We had a chance meeting at today's rally and march. It was so good to see her after so many years. (The march and rally took place Saturday Nov 4, 2023, at the Civic Center in San Francisco)



SAN JOSE SILICON VALLEY NAACP COMMUNITY MEETING

Time: November 30, 2023 06:30 PM Pacific Time

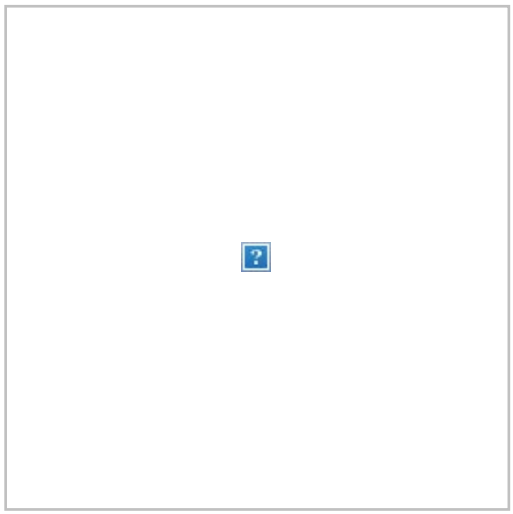
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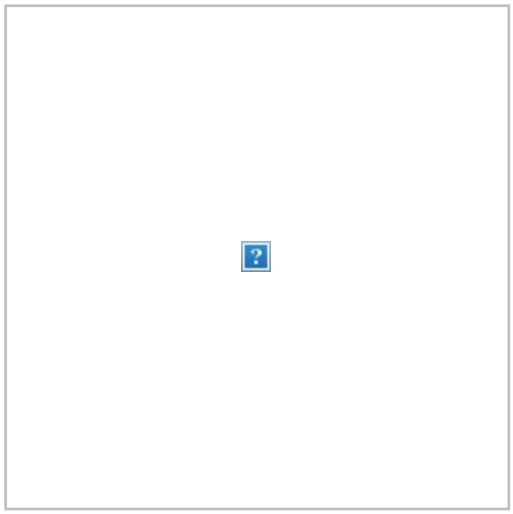
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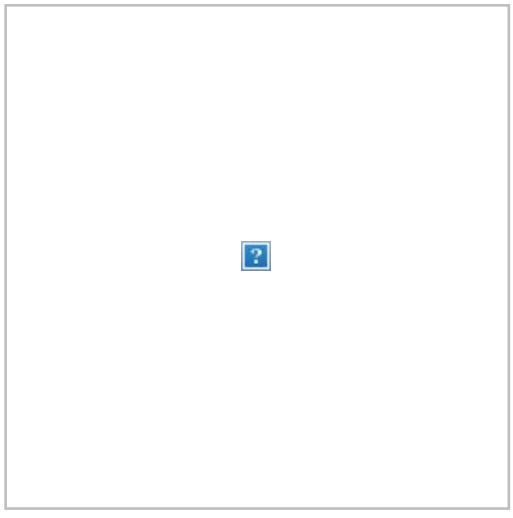
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What It's Like to Take Over the Statue of Liberty

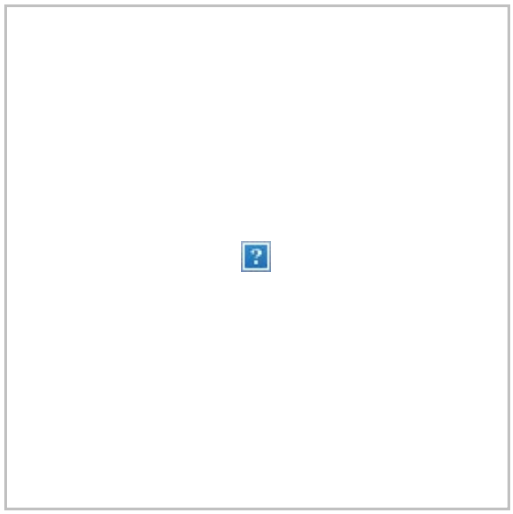
Hundreds of Jewish Voice for Peace members calling for a Gaza cease-fire occupied the pedestal of the statue. This is how it happened.

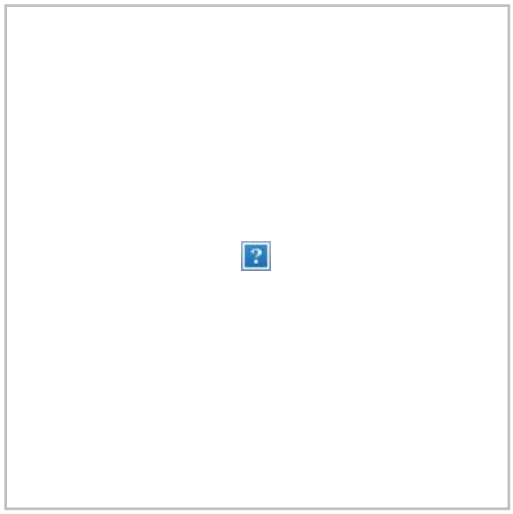
SOPHIE HURWITZ

A ferry full of tourists headed to the Statue of Liberty stopped dead in the water at 1:15 PM on Monday. Lines of visitors hoping to enter the base of the statue came to a halt. A situation was unfolding on Liberty Island, they were told, and they wouldn't be visiting the statue until it was resolved.

On the island, a few hundred yards away, about 400 protesters with Jewish Voice for Peace occupied the base of the statue. They held the entire space for just under an hour and then marched back down, commanding the attention of everyone on the island.

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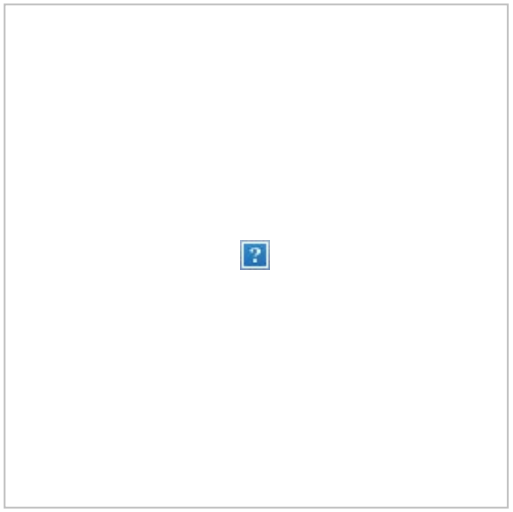
1. California and Hawaii citizens submit a **signed** ***"Civil & Human Rights Complaint" (CHRC) Form*** to their local NAACP Branch.
2. The local Branch submits the received CHRC form to their Legal Redress committee upon seeing "Racial Discrimination" or "Racial Harassment" triggers on the form.
3. The local Branch's Legal Redress Committee conducts an investigation and determines whether or not an attorney needs to be consulted.
   a. If it is determined that an attorney does not need to be involved, the Branch's Legal Redress Committee shall resolve the issue internally.
   b. If it is determined that an attorney should be consulted, the Branch's Legal Redress Committee shall refer the Complainant to the State Conference by filling out an ***NAACP CA/HI Stop the Hate Case Synopsis Form.***

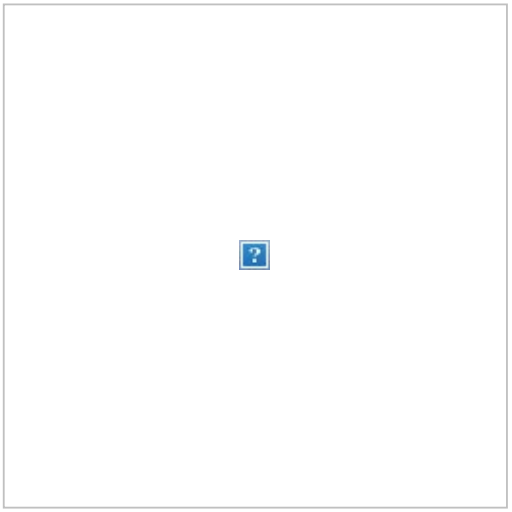
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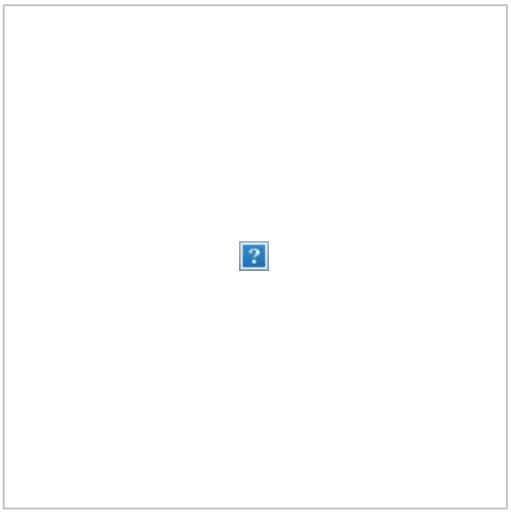
with the firm.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:
Currently, Californians who are/were the victims of racial harassment or discrimination in employment, housing, and other situations that violate their civil rights. We are actively looking for law firms in additional areas of practice, and we welcome recommendations from Branches on new law practice areas that could be included.

This information can also be found on the ***State Conference's website*** under the "Legal Redress" tab. Please feel free to get in touch with me with any questions or concerns.

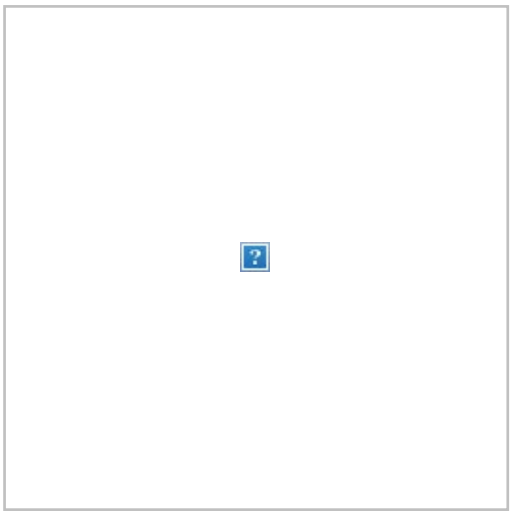


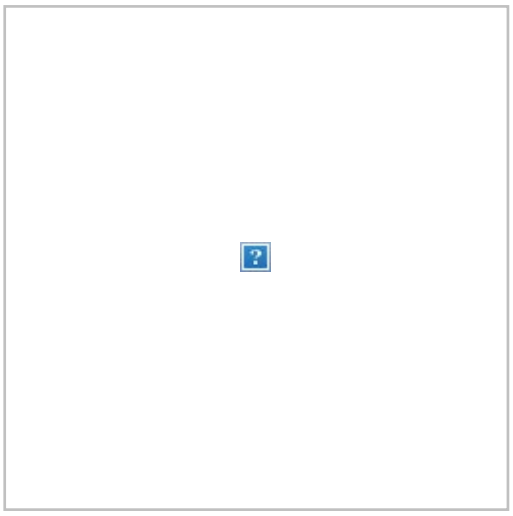


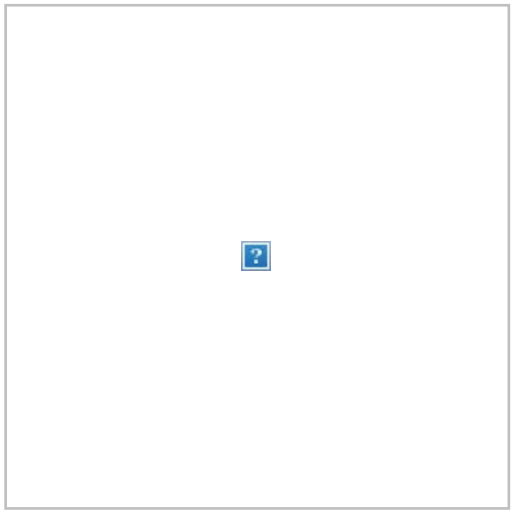


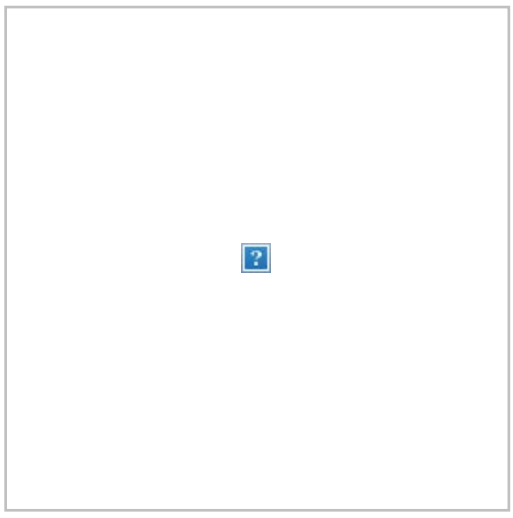


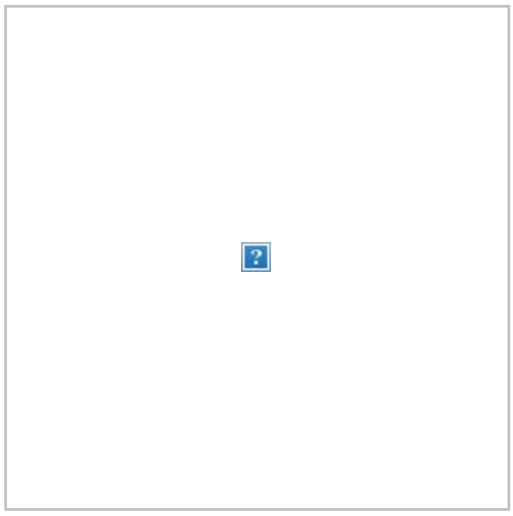


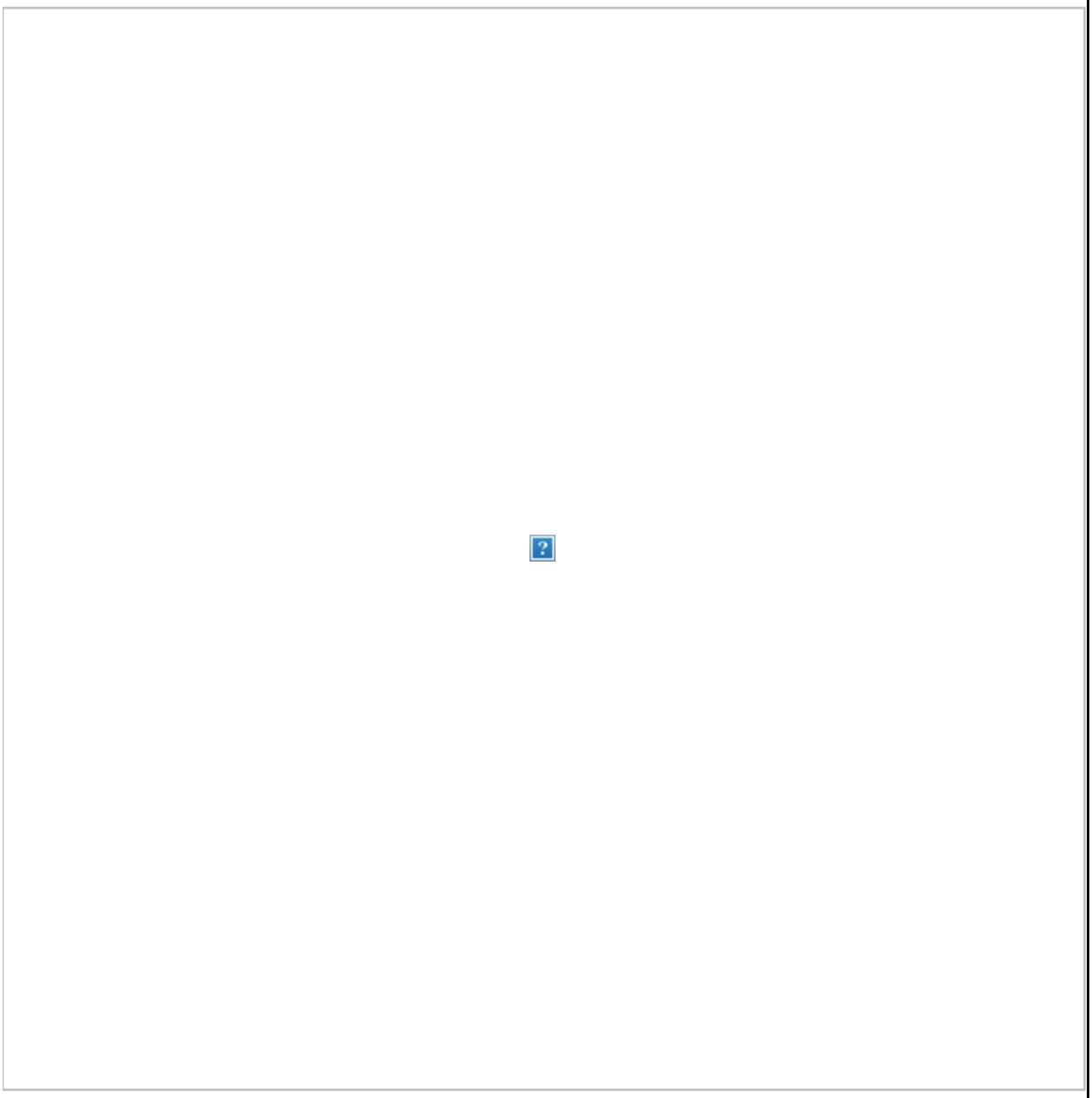






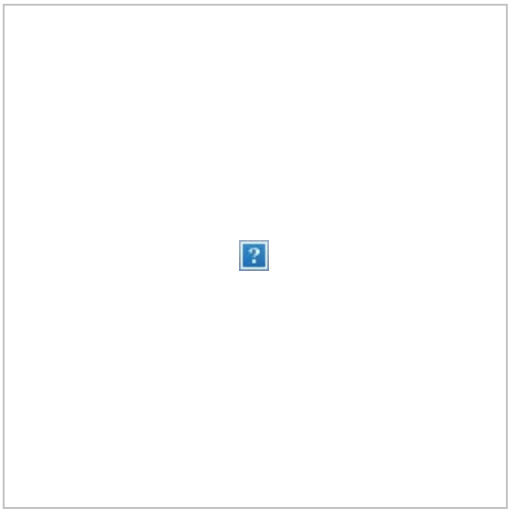


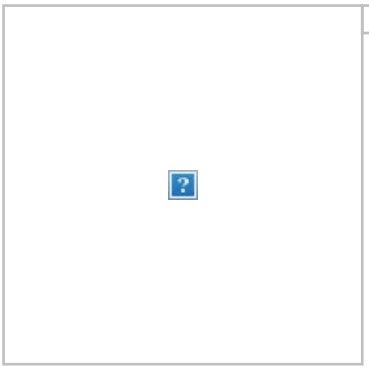




Governor Youngkin Accedes to Virginia NAACP Records Requests, Documents Show Voting Rights Withheld from Thousands Without Explanation or Justification

"Our investigation has revealed the grave injustice Governor Youngkin is inflicting upon Virginia's returning citizens, who are disproportionately Black Virginians," said Virginia NAACP President Robert N. Barnette, Jr. "This cannot be allowed to continue—we demand that the governor end this discriminatory policy and restore the rights of all current and future applicants without equivocation and without further delay." ***READ MORE***





Is Tommy Tuberville the Most Ignorant Man in D.C.?

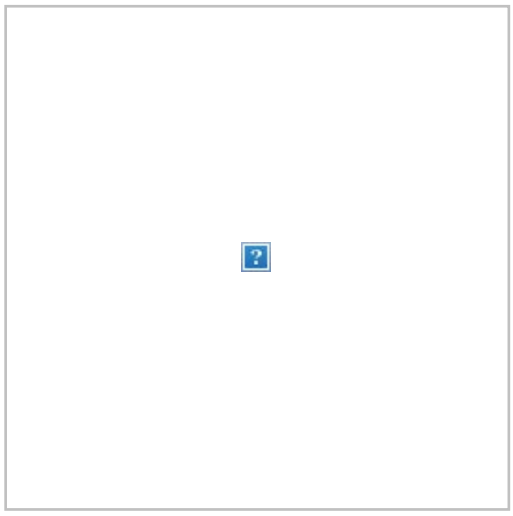
How the college football coach turned MAGA senator did the impossible and united Congress — by pissing everybody off

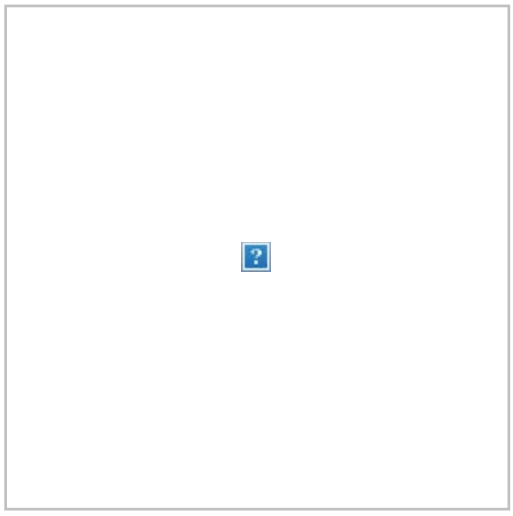
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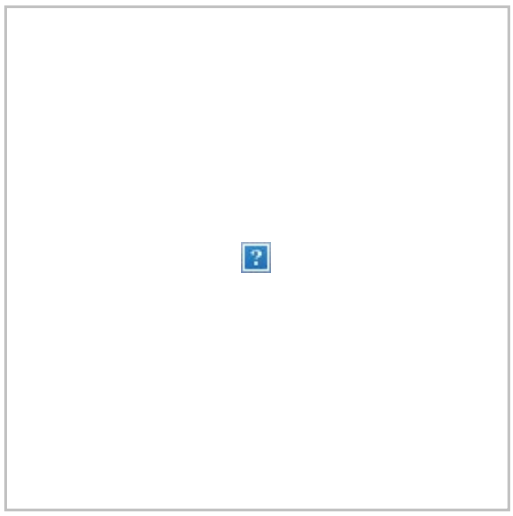
Tommy Tuberville's Republican colleagues had finally had it with him.

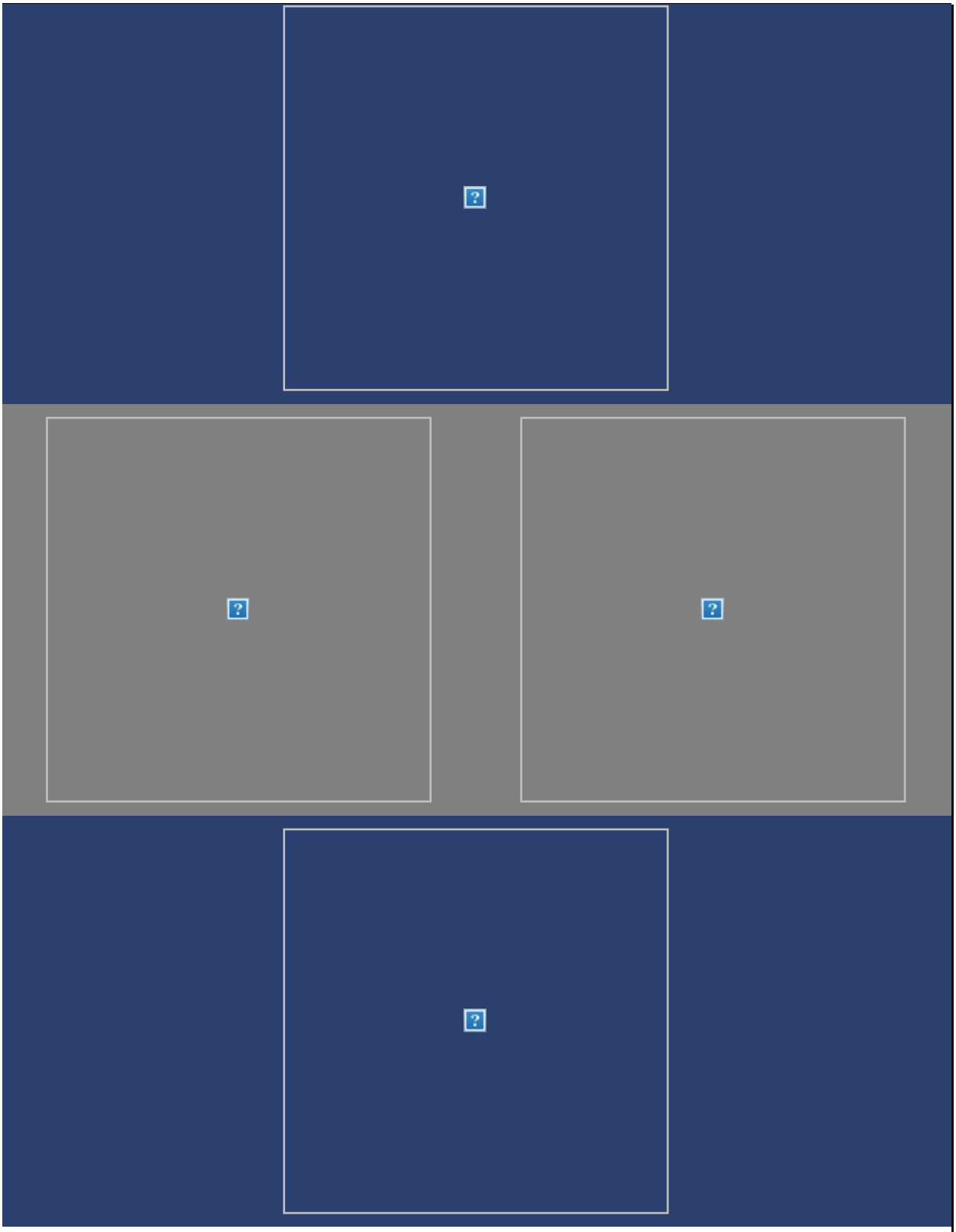
For months, the Alabama senator and former college football coach has blocked the confirmation of hundreds of senior ***military*** officers because he's mad about a Pentagon policy that ensures soldiers have ***abortion*** access.

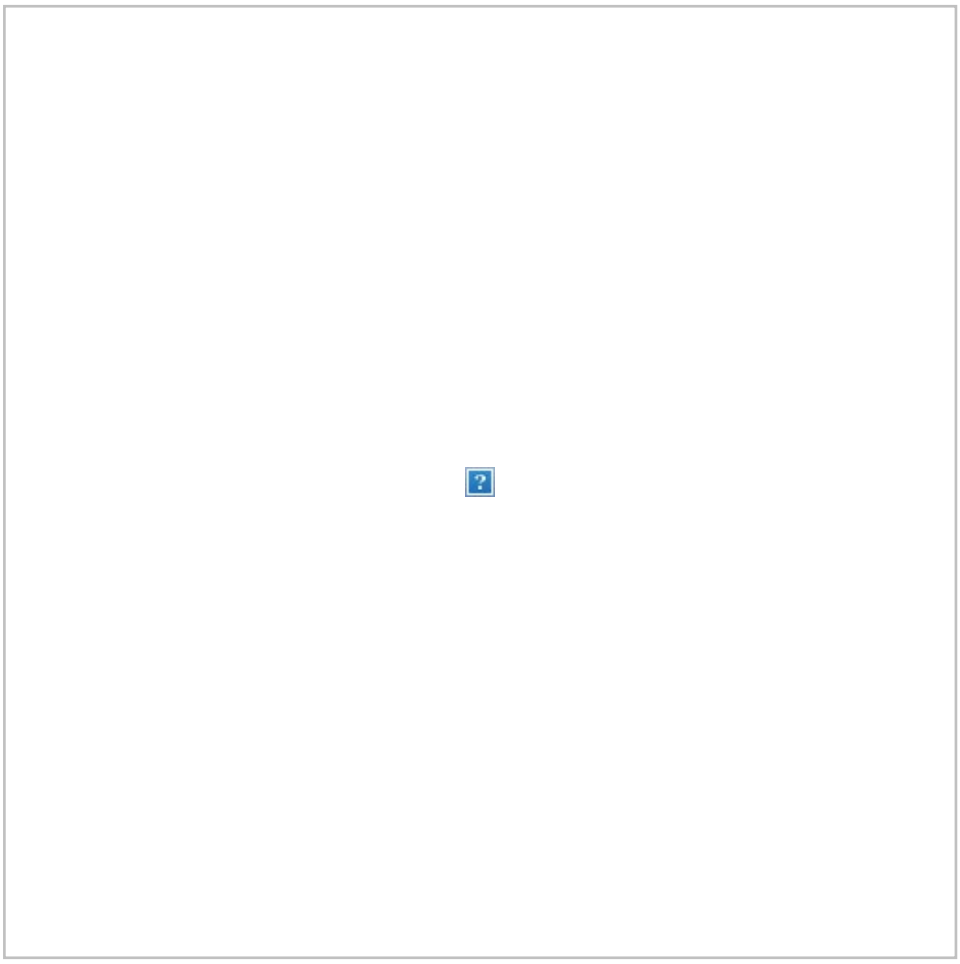
The group of anti-abortion Republicans had worked with him since February to try to find a solution. They'd flattered his ego. They'd mostly defended him in public as his game of chicken stretched nine months, punishing hundreds of senior service members who have no say over the policy and hurting U.S. military readiness at a time of global chaos. ***READ MORE***

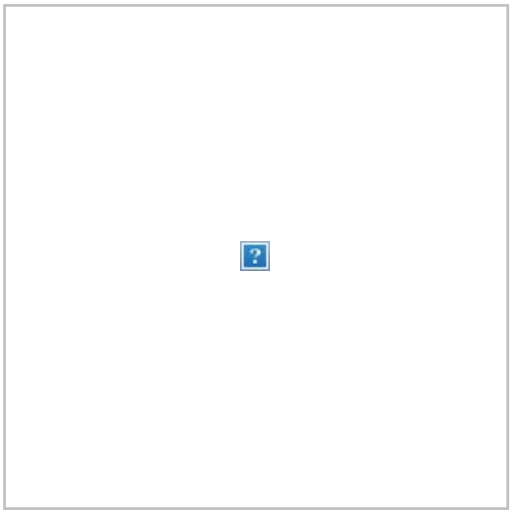


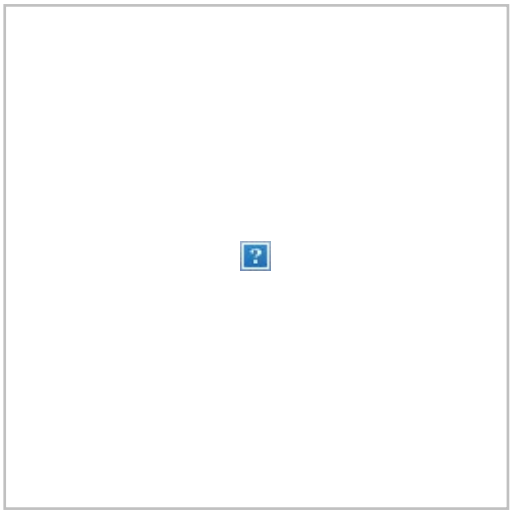






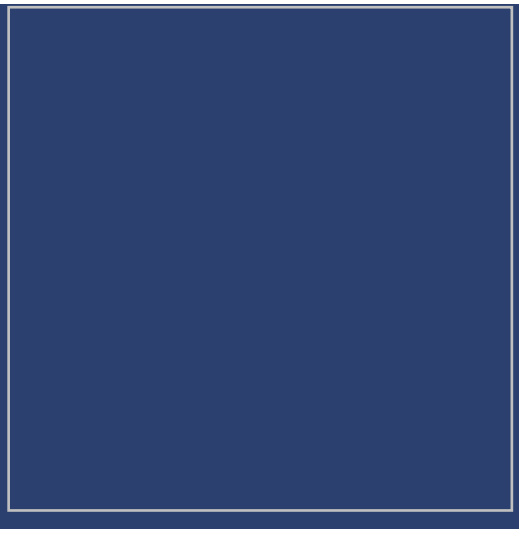


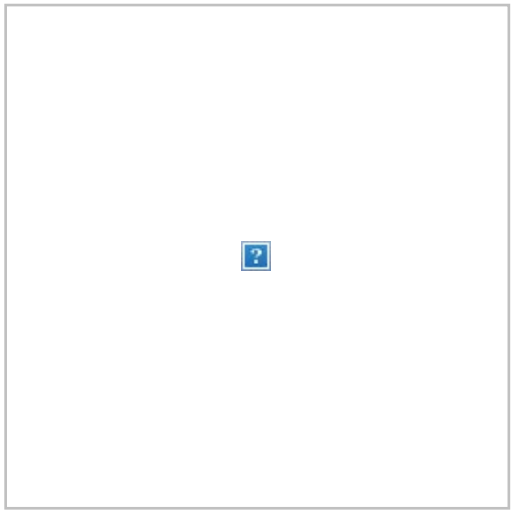




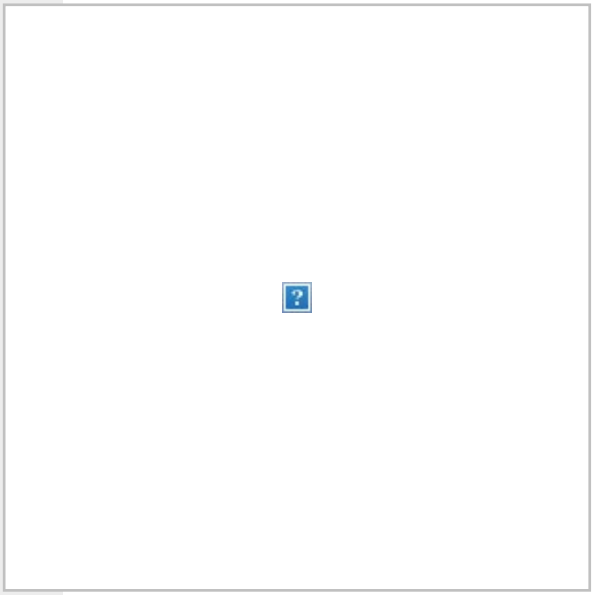
Mass Supervision
Probation, Parole, and the Illusion of Safety and Freedom
Vincent Schiraldi
With a foreword by Bruce Western

The most comprehensive critique of probation and parole—and a provocative and compelling argument for abolishing both—from the former Probation Commissioner of New York City





A Quarter of Federal Courts Have Only Ever Had White Judges
By ***Rakim Brooks***
November 6, 2023
As we've said here before, President Joe Biden has made great strides to diversify our federal courts. Many of his nominees have been heralded as historic "firsts." We now have the **first Latina** to serve as a federal judge in the state of Illinois, Nancy Maldonado, and the **first South Asian woman** to serve on the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, Loren L. AliKhan. ***READ MORE***



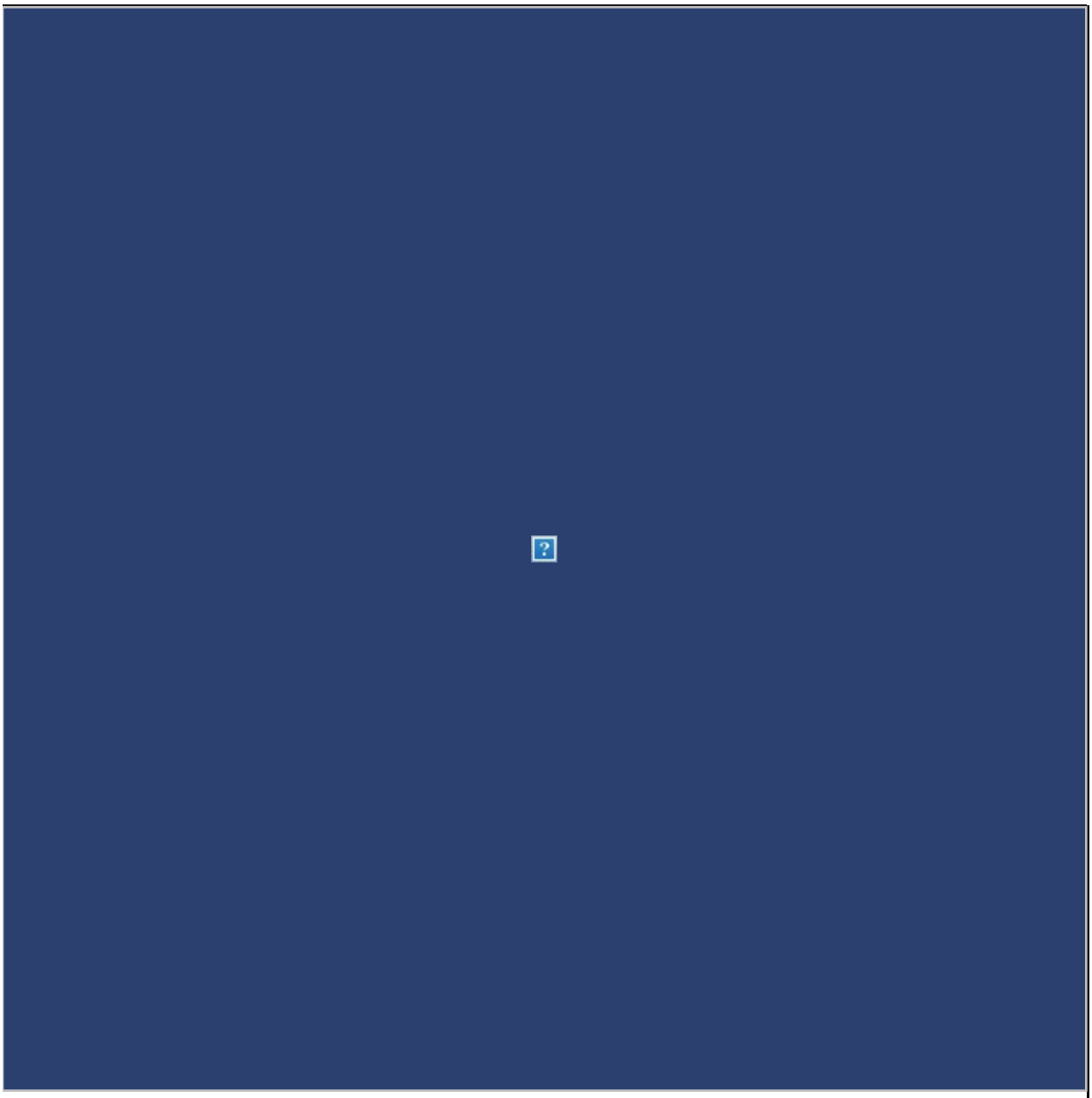
2024 King Holiday Observance Calendar of Events

The 2024 King Holiday Observance Calendar of Events encompasses experiences to remind global citizens of our capacity to create the Beloved Community, and to help us develop strategies for shifting the cultural climate in key areas of our lives.

Share the schedule on social media using the hashtags

#KHO2024 #MLKDay2024 #TheKingCenter

Detailed Schedule







Register at https://sdpconference.info/2024-conference/

The 2024 conference will be convened at the **Palmer House Hotel, Monday, February 19 – Thursday, February 22, 2024, in Chicago, IL**.

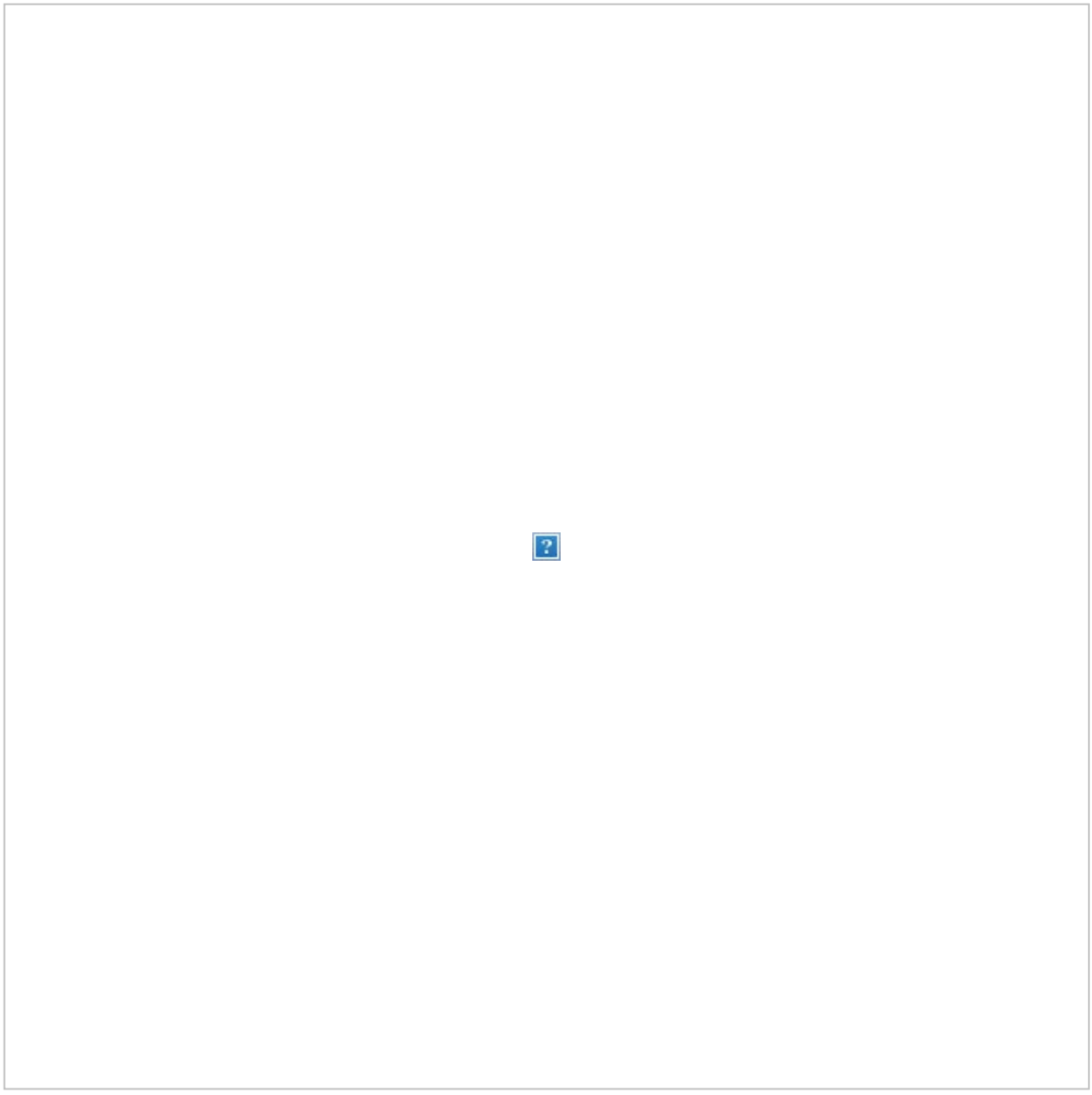
The Annual Clergy and Lay Leadership Conference through the power of prophetic preaching, informed teaching and social activism, clergy and laity work together on behalf of the disenfranchised, vulnerable, and those most ***marginalized*** in the world.

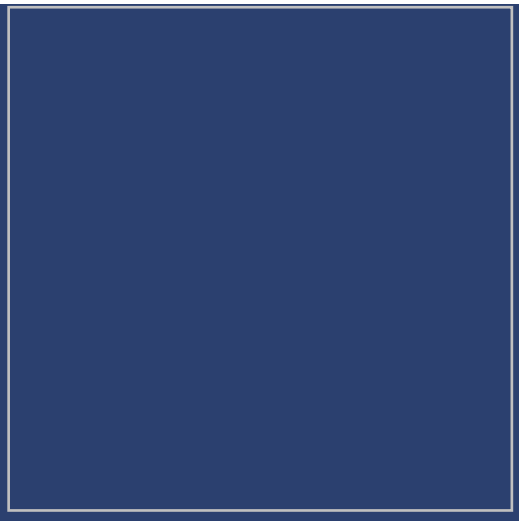
The 2024 Conference will include…

- Opening conference worship service at the Palmer House hotel
- Renowned African American preachers, theologians, and activists
- Informed teaching and educational opportunities through various breakout sessions including Connecting the Dots: Racism, Ecojustice and the Wealth Gap

- General Secretary's Luncheon & Ella Jo Baker Awards
- “Beautiful Are The Feet” Honoree Signature Event

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Subject:	Re: The War on Gaza and Israel's Fascism Debate – Verso
Date:	Saturday, November 11, 2023 1:24:07 AM

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On Fri, Nov 10, 2023 at 11:25 PM Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com> wrote:

> The War on Gaza and Israel's Fascism Debate – Verso
>
> https://www.versobooks.com/blogs/news/the-war-on-gaza-and-israel-s-fascism-debate

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To:	<michael.gennaco@oirgroup.com>; Wagner, April; Binder, Andrew; Council, City; D Martell; Daniel Barton; Diana Diamond; Don Austin; DuJuan Green; EPA Today; Jensen, Eric; GRP-City Council; Greg Tanaka; Human Relations Commission; Jack Ajluni; Jeff Moore; Hornung, Joel; Julie Lythcott-Haims; KEVIN JENSEN; Kaloma Smith; Holman, Karen (external); Linda Jolley; Zelkha, Mila; Van Der Zwaag, Minka; Pacific GrovePD; ParkRec Commission; Patricia.Guerrero@jud.ca.gov; Reifschneider, James; Roberta Ahlquist; Salem Ajluni; Sean Allen; Shana Segal; Shikada, Ed; Vara Ramakrishnan; Vicki Veenker; WILPF Peninsula Palo Alto; Perron, Zachary; Barberini, Christopher; Lee, Craig; cromero@cityofepa.org; Figueroa, Eric; friendsofcubberley94303@gmail.com; kenneth.Binder@shf.sccgov.org; Foley, Michael; Burt, Patrick; rabrica@cityofepa.org
Subject:	More on racist text scandal
Date:	Thursday, November 9, 2023 10:51:29 PM

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More on racist police text scandal

https://www.mercurynews.com/2023/11/09/san-jose-cop-who-wrote-racist-texts-should-face-steeper-punishment-say-black-community-leaders

From: Aram James
To: Council, City; Human Relations Commission; Jack Ajluni; Jeff Moore; Josh Becker; KEVIN JENSEN; Lewis james; Salem Ajluni; Sean Allen; Shana Segal; Shikada, Ed; Zelkha, Mila
Subject: Condemn Israel for war crimes and genocide
Date: Monday, November 6, 2023 8:48:48 PM

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From:	Palo Alto Forward
To:	Council, City; Planning Commission; Human Relations Commission; Historic Resources Board; Architectural Review Board
Subject:	You"re Invited - Holiday Party - 12/2
Date:	Monday, November 6, 2023 6:31:13 PM

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Honorable Council, Commission, and Board Members

Thank you for your service, attention to detail, patience, and expertise on so many issues. You all help make Palo Alto a great place to live.

I wanted to extend a special invite to the **Palo Alto Forward Holiday Party on Friday, December 1.** Festivities begin at 6:00 p.m. There will be amazing food (catered by local favorite Chef Julian of The Redwood) and great company.

You can RSVP here (party details are at the RSVP link) or just respond to this email. We would love to have you there to celebrate the year and all good things to come.

Warmly,

Amie Ashton
Executive Director, Palo Alto Forward
650-793-1585

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To:	<michael.gennaco@oirgroup.com>; Angel, David; Wagner, April; Binder, Andrew; Cindy Chavez; Council, City; D Martell; Damon Silver; Daniel Kottke; Dave Price; David S. Norris; Diana Diamond; District1@bos.sccgov.org; Don Austin; Donald Mendoza; Donna Wallach; DuJuan Green; EPA Today; Gennady Sheyner; Greer Stone; Greg Tanaka; Human Relations Commission; JIM MINKLER1; Jack Ajluni; Jay Boyarsky; Jeff Moore; Joe Simitian; Joe Simitian; Hornung, Joel; Jose Valle; Josh Becker; Julie Lythcott-Haims; KEVIN JENSEN; Karen Holman; Lewis james; Linda Jolley; Lotus Fong; Kou, Lydia; Zelkha, Mila; Van Der Zwaag, Minka; O"Neal, Molly; Patricia.Guerrero@jud.ca.gov; Raj Jayadev; Raymond Goins; Roberta Ahlquist; Rosen, Jeff; Salem Ajluni; Sean Allen; Shana Segal; Shikada, Ed; Spieckerman, Damian; Stump, Molly; Sue Dremann; Supervisor Otto Lee; Supervisor Susan Ellenberg; Vara Ramakrishnan; Vicki Veenker; WILPF Peninsula Palo Alto; Perron, Zachary; Zelkha, Mila; Lee, Craig; cromero@cityofepa.org; dennis burns; editor@paweekly.com; Figueroa, Eric; friendsofcubberley94303@gmail.com; josh@sanjosespotlight.com; Tannock, Julie; kenneth.Binder@shf.sccgov.org; ladoris cordell; Foley, Michael; Burt, Patrick; rabrica@cityofepa.org
Subject:	march & rally in support of the Palestinian people Nov 4, 2023. (San Francisco, Civic Center)
Date:	Saturday, November 4, 2023 9:55:31 PM

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Subject:	'I hate Black people': San Jose officer in controversial police shooting resigns over racist texts
Date:	Saturday, November 4, 2023 10:22:52 AM

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'I hate Black people': San Jose officer in controversial police shooting resigns over racist texts

https://www.mercurynews.com/2023/11/03/i-hate-black-people-san-jose-officer-in-controversial-police-shooting-resigns-over-racist-text-discovery/

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Subject: Re: Reinstate Dr. Zaki Masoud at NYU Langone Winthrop Hospital

Date: Thursday, November 2, 2023 11:26:55 PM

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I just signed the petition "Reinstate Dr. Zaki Masoud at NYU Langone Winthrop Hospital" and wanted to see if you could help by adding your name.

Our goal is to reach 150,000 signatures and we need more support. You can read more and sign the petition here:

https://chng.it/gcSW9sBWyj

Thanks,
Aram

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Subject: Re: March for Palestine • Harvest Fair Returns! • Climate Action Events • And more...

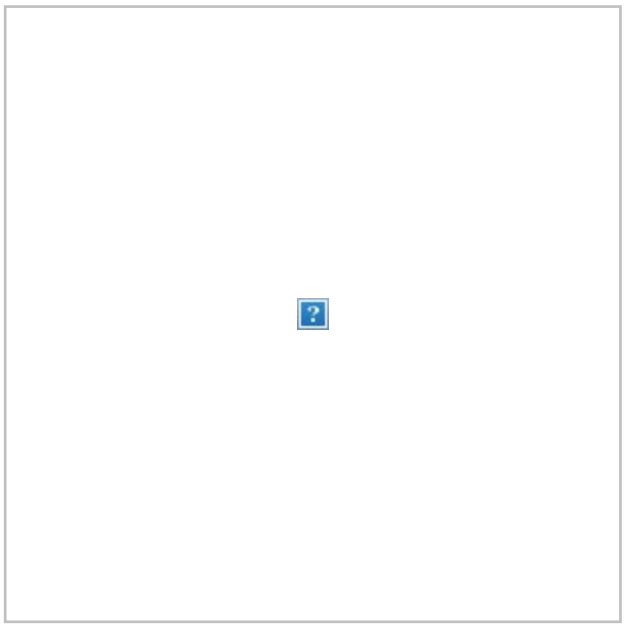
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On Thu, Nov 2, 2023 at 4:30 PM Peninsula Peace and Justice Center <ppjc@peaceandjustice.org> wrote:

West Coast Mass March for Palestine
Saturday, November 4, 1:00 PM
Civic Center, San Francisco
Event Web Page

Sponsors: Palestinian Youth Movement (PYM); Arab Resources and Organizing Center



(AROC); U.S. Palestinian Community Network (USPCN); Act Not to Stop War and End Racism (ANSWER); Al-Awda; NorCal Sabeel; Party for Socialism and Liberation (PSL); California Coalition for Worker Power (CCWP); Oakland Education Association (OEA); Queers Undermining Israeli Terror (QUIT); Teaching Palestine; Art Focus; International Jewish Anti-Zionist Network (IJAN); Workers World Party (WWP); Jewish Voices for Peace Bay Area (JVP); Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR); Union of Palestinian American Women (UPAW)



New from PPJC!
Peace & Social Justice Harvest Fair
Sunday, November 19
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Fellowship Hall, First Presbyterian Church
1140 Cowper Street, Palo Alto
Event Web Page

Promote Fair Trade • Reduce your carbon footprint • Celebrate the wonderful work being done by local organizations • Enjoy free food and beverages • Have fun! Sponsored by First Presbyterian Church and Peninsula Peace and Justice Center



Fridays For Future Climate Vigil
Friday, November 3, 12:00 Noon
Palo Alto Civic Center, King Plaza, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto

How are you feeling about climate change? In association and solidarity with the global Fridays for Future movement, Fridays For Future Palo Alto conducts a climate strike every Friday in front of Palo Alto City Hall. This Friday, Kimberly Wiefling will facilitate her popular Creating-A-Vision Workshop, in which we will envision life in Palo Alto in the year 2040. More...

Silent Vigil for Peace in Israel/Palestine



Friday, November 3, 12:00 Noon
El Camino Real & Embarcadero Rd, Palo Alto

This Friday, members of Women's Int'l League for Peace & Freedom - Peninsula/Palo Alto Chapter grieve that the need arises again, to stand against the violence of war, with the terrible attacks of Hamas against Israelis, soldiers, women and children alike, and taking hostages; and the subsequent bombardment and counter attacks in Gaza, killing Hamas members/sympathizers and innocent civilians, women and children alike. More...



Goodbye Gas, Hello EVs!
Thursday, November 2, 7:00 PM
Virtual Event - Register Here

Everyone's talking about electric vehicles: they cost less to fuel and maintain, and they fight climate change. Come to this webinar to learn why EVs are all the rage and how to go electric. Join a breakout room after the main presentation to ask about a specific model you're eyeing. RSVP now to get in on the EV action! More...



Transforming Communities 2023: A Program on Single-Payer Health Care
Wednesday, November 8, 5:00 PM
Washington Square Hall, Room 109, San Jose State Univ., San Jose - RSVP

SJSU's College of Health and Human Sciences and Human Rights Institute 2023 Transforming Communities program is partnering with the Santa Clara County Single Payer Health Care Coalition to screen the documentary Healing US, a compelling new documentary on the human, moral and material cases for a single-payer healthcare system for all Americans. Panel discussion to follow. More...

Catch up with latest from PeaceAndJustice.org

Video: Emergency Gaza Webinar with Prof. Joel Beinin

Recorded on October 19, already watched by 1500+ people.

The Rhetoric of War and Genocide Is on Display by US and Israeli Media The U.S. and Israel are securing their populations' support for Israel's bombardment through calculating rhetoric and supportive media systems. They are manufacturing consent for violence.

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> **"State of Terror: How Terrorism Created Modern Israel"**
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Of Palestine

Israeli historian, Ilan Pappe's groundbreaking book revisits the formation of the State of Israel. Between 1947 and 1949, over 400 Palestinian villages were deliberately destroyed, civilians were massacred and around a million men, women, and children were expelled from their homes at gunpoint.

Denied for almost six decades, had it happened today it could only have been called "ethnic cleansing". Decisively debunking the myth that the Palestinian population left of their own accord in the course of this war, Ilan Pappe offers impressive archival evidence to demonstrate that, from its very inception, a central plank in Israel's founding ideology was the forcible removal of the indigenous population. Indispensable for anyone interested in the current crisis in the Middle East.

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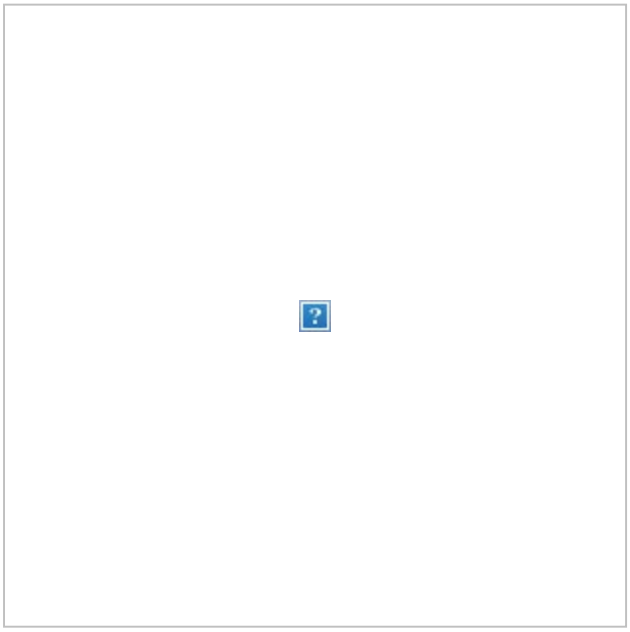
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Subject: Happy Halloween - Read Our October Newsletter!
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Greetings D4 residents & friends -

Kind of spooky how fast the year goes, right?! I hope you had a fun Halloween & meaningful Día de los Muertos if you celebrated either or both. As we head into the holiday season, please bear in mind that while for some these months are filled with joy, others may be experiencing stress, sadness or anxiety – I urge you to take care of yourselves and your loved ones.

Parade of Champions

We did a new thing this year. My team has proudly participated in the City of Santa Clara's Parade of Champions since its reconstitution in 2019 but this year we also recognized our own district 4 champions who were honored with certificates, sashes and the opportunity to join the D4 team as we walked in the parade. ***Check out the first and awesome D4 Champions here:***

Brooke Ramirez - Cambell Resident and Volunteer - Brooke is the point person for Campbell Parade Bunnies and Bonnets. Neighbors say she is the heart and soul of this beloved tradition and works tirelessly to make sure everyone enjoys the event.

Maria Ines Ortega - Vice President of Cadillac Winchester Neighborhood Organization - Maria served as the CWNA President for 5 years and has always been an advocate for her community. She also visits Westmont and Monroe schools, where she meets with staff to discuss ways to prevent bullying and violence.

Edward Saum - President of Shasta Hanchett Neighborhood Association - Ed hosts meetings to strategize how to better his community. He does an incredible job of keeping residents informed of services and events happening around the neighborhood.

De Anna Mirzadegan - President of the Willow Glen Neighborhood Association - De Anna is a natural and effective connector. Under her leadership, WGNA has hosted amazing events including National Night Out, Movie Nights, and the unveiling of the Illuminated Clock in Willow Glen.

Vince Navarra - President of Hamman Park Neighborhood Association - Vince is never afraid to speak up about issues in the neighborhood. He organizes litter pickups and maintains the park. This year he brought the community together for a picnic in the park!

Dr. Nira Singh - Dr. Nira Singh accepted a community award for AACI. AACI is one of the largest community-based organizations advocating for and serving marginalized communities in SCC. Recently we have collaborated with AACI, to provide health fairs in our District, and

overall, they do great work for our community.

Scroll down to see pictures from our D4 Champions ceremony!

Grail Family Services 2023 GFS Siempre Award

Supporting all children and families has been and always (siempre!) will be one of my focal points to measure my office's success. I was honored to receive the 2023 Grail Family Services Award which recognizes the work my office has done to support the wellbeing of children and families throughout the county.

State Grant for $500,000 to Fund Four Faith-Based Reentry Resource Center

Children and families with incarcerated family members are often invisible victims of our justice system. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, of the 2.3 million people incarcerated in 2016, more than half were parents.

To better assist these families in our County, State Senator Aisha Wahab championed the successful allocation of $500,000 to fund four fellowships at our County's four Faith-Based Reentry Resource Centers. These fellowships will develop programs for our reentry clients' children such as tutoring, counseling, and extracurricular activities.

These children need to know they are valued. We have a responsibility to support these children, especially in cases where their parents also need assistance. These funds will expand our efforts to support our reentry programs as well as provide enhanced childcare in challenging times.

President Biden Visits Santa Clara County

I enjoyed a second opportunity to greet President Biden when he landed on the Moffett Field tarmac earlier this month. These moments certainly offer exciting photo opps, but they also afford me an opportunity to elevate the work of local government (he acknowledged that local electeds have the toughest jobs and I agreed, though allowed that his work is important, too). During our first encounter, I thanked him for his executive orders around childcare as economic stability. This time, I expressed appreciation for the new federal Office of Gun Violence Prevention and shared some of the work we are doing right here. Both times, the President was warm and gracious and truly made the moments quite memorable.

Special Olympics Northern California

My position as Board President sends me to many different places and gives me the opportunity to speak to a myriad of different people. Although I am honored to participate in all of these events and programs, there are some moments that touch me in a deeper way. My interview with a Special Olympics Northern California (SONC) athlete/journalist was one of those moments.

SONC offers free year-round programs for children and adults with intellectual disabilities as well as training and competitions for 11 sports. The impact of these programs is tremendous, and I loved being interviewed on their fan favorite series, The Special Report. Angela Page did a great job and I encourage everyone to watch our episode and follow the great work SONC continues to do across Northern California!

Blog Post: Community-Centered Solutions

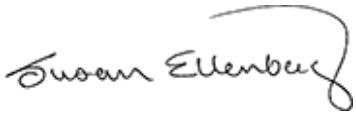
In this month's blog post I give some insight to the work put into creating a

health fair with AACI and the importance that community voices have when creating policy.

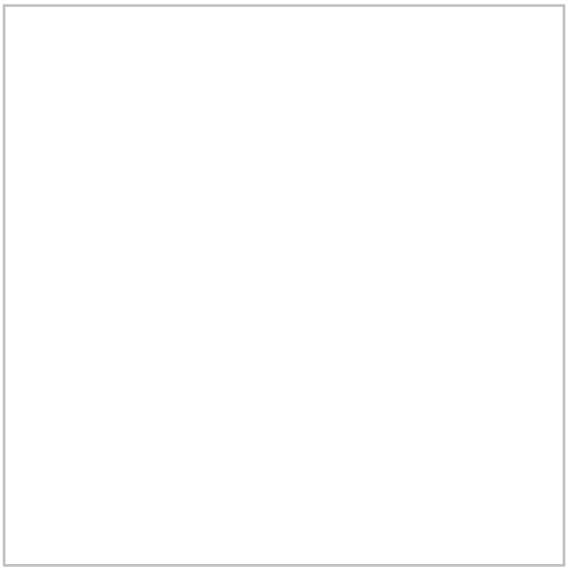
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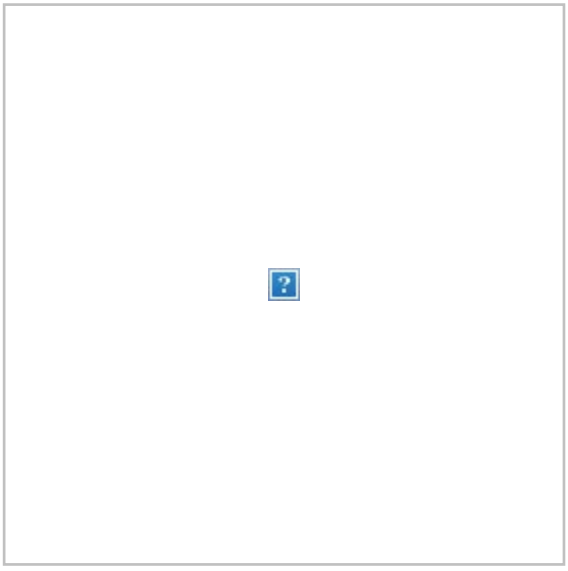
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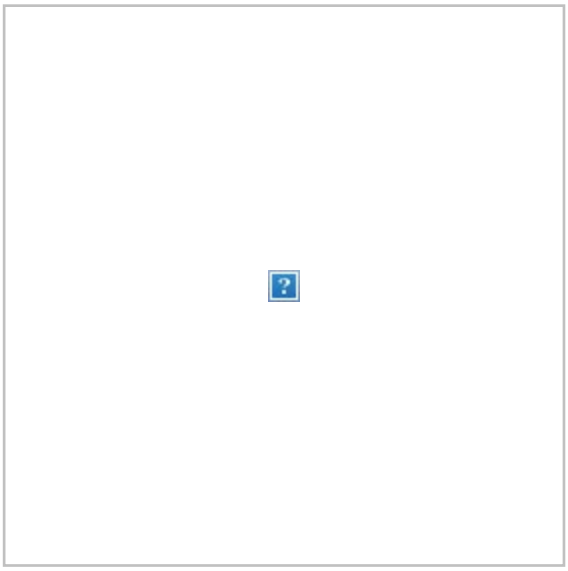
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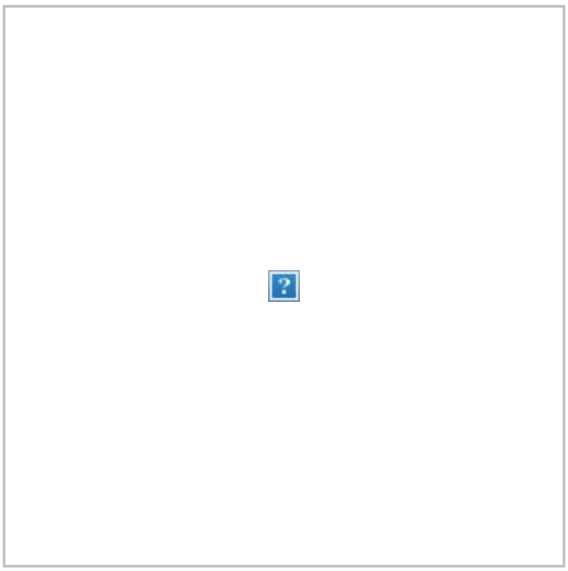


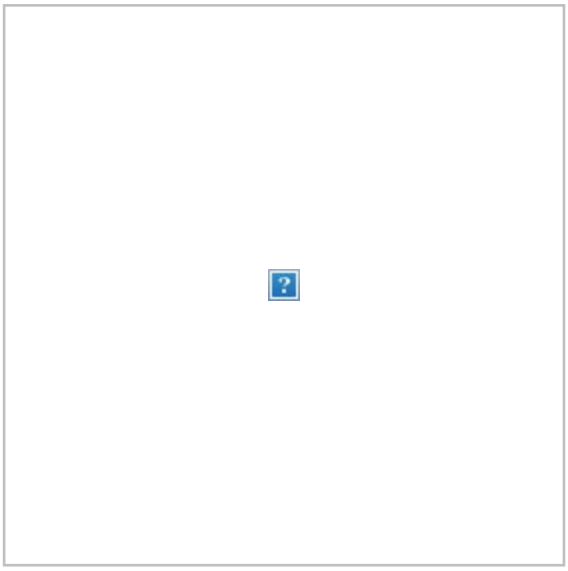
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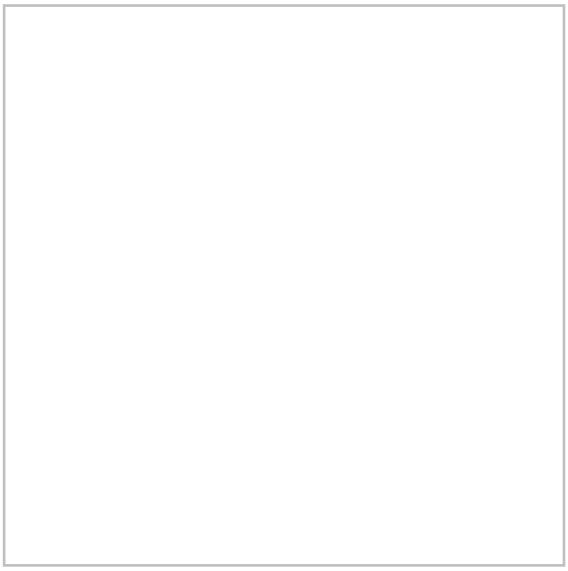


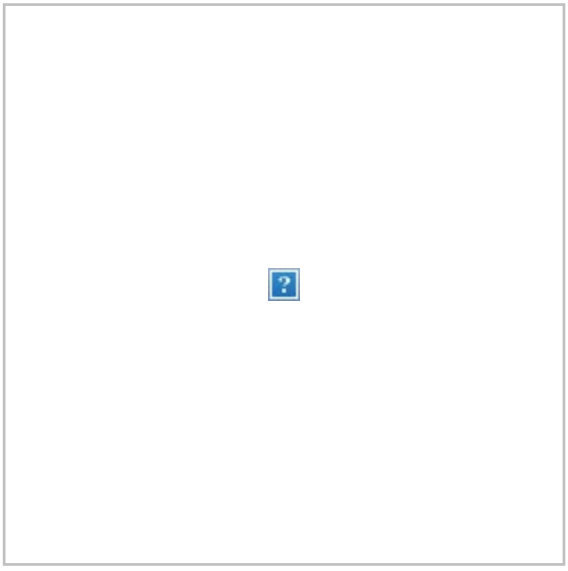


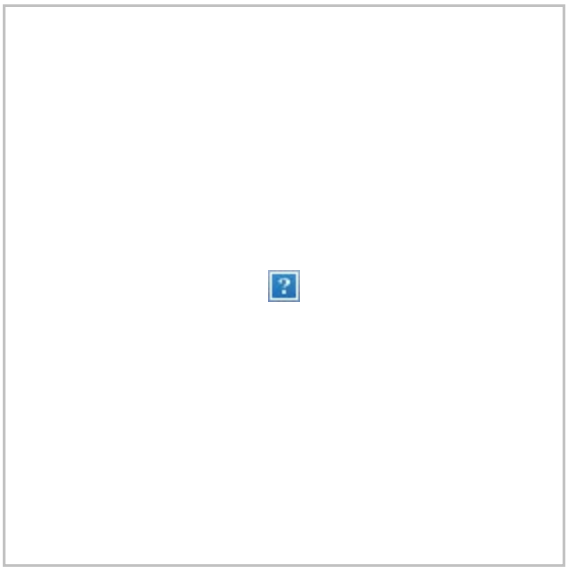


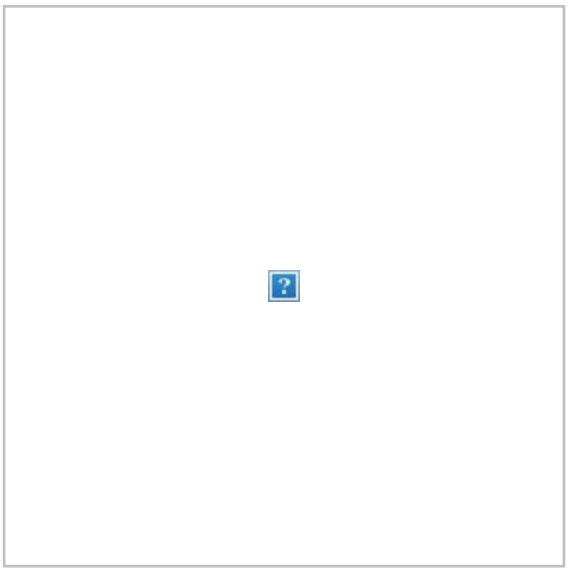


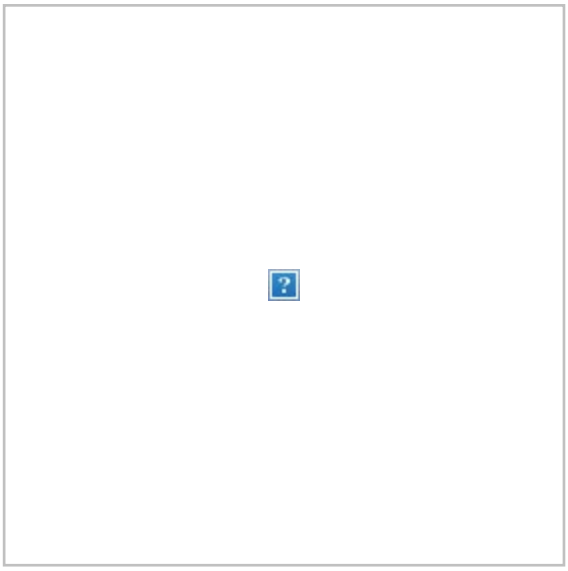


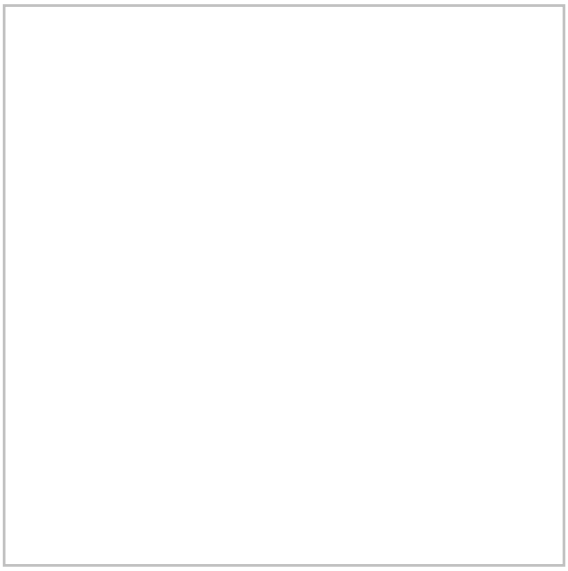


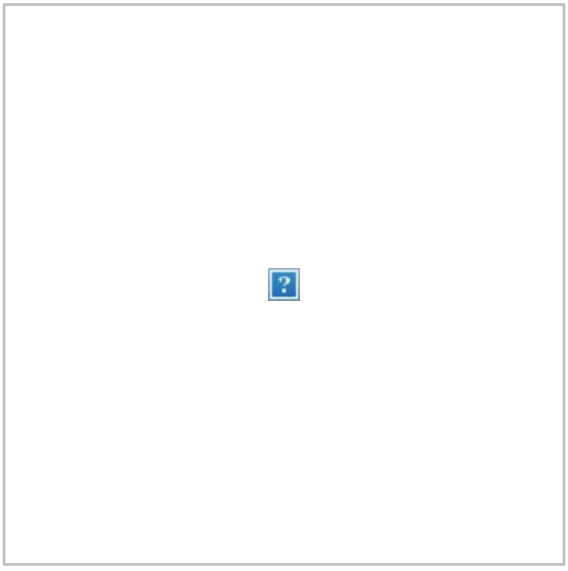


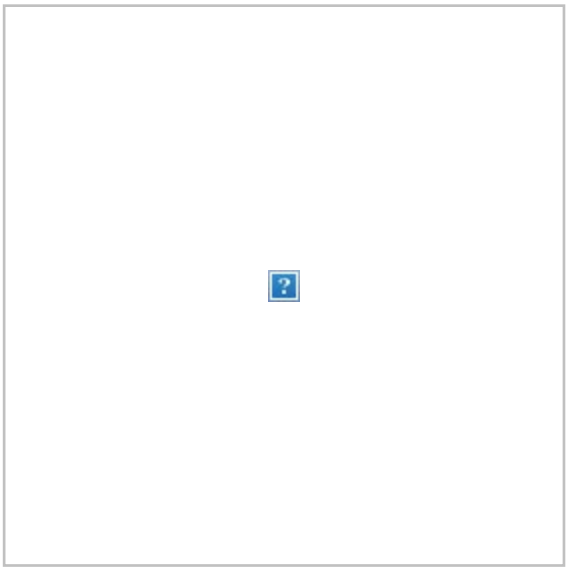


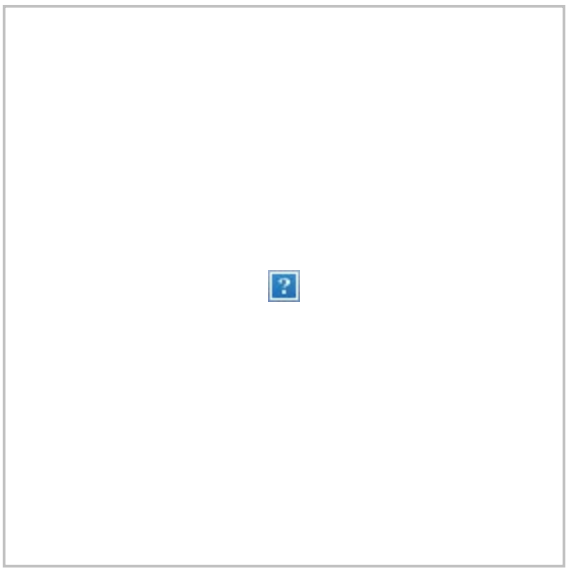


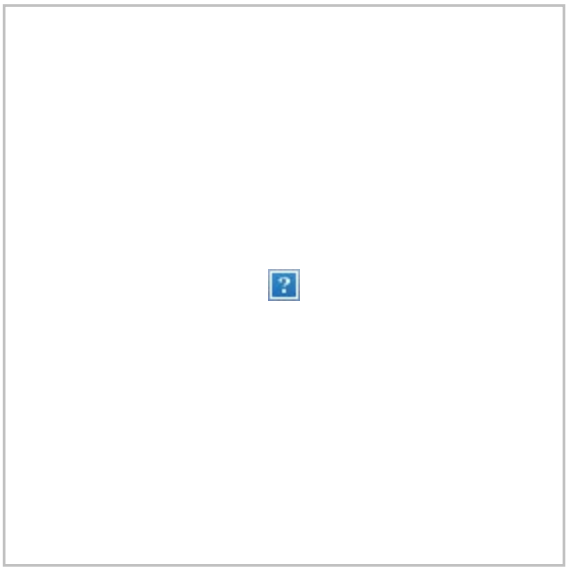












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Hi Linda,
You have written a powerful letter to members of our government. Thank you so much! Aram

On Sun, Oct 29, 2023 at 4:46 PM Linda Jolley <lindajolley9@yahoo.com> wrote:

> Mr. Biden et al -
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> We The People now recognize the U.S. as a terrorist state like Israel.
>
> Millions of us now want to throw you all out of office for 70 years of crimes against the Palestinian people, and for lying to us about the true nature of Israeli aggression against Palestinians.
>
> The general public now sees you for what you are, and will no longer allow you to confiscate our tax dollars for the purpose of slaughtering innocent civilians and expanding the ruthless state of Israel.
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> Get out while you can!
>
> Linda Jolley
> Palo Alto, CA 650-630-3021

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Behind the Blue Wall of Silence

A USA TODAY investigation exposes a culture of retaliation against police whistleblowers

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Salem,
Thank you so much for your on-the-mark letter to the Richmond City Council.
Best, Aram

On Mon, Oct 23, 2023 at 7:51 PM Salem Ajluni <ajluni@hotmail.com> wrote:

> Dear Richmond City Council Members,
>
> Thank you for the proposed resolution (Item R-1) slated for consideration by the Council at its meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, 24 October.
>
> Your resolution (attached) is sensitive to the plight of the Palestinian victims of the massive violence meted out by the armed forces of the State of Israel in Gaza. At the same time, Item R-1 emphasizes the inherent human value and human rights of all people, including those people living in places whose governing authorities engage in the illegitimate use of violence. Congratulations.
>
> It has come to my attention that the Jewish Community Relations Council, a well-funded pro-Israel organization, has mounted a campaign against Item R-1. Their opposition centers on the "trauma and vulnerability of the local Jewish community" stemming from the "Israel-Hamas conflict"; claiming that the "local Jewish community is feeling unsafe and scared;" and "the resolution's lack of empathy for Jews."
>
> Needless to say, the principal victims of the two-decade old "war on terrorism" unleashed in the wake of the 9-11-2001 attacks on the U.S., have been innocent Muslim-Americans. If any community is feeling vulnerable and

stigmatized these days, it is likewise Arabs and Muslims. Don't be intimidated by those who would deny this fundamental reality.

Solidarity,

Salem Ajluni
San Jose, CA

(P.S. I have bcc'd this message to friends who might be interested in commenting on this important initiative or in attending the meeting tomorrow at 4:30 p.m.)

From: Valenzuela, Brittany
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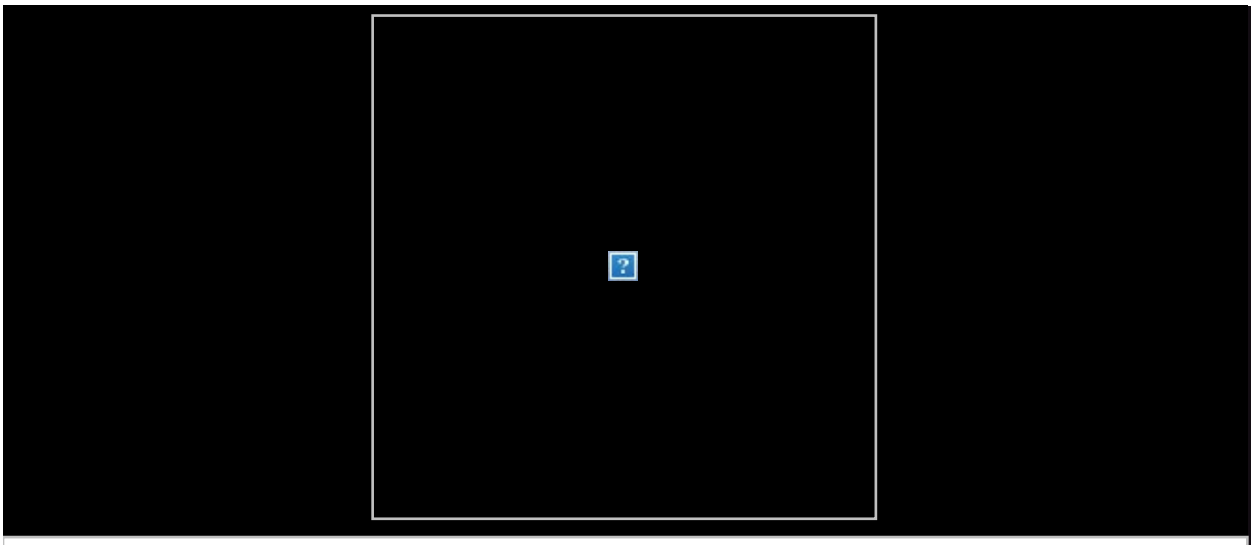
Carmen Brammer - "Aging in the African/African Ancestry Community"

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Cultural appropriation don't take our Posada

The celebration, known as posada, is a traditional religious festival celebrated in Mexico to honor the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem. It starts on December 16th and continues until Christmas Eve. The festival typically includes a procession of carolers led by a child dressed as an angel, as well as food, warm drinks, and piñatas.

Posadas first began as a way for Spaniards to share Christmas traditions with the native people of Mexico. Over time, Mexican households and neighborhoods embraced the tradition, making it a part of their own celebrations.

In the Washington/Guadalupe community, there has been ongoing debate about who should plan the posada. Madre-A-Madre, an independent organization, has historically led the event. The organization aims to empower low-income Spanish-speaking women of color living in the community.

Maria Hernandez, the President of Madre-A-Madre, believes that it is essential for the Spanish-speaking women of the community to take a leading role in organizing the posada. After discussions, Madre-A-Madre decided unanimously to hold the posada on December 15th to accommodate other December events. Hernandez hopes that other organizations can come together to build bridges and unify the community.

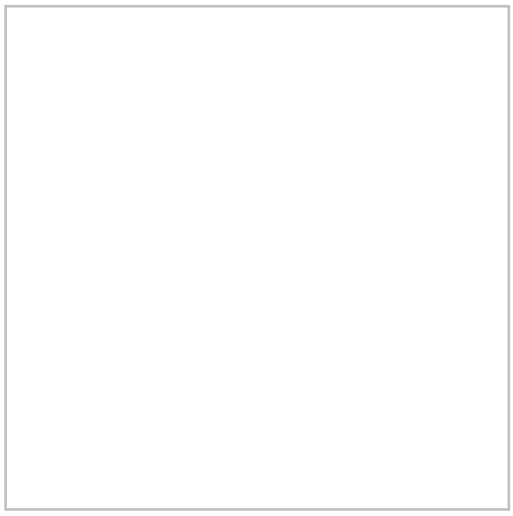
However, there seems to be a lack of inclusivity in the planning process, as evidenced by a meeting scheduled by the City of San Jose that excluded Maria Hernandez and another leader from Madre-A-Madre. The meeting was attended by three white men: Hal Spangenberg, PRNS Division Director; James McCaskill, Senior Director at Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County; and Brett Bymaster, Executive Director at Healing Grove. Brett Bymaster attended the meeting but chose not to speak on behalf of the women of color who were not invited. He expressed disappointment regarding their exclusion.

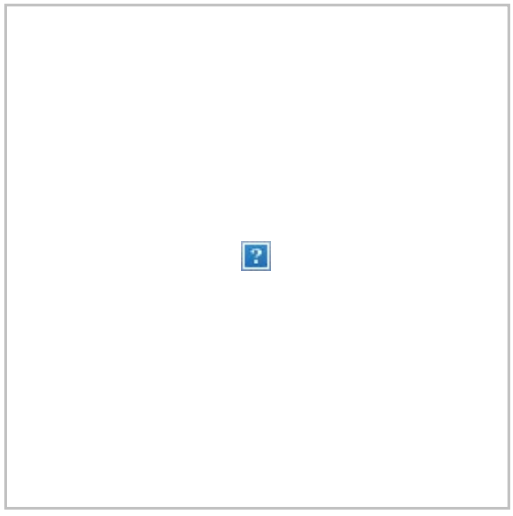
Self-determination is a universal human desire, and every culture seeks to exercise control over their own traditions and customs. It is important to recognize and respect the voices and leadership of the Spanish-speaking women of color within the Washington/ Guadalupe community in planning the posada. By fostering inclusivity and unity, the community can come together to celebrate this cherished tradition.

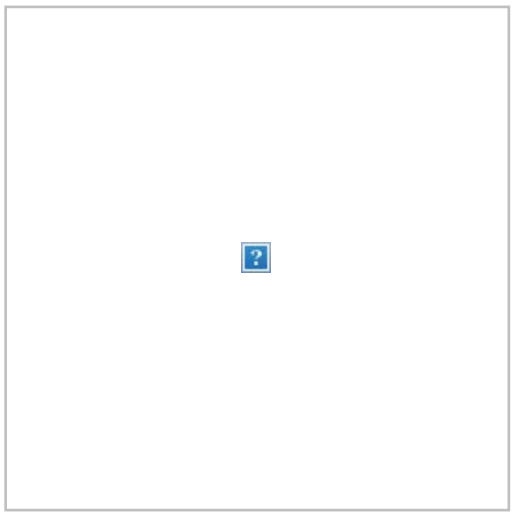
Additionally, it would be beneficial for all organizations involved in the planning of the posada to come together and collaborate. By working together, they can establish a more inclusive and unified approach to organizing the celebration. This would allow for diverse perspectives to be represented and for a more representative and inclusive event to take place.

Ultimately, the goal should be to create an environment where all stakeholders have a say in organizing the posada, and where the traditions and customs of the Spanish-speaking women of color are respected and celebrated.

Rev.Jethroe Moore II, President









SEE YOU IN VEGAS!

The NAACP National Convention is an empowering and immersive experience held each year to celebrate our community's collective power. The Convention attracts innovative change-makers, thought-leaders, entrepreneurs, scholars, entertainers, influencers, and creatives to network and exchange ideas.
We gather, collectively, to foster our intergenerational approach to advocacy. Main stage discussions, luncheons, and the experience hall connect activists, allies, and entrepreneurs from varying backgrounds who are all committed to the same thing: thriving together.
See you in LAS VEGAS for the 115th NAACP National Convention!

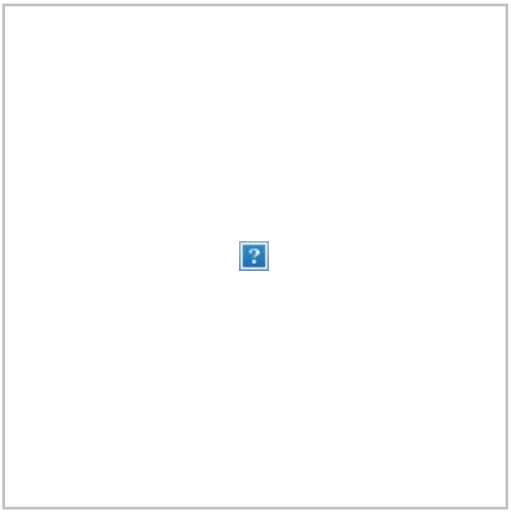
As the autumn leaves fall to the ground, we're already heating up what's to come for the **115th NAACP National Convention**.

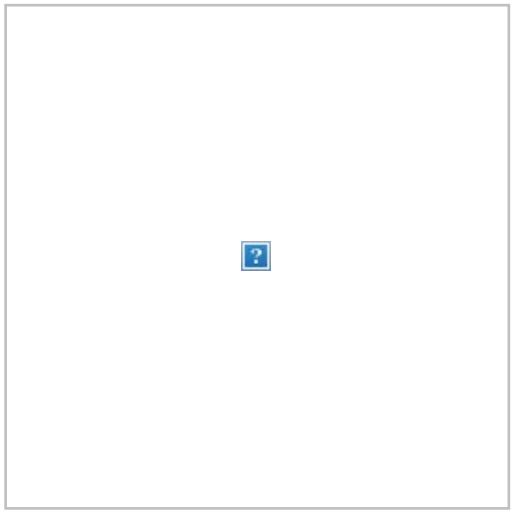
The 2024 conference will take place from July 13-17 and will feature a host of exciting panels, activations, opportunities to network and be inspired, and more. Thousands of

like-minded individuals from across the country — all dedicated to the fight for social justice and equity — will gather for an experience like none other. We'll exchange ideas. We'll strategize. We'll have a good time, too.

Mark your calendars now and stay tuned as more details will be announced in the coming months including registration and hotel information, a schedule of events, guest speakers, and more.

Get ready, because this Convention will be like nothing you've ever seen.



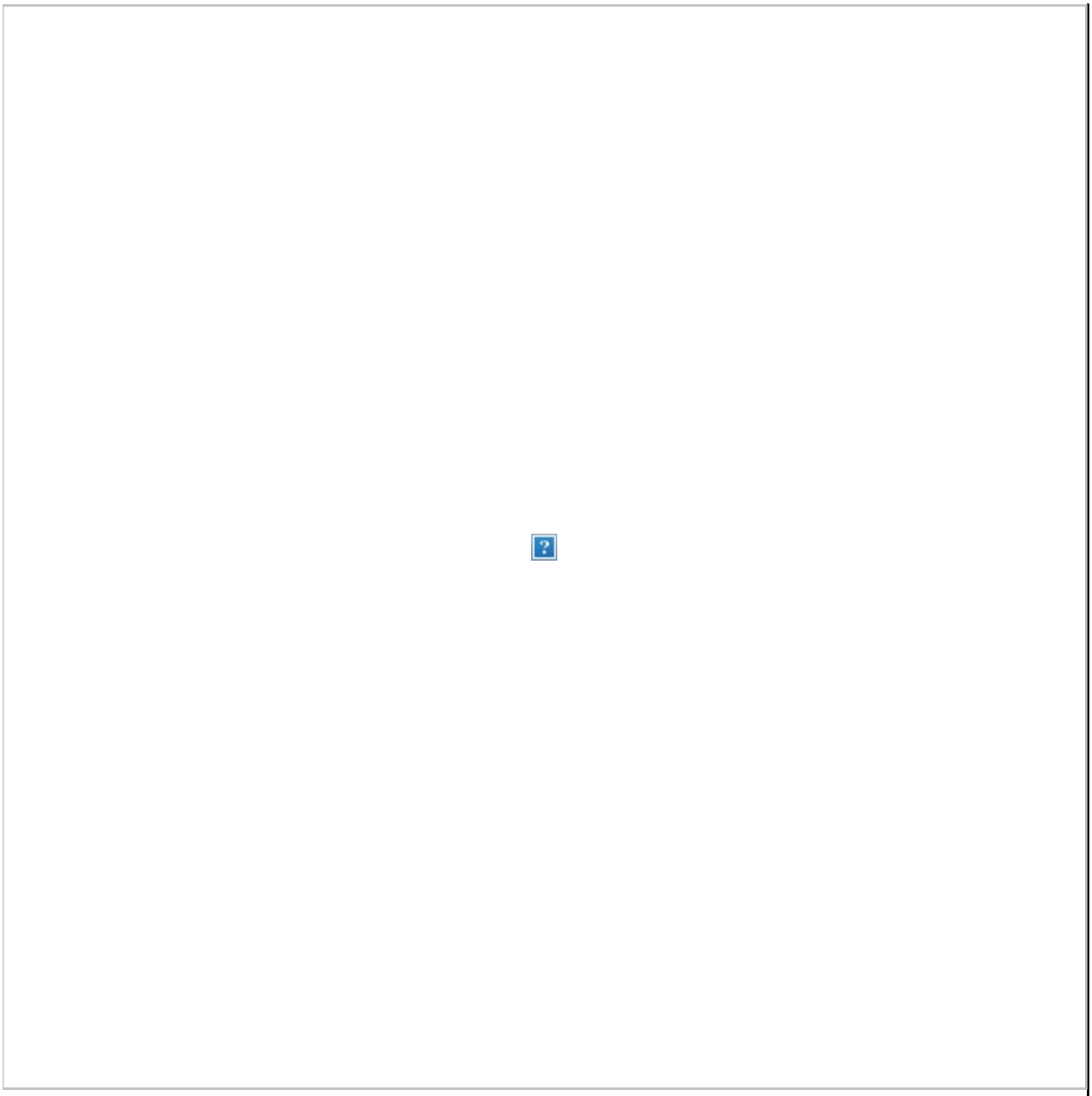


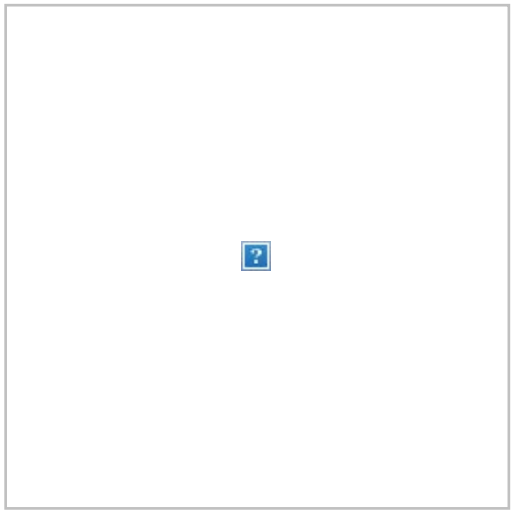
As we mark Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we celebrate and honor those whose lives have been touched by the disease.

We also want to shine a light on how breast cancer disproportionately affects Black women — because being as informed as possible can save our lives.

Did you know that Black women are more likely to be diagnosed at a younger age than white women? Visit our **Instagram page** to learn more facts and tips and share this vital information with your network.







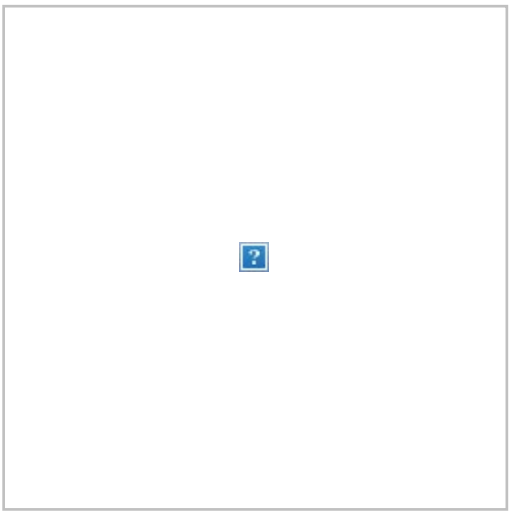
Study Finds 16% Increased Infant Mortality in States that Restrict Abortion

The study also found that the mortality rate for Black infants was more than twice that of white infants. By ***Zane McNeill*** , TRUTHOUT

States with abortion restrictions suffer a 16 percent increase in infant mortality rate,***according to a new study*** published in theAmerican Journal of Preventive Medicine.

“What’s also notable is that the data is pre-Dobbs — it came from 2014–2018. That means these numbers are likely to get much, much worse,” abortion advocate ***Jessica Valenti said***.

The United States has the **highest infant and maternal mortality rates** out of any other high-income country and, in 2021, the infant mortality rate in the U.S. was 5.4 deaths per 1,000 live births. This research supports**previous studies** that have found that abortion restrictions are **linked to increased** maternal and infant death rates which disproportionately affect Black communities. ***READ MORE***

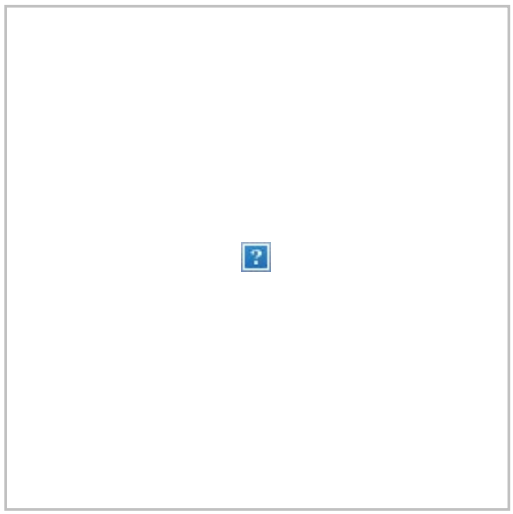


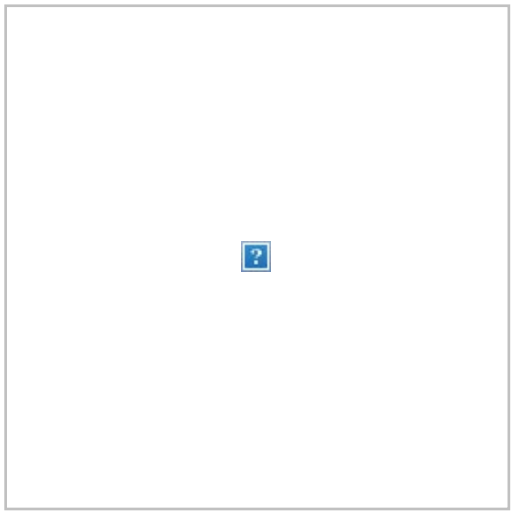
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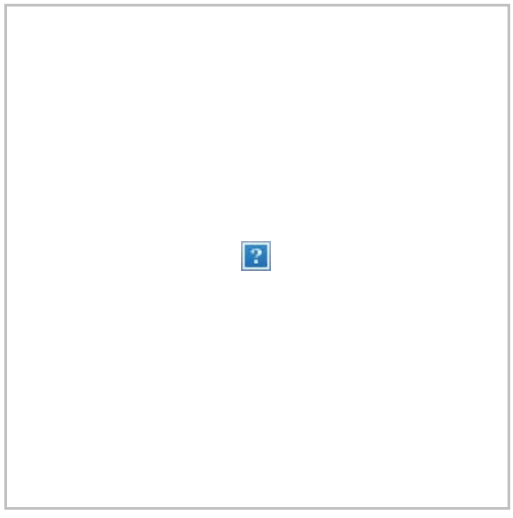
AMPLIFY's Community Engagement Award Activities (CEAA) are back! Over the past five years, we have worked with 30 community and faith-based organizations to educate and inform our African American/Black California communities regarding the social justice issue surrounding commercial tobacco and policy change. The chosen candidates will conduct a community-based activity of their choice that will increase commercial tobacco knowledge and empower our communities.

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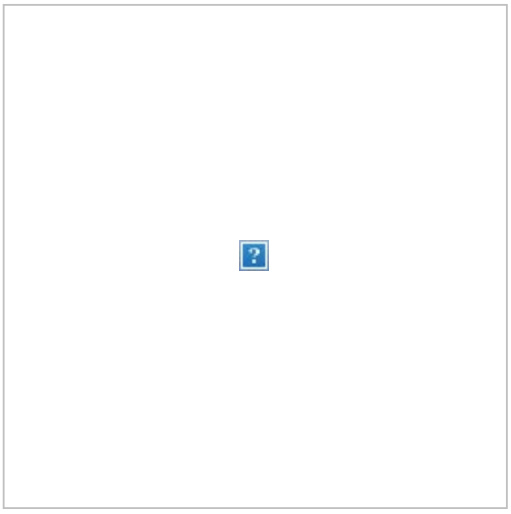


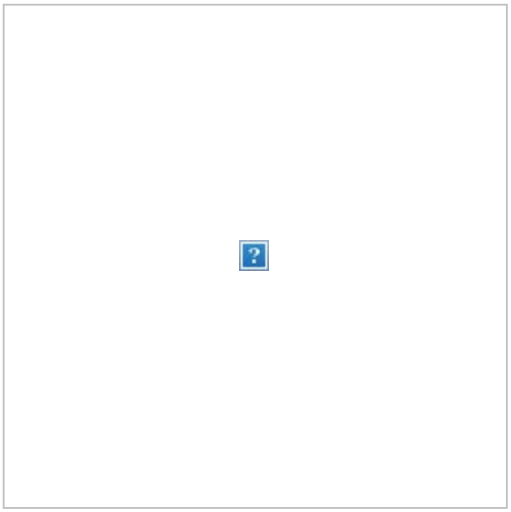




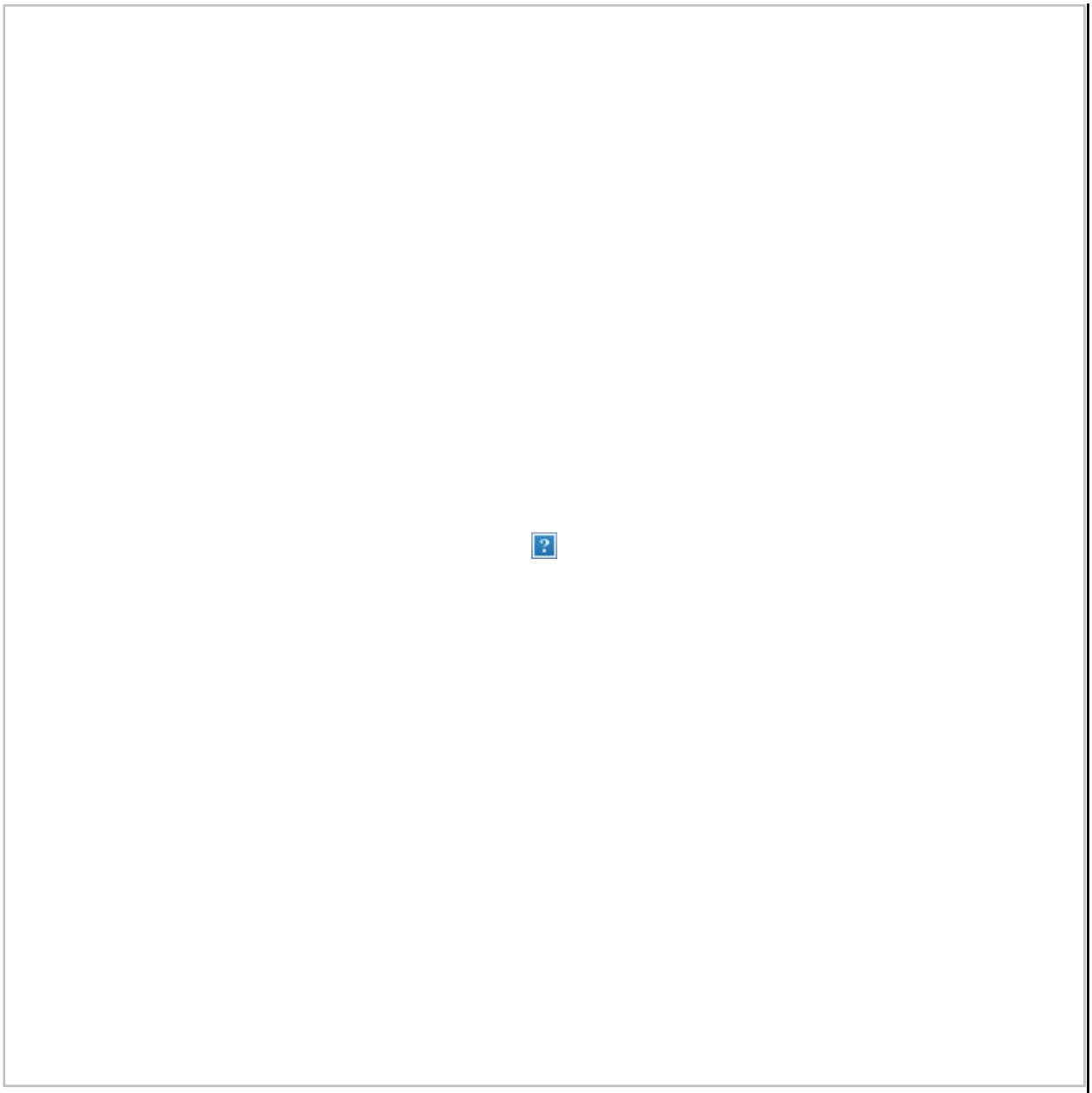
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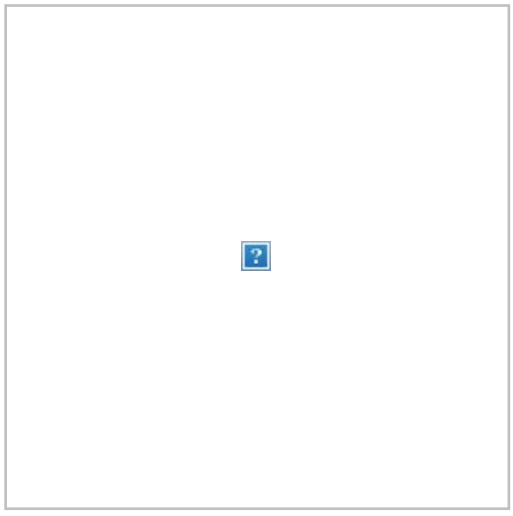
We are proud to be partnering with Vote Early Day (October 26) and we are encouraging every single one of our members to make a plan and vote early or on election day. We are asking units to host events now until election day to mobilize the Black youth vote. *Sign up here to share the time and date of GOTV activation.* We want to amplify all GOTV efforts across social media!

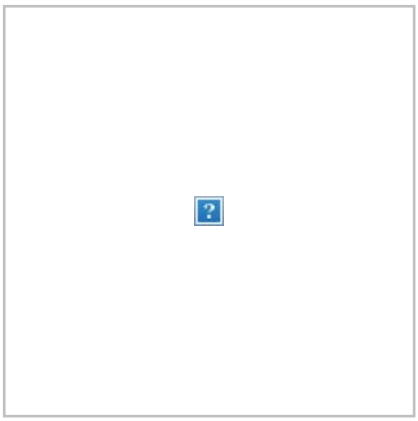


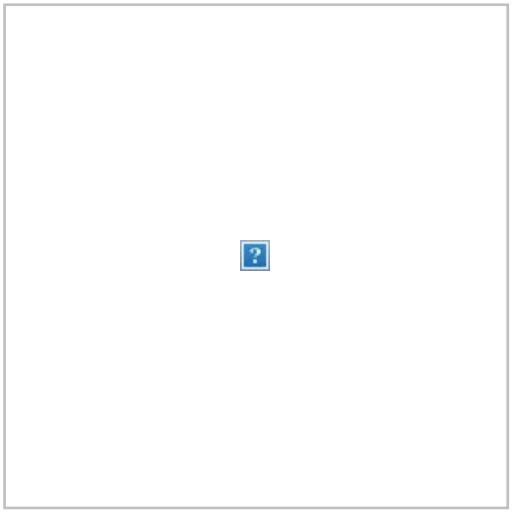


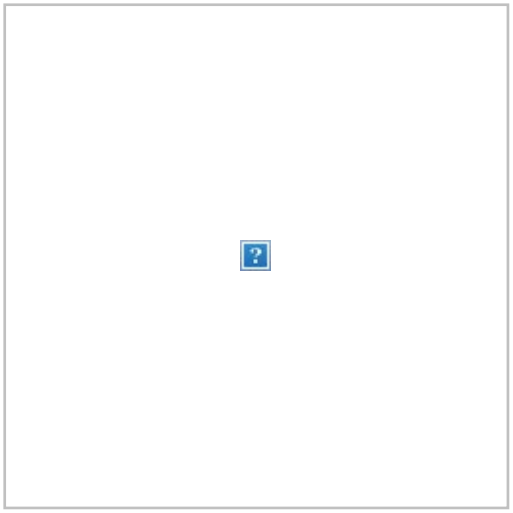


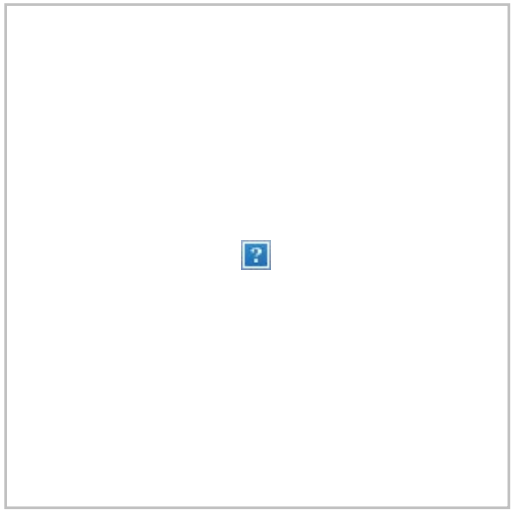






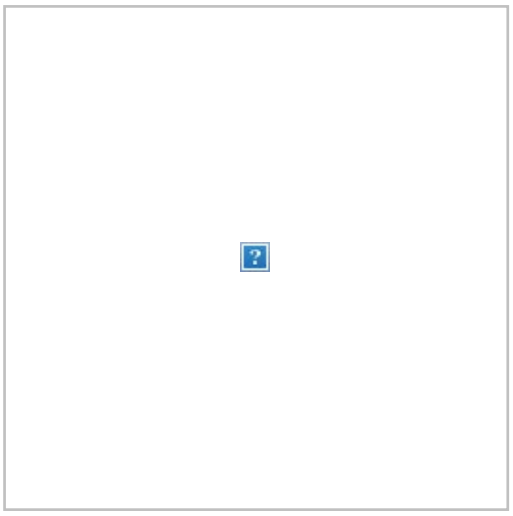


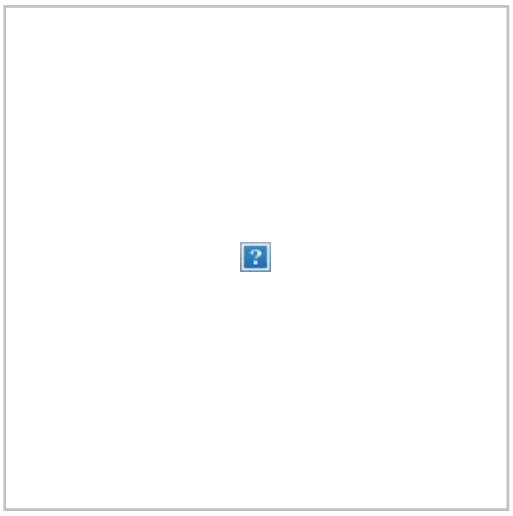


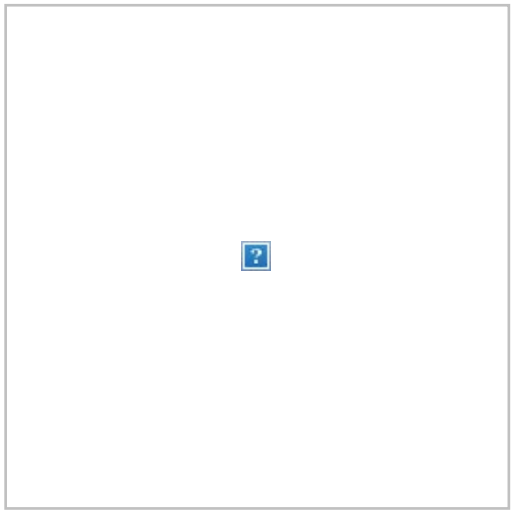


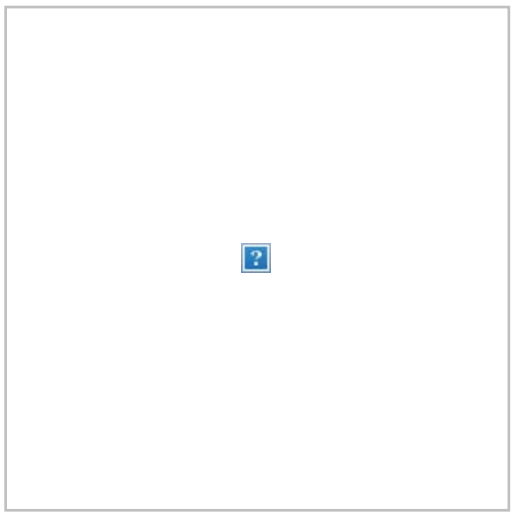


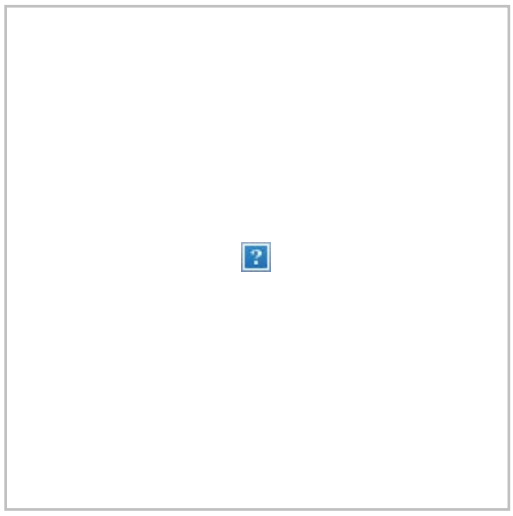


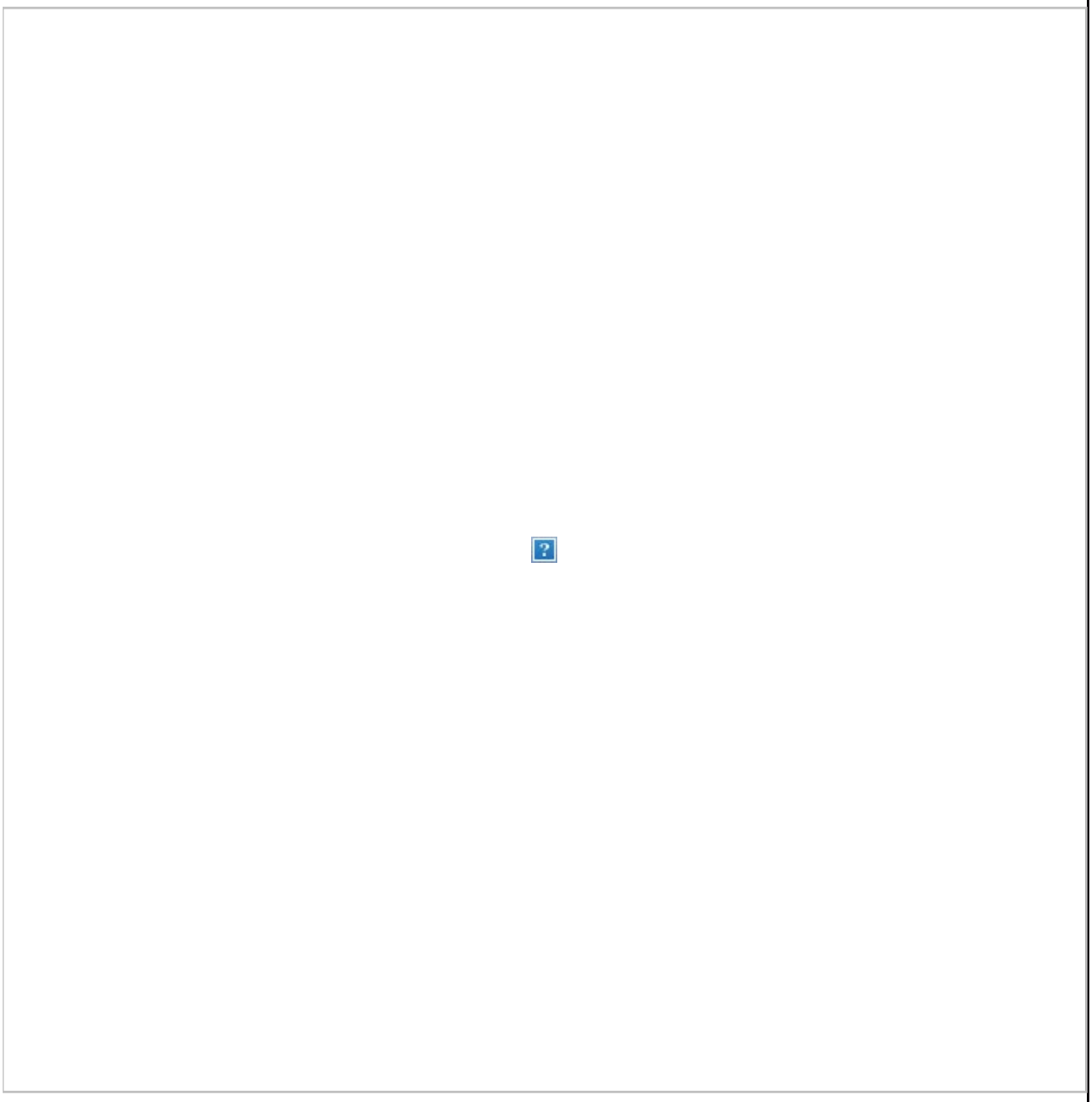










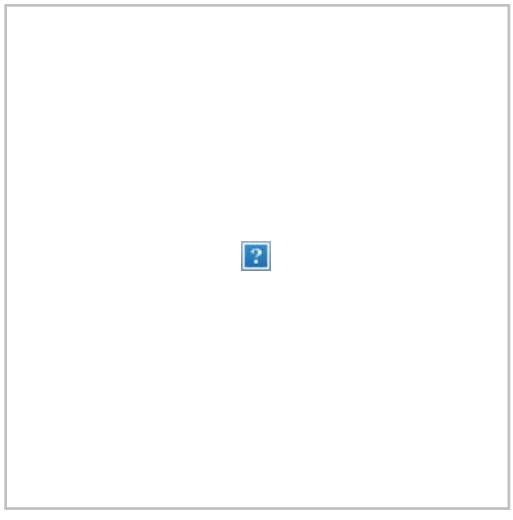


GOING ALL-IN FOR ISRAEL MAY MAKE BIDEN COMPLICIT IN GENOCIDE

Human rights lawyers warned Biden that his unconditional support for the war on Gaza may implicate the U.S. in Israel's crimes. ***Alice Speri***

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT may be complicit under international law in Israel's unfolding genocide of the Palestinian people, a group of legal scholars warned the Biden administration and the prosecutor of the International Criminal Court.

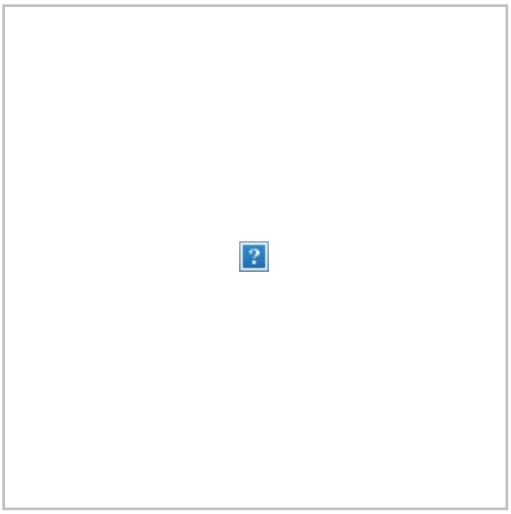
Lawyers at the Center for Constitutional Rights issued the dire warning to President Joe Biden, Secretary of State Antony Blinken, and Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin in a 44-page ***emergency brief*** on Wednesday, on the heels of Biden's trip to the Middle East. There, Biden reiterated his administration's unwavering support for Israel — even as the Israeli government wages an unprecedented bombing campaign on the occupied Gaza Strip in retaliation for a horrific attack by Hamas that killed more than 1,400 Israeli citizens. ***READ MORE***

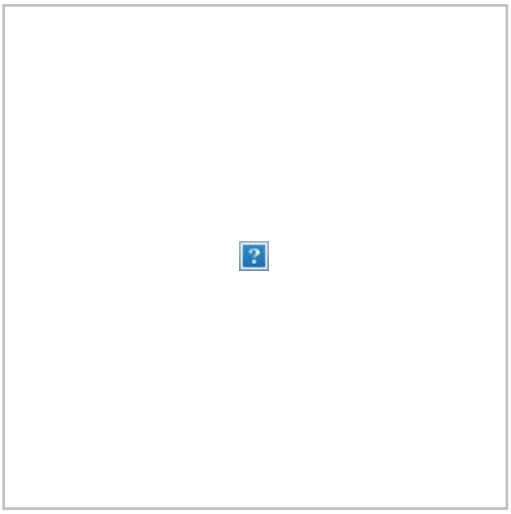


We will be holding the HBCU fall caravan here on our campus on November 1st from 4-7:30 PM. This is a free event and all students and parents are welcome. For senior students, we encourage them to bring transcripts with them as they will be admitted on the spot when talking to the admission representative. In preparation, we would like to make sure students are informed of this free opportunity.

The CCC to HBCU Caravan is a series of HBCU transfer fairs hosted throughout the state featuring admissions representatives from our partner HBCUs. Students from any campus can attend the events and counselors and other CCC colleagues are encouraged to attend as well. Some HBCU partners will provide on-site admission and scholarships. Please feel free to pass this info on to all students and encourage them to register with the QR Code for the event.

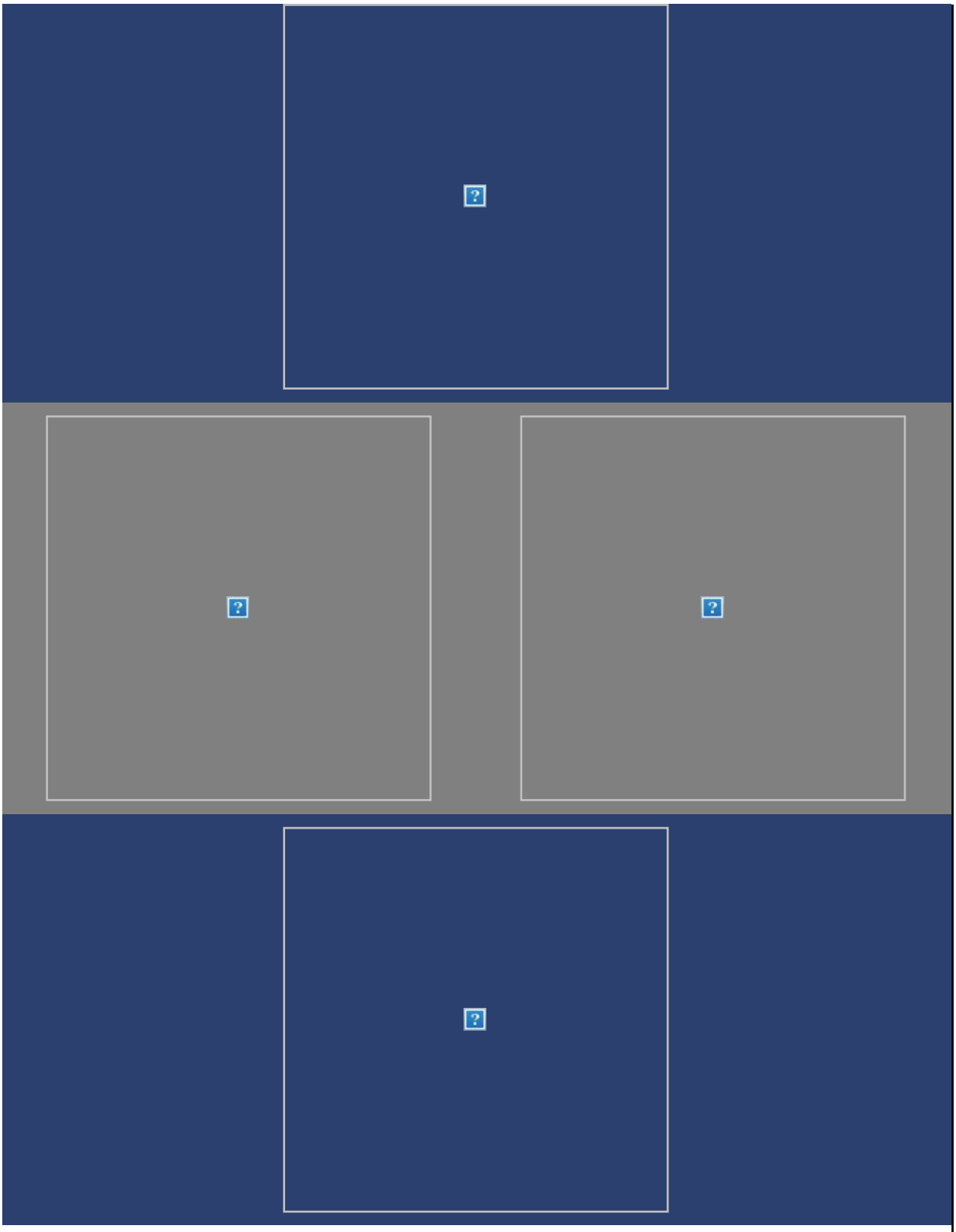
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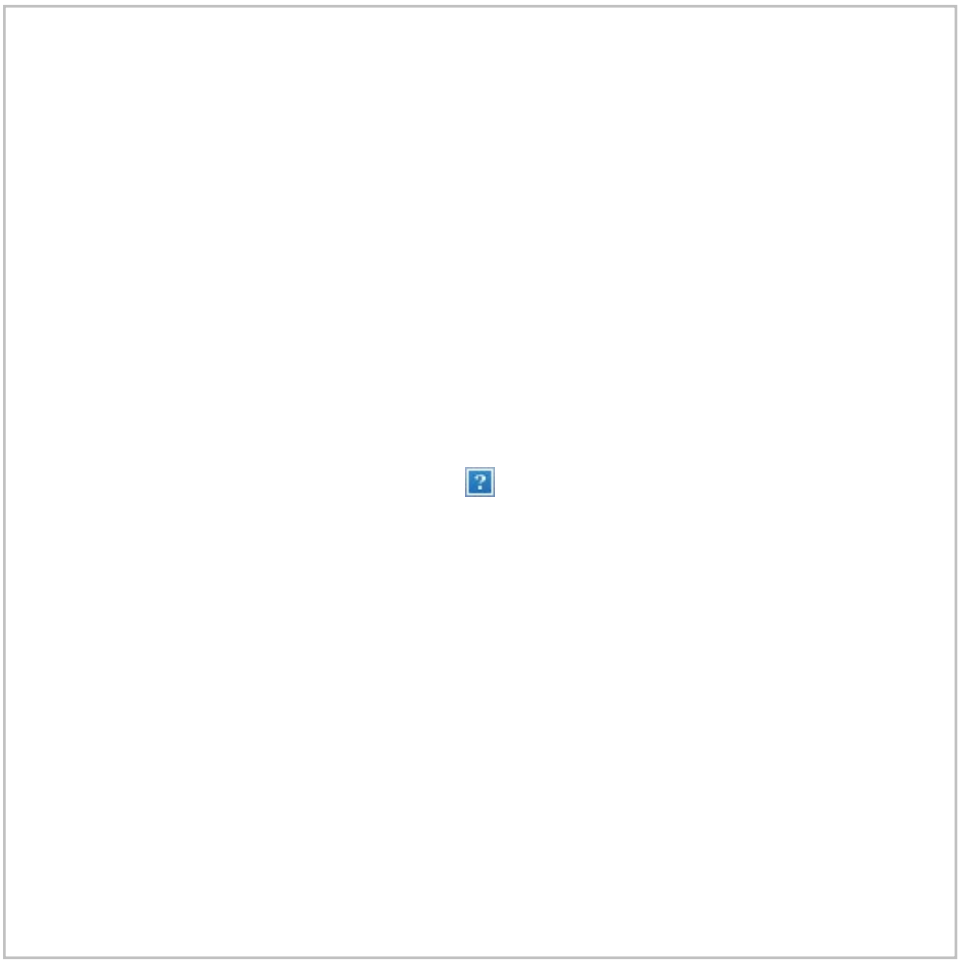


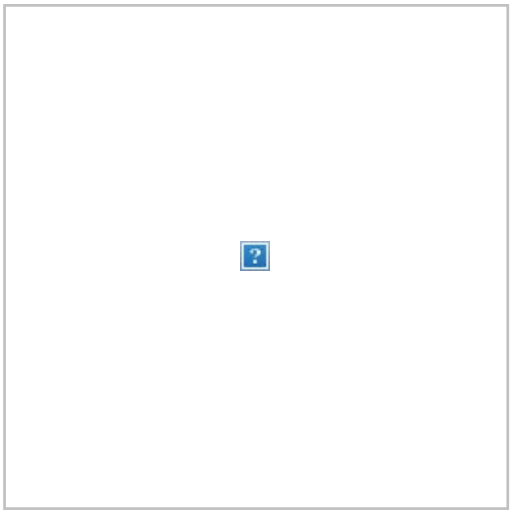


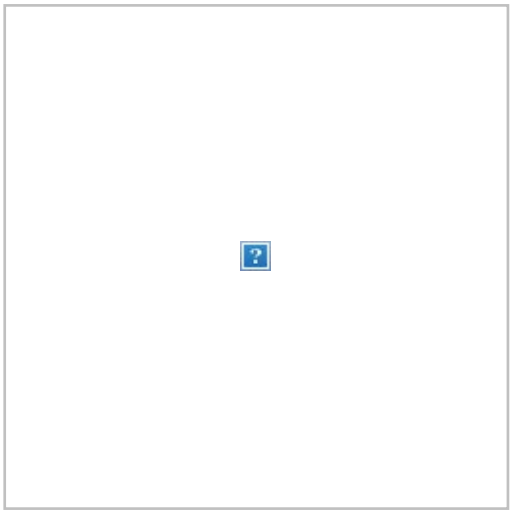












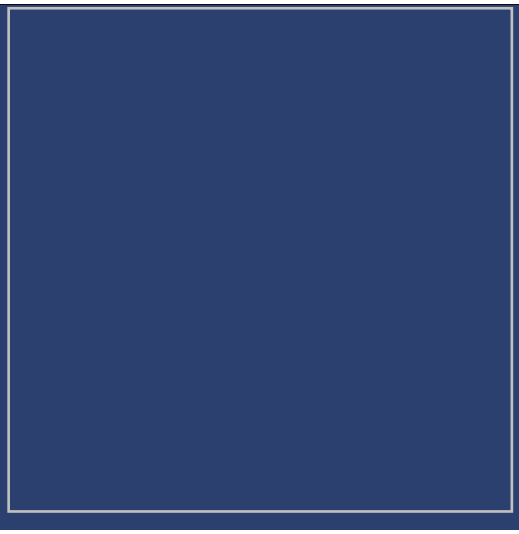
Why is the U.S. moving its embassy to Jerusalem?

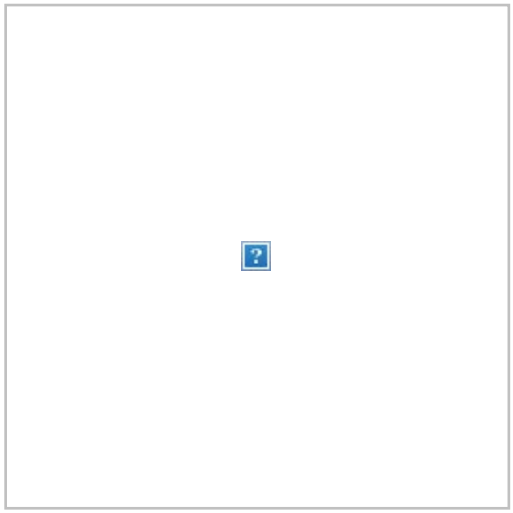
By ***Stephen Farrell***

JERUSALEM (Reuters) - The United States opens its new embassy in Jerusalem on May 14, a move that has delighted Israel and infuriated Palestinians.

On Monday, road signs directing traffic there went up around the neighborhood where it will be situated, and next week's opening ceremony is timed to coincide with Israel's 70th anniversary.

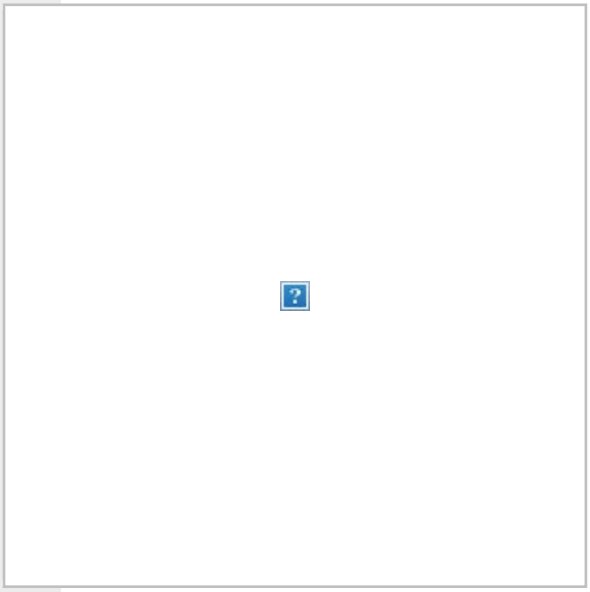
The initiative was driven by President Donald Trump, after he broke last year with decades of U.S. policy by recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. ***READ MORE***



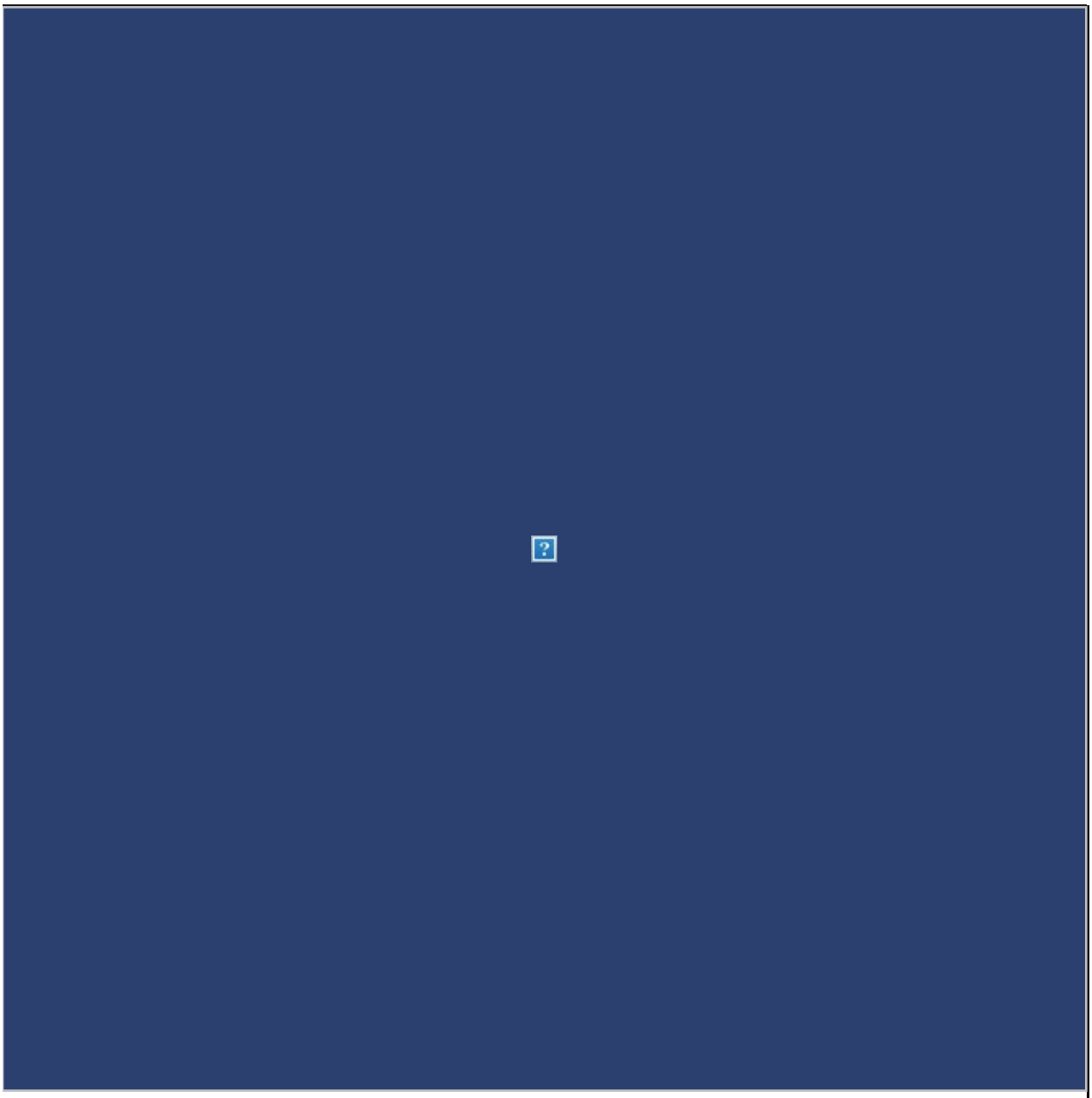


Top GOP Candidate For N.C. Governor Has A History Of Demeaning Successful Women
Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson said Michelle Obama emanates “the stench of human waste," called Taylor Swift “Trailer Shift," and likened Nancy Pelosi to Adolf Hitler. By ***Jennifer Bendery***

North Carolina GOP gubernatorial candidate Mark Robinson is known for having a long history of ***peddling conspiracy theories***.
It turns out he’s got a long history of something else, too: demeaning successful women. ***READ MORE***













Register at https://sdpconference.info/2024-conference/

The 2024 conference will be convened at the **Palmer House Hotel, Monday, February 19 – Thursday, February 22, 2024, in Chicago, IL**.

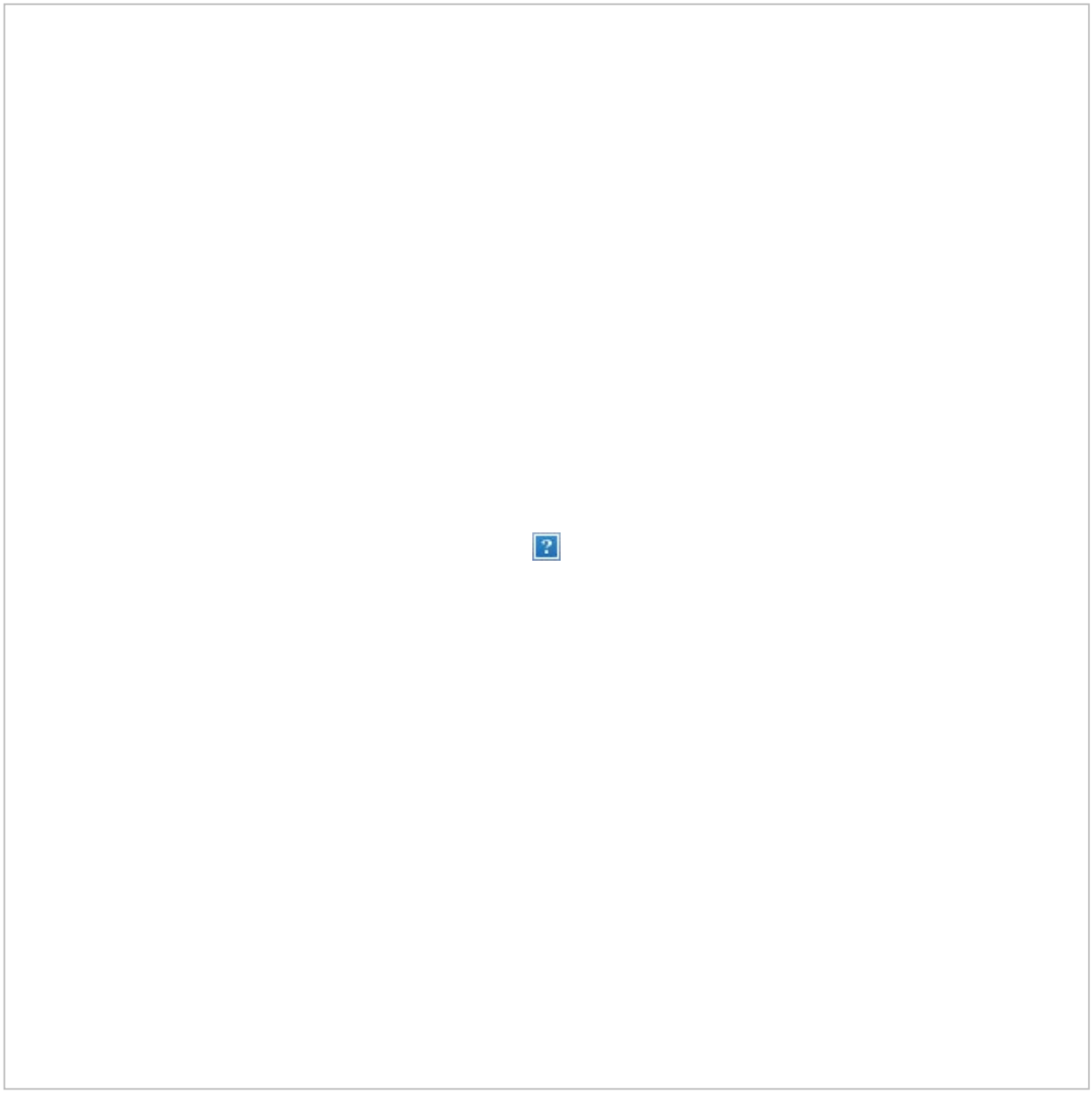
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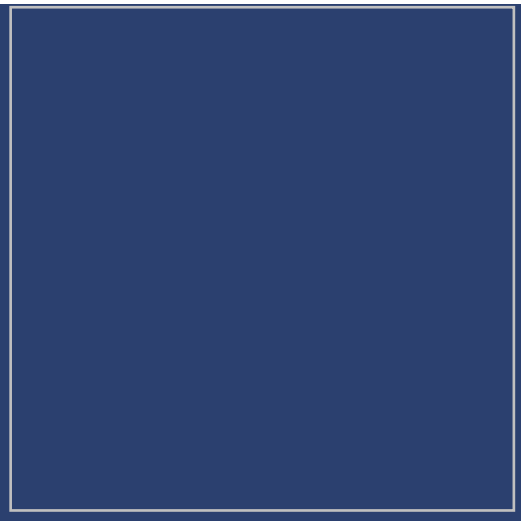
The 2024 Conference will include…

- Opening conference worship service at the Palmer House hotel
- Renowned African American preachers, theologians, and activists
- Informed teaching and educational opportunities through various breakout sessions including Connecting the Dots: Racism, Ecojustice and the Wealth Gap

- General Secretary's Luncheon & Ella Jo Baker Awards
- “Beautiful Are The Feet” Honoree Signature Event

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Brendon Woods is the Public Defender for Alameda County

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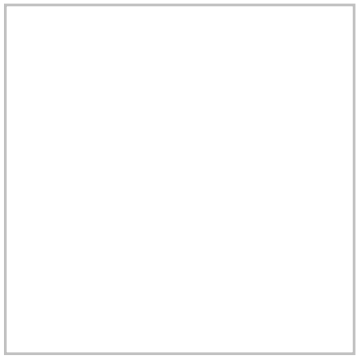


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Brooke Jenkins 謝安宜
@BrookeJenkinsSF

Thank you to the North Beach residents who joined our Public Safety Town Hall last night.

I am a District Attorney that believes we have to enforce our laws & make sure there is accountability so we can get back to living in a safe city.



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Marc Berman
@AsmMarcBerman

I had the chance to attend @codeorg's 10th anniversary celebration. They've done amazing work expanding access to computer science education, especially for women & communities of color, and I've been proud to partner with them on legislation to do that in CA. More to come!

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Unless we act, **our grief will be weaponized to justify the Israeli military's genocide of Palestinian people in Gaza**. Judaism teaches us that to save a life is to save the world. That's why even as we grieve for our Israeli and Palestinian loved ones, we are throwing ourselves into the cogs of the war machine to save every life we can.

We're mobilizing thousands of American Jews to join us in demanding Biden and all of our elected officials implement a ceasefire NOW. We will not allow them or the Israeli government to carry out a genocide in our name. We will channel our grief towards securing a future where all Palestinians, Israelis, and Jews are safe. **Will you join us and help stop a genocide?**

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Perhaps one could protest Egypt too because Palestinians just as easily could enter the country on their southern border -- Egypt.

And perhaps someone could point out that Hamas operates its military bases entirely out of residential buildings, schools, and mosques. Israel cannot aim at Hamas without aiming at the Palestinians that Hamas uses as human shields. Maybe someone could step in and save Palestinians from the terrorists who took over their country by military coup in 2007? The terrorists who steal 1/3 of all international aid, the majority of which is provided by Israel? Or maybe someone could cut off the weapons pipeline from Iran to Hamas using crypto?

And maybe someone could point out that the Hamas monsters actually targeted the pacifist communes (Kibbutzim) that was home to the vast number of Israelis providing humanitarian aid to Palestinians? (Egyptians provide no humanitarian aid.). Among the 1500 murdered individuals -- individuals who were not killed in a bombing but rather were hunted down in their homes, the children beheaded, the women and girls raped and often abducted -- among those individuals were hundreds of Israelis that had been ferrying Palestinians for decades to Israeli hospitals, given that hospitals in Gaza were insufficient due to Hamas stealing their resources and using their hospitals as military bases.

Honestly, at this point I have given up on gentiles taking the time to see this massive rampage for what it was: a massive murder and rape rampage that targeted Jews for the purposes of killing Jews and especially targeted Jewish (or Jewish-looking) women and girls from infancy to 90s for abduction, sexual assault, rape, and celebration over the used up bodies as spoils of war.

While you continue to blame the Jews for the harms caused by Hamas, I am focussed on retaining any last remaining hope of rescuing the 250 Jews (of numerous nationalities, and many non-Jews) who were abducted by Hamas monsters, the majority of whom were women and young girls. These victims never were "hostages" -- they were taken to use for rape and torture as spoils of war. Not ONE has been returned. Not ONE has been proven to be alive. For many of them, their best hope is a swift death. Parents and other loved ones, including several in my extended family (although Jews tend to view all of us as family of each other) will never receive any part of their raped and murdered babies.

Aram, please do me the favor of taking me off the list when you circulate these triggering and hateful emails. There is and was no justification for the hundreds of rapes and murders that Hamas sociopaths did on the best and favorite Jewish Holiday which is now ruined forever - Simchat Torah. Blaming Jews for their abductions, murder, beheadings, and so much rape is equivalent to blaming Jews for the actions of the Holocaust. Get your head on straight and if you continue to forward emails that continue to justify the unprecedented terror attacks on so so so many people who were sleeping in their beds or dancing at a peace rave and praying at shul, LEAVE ME OUT.

Sincerely,
Rebecca

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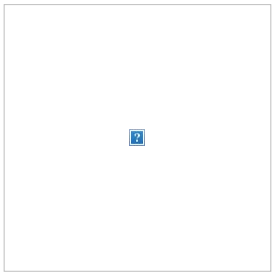
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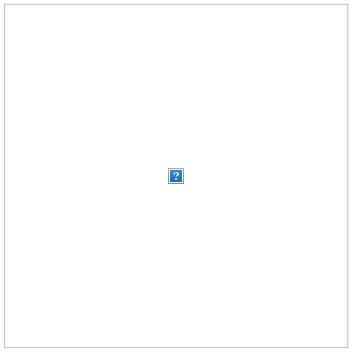
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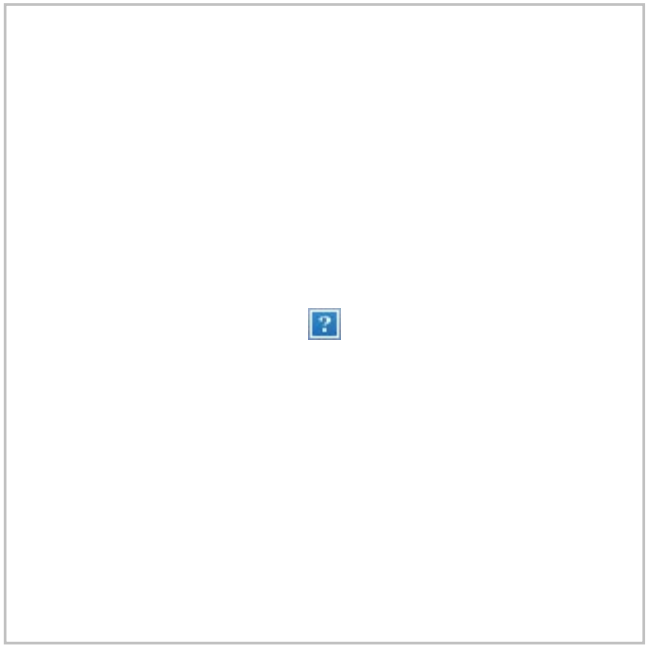
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How are you feeling about climate change? In association and solidarity with the global Fridays for Future movement, Fridays For Future Palo Alto conducts a climate strike every Friday in front of Palo Alto City Hall. This Friday, Kimberly Wiefling will facilitate her popular Creating-A-Vision Workshop, in which we will envision life in Palo Alto in the year 2040. More...

Silent Vigil for Peace in Israel/Palestine



Friday, October 20, 12:00 Noon
El Camino Real & Embarcadero Rd, Palo Alto

This Friday, members of Women's Int'l League for Peace & Freedom - Peninsula/Palo Alto Chapter grieve that the need arises again, to stand against the violence of war, with the terrible attacks of Hamas against Israelis, soldiers, women and children alike, and taking hostages; and the subsequent bombardment and counter attacks in Gaza, killing Hamas members/sympathizers and innocent civilians, women and children alike. More...



United Nations Association Film Festival
October 19 through October 29
Various Locations in Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, San Francisco, Stanford University
Click here for the full schedule

We are delighted to announce the 26th UNAFF (United Nations Association Film Festival), which was founded in 1998 by Stanford educator and film critic Jasmina Bojic in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This year's theme SOLUTIONS continues our enduring devotion to the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which celebrates its 75th anniversary this year, with an emphasis on strategies and approaches that offer solutions to the world's current burning problems. More...



Welcome Mme. Mildred Aristide to the Bay Area
Saturday, October 21, 3:00 - 5:00 PM
First Presbyterian Church of Oakland
2619 Broadway, Oakland

Haiti Action Committee is honored to announce that Mme. Mildred Aristide, the former First Lady of Haiti and a member of the Board of Administration of the University of the Dr. Aristide Foundation (UNIFA), will be coming soon to the Bay Area to discuss the remarkable work of UNIFA amidst the deepening crisis in Haiti. Endorsed by Peninsula Peace and Justice Center. More...

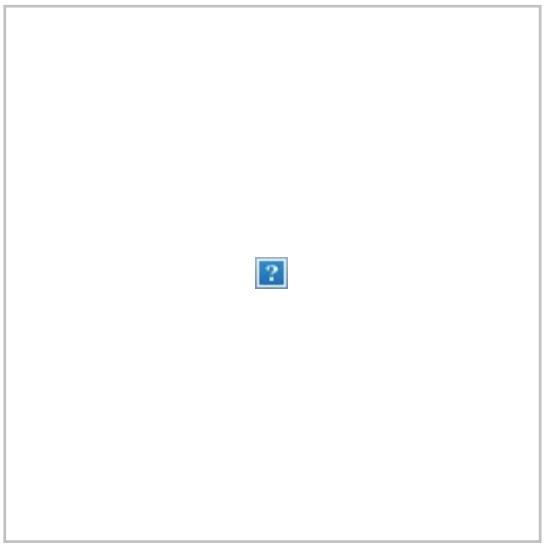


Report from Chile on the 50th Anniversary of the US AFL-CIO Supported Coup
Saturday, October 28, 2:00 - 4:00 PM
San Jose Peace and Justice Center
48 S. 7th Street, San Jose

Lisa Milos, a Chilean American and member of UPTE UCSF (University Professional and Technical Employees, University of California San Francisco) went to Chile to join in the commemoration events. Lisa will report on what happened during the commemoration and the lessons for today and Chile. Co-sponsored by: Labor Education Project on AFL-CIO International Operations,

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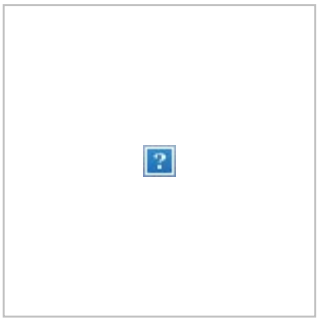
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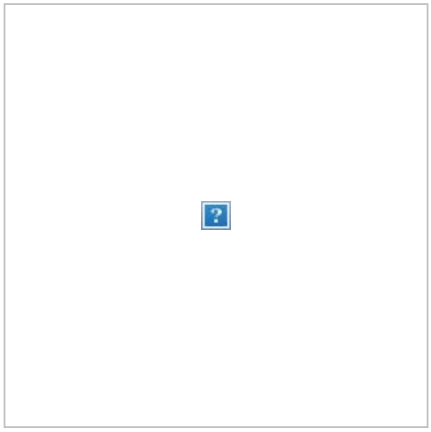
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Natalie

From: Human Relations Commission <hrc@cityofpaloalto.org>
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To: sukiroo@hotmail.com <sukiroo@hotmail.com>
Subject: Notice for Human Relations Commission Special Meeting Agenda



Notice for Human Relations Commission Special Meeting Agenda

Agenda posted as of October 18, 2023



Upcoming Human Relations Commission Special Joint Meeting with the Planning & Transportation Commission

Held in person and by virtual teleconference through Zoom

October 25, 2023, Human Relations Commission Special Meeting Agenda Packet

Learn more about the Human Relations Commission, their responsibilities, watch previous meetings, and gain previous meeting agendas and minutes **here**.

Resources for Hybrid Meeting Attendance

Hybrid meetings offer the public the flexibility of attending either virtually/remotely by using Zoom or in-person at City Hall. The new hybrid-style meetings will take place in the City Council Chambers at City Hall for all boards, commission, committee, and City Council meetings. City Hall HVAC system operations have been enhanced in alignment with CDC recommendations, and supplemental HEPA filtration will be provided in the Chambers to further improve indoor air quality. Face masks and social distancing are strongly recommended.

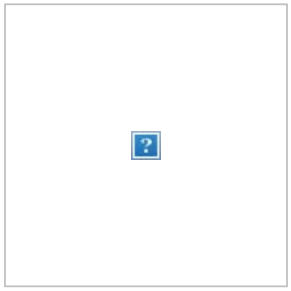
All members of the public who wish to speak during the Human Relations Commission meeting will be able to do so, regardless of whether they are present in chambers or participating by Zoom. Members of the public who wish to comment through writing may email **hrc@cityofpaloalto.org**. All public emails to the Commission are uploaded to the public letters to Parks and Recreation Commission webpage prior to the meeting. Commission meetings will continue to be broadcast and streamed live on the **City's YouTube channel**, Channel 26 or 29 on cable TV, on the **Midpen Media Center's website**, and via Zoom as listed on the agenda.

Pursuant to **AB 361**, Palo Alto City Council, Board, and Commission meetings will be held as "hybrid" meetings with the option to attend by teleconference/video conference or in person. To maximize public safety while still maintaining transparency and public access, members of the public can choose to participate from home or attend in person. Information on how the public may observe and participate in the meeting is located at the end of the agenda.

The meeting will be broadcasted on Cable TV Channel 26, live on **the City of Palo Alto's YouTube Channel**, and **Midpen Media Center**. Members of the public who wish to participate by computer or phone can find the instructions at the beginning and end of each agenda. To ensure participation in a particular item, we suggest calling in or connecting online 15 minutes before the item you wish to speak on.



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Subject:	Gaza conflict spills into the West Bank as settler attacks and clashes leave dozens of Palestinians dead
Date:	Wednesday, October 18, 2023 11:03:01 PM

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Gaza conflict spills into the West Bank as settler attacks and clashes leave dozens of Palestinians dead

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Subject:	US vetoes Security Council call for 'humanitarian pause' in Israel-Hamas war
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Subject:	Israel appears to be on the verge of ethnic cleansing in Gaza | US news | The Guardian
Date:	Tuesday, October 17, 2023 8:44:12 AM

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From: Aram James
To: Council, City; Greer Stone; Human Relations Commission; Jeff Moore; Julie Lythcott-Haims; Kaloma Smith; Karen Holman; Kou, Lydia; Palo Alto Renters" Association; ParkRec Commission; Sean Allen; Sheriff Transparency; WILPF Peninsula Palo Alto; planning.commision@cityofpaloalto.org
Subject: Re: Fw: [PSN] Electronic Intafada: Israeli forces shot their own civilians, kibbutz survivor says
Date: Monday, October 16, 2023 10:06:09 PM

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Sent: Sunday, October 15, 2023 11:15 PM
To: PSN Bay Area
Subject: Re: [PSN] Electronic Intafada: Israeli forces shot their own civilians, kibbutz survivor says

Any hostage crisis lasts days, if not weeks or even months. It involves long negotiations, even if as a ruse. This one ended in hours. That can only happen if IDF just fired blindly to ensure nobody is abducted.

On Sunday, October 15, 2023 at 10:52:41 PM PDT, 'aamirq' via Palestine Solidarity Network <palestine_solidarity_network@googlegroups.com> wrote:

Israeli forces shot their own civilians, kibbutz survivor says



Israeli forces shot their own civilians, kibbutz survivor says

Palestinian fighters treated Israeli captives "humanely," recalls Yasmin Porat.

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Subject:	Re: Colombian President likened Israeli attack on Palestinians to the nazis
Date:	Monday, October 16, 2023 5:00:18 PM

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On Mon, Oct 16, 20,23 at 4:52 PM Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com> wrote:

> Colombian President likened the Israeli attack on Palestinians to the Nasis attack on Jews in World War 2.

The Colombian Foreign Minister expels the Israeli ambassador On Monday, Colombian Foreign Minister Alvaro Leyva asked the Israeli ambassador in Bogota to "apologize and leave," after Israeli diplomacy responded to statements by President Gustavo Petro in which he addressed the war waged by Israel. The Colombian president likened the ongoing Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip to the Nazis' persecution of Jews during World War II.

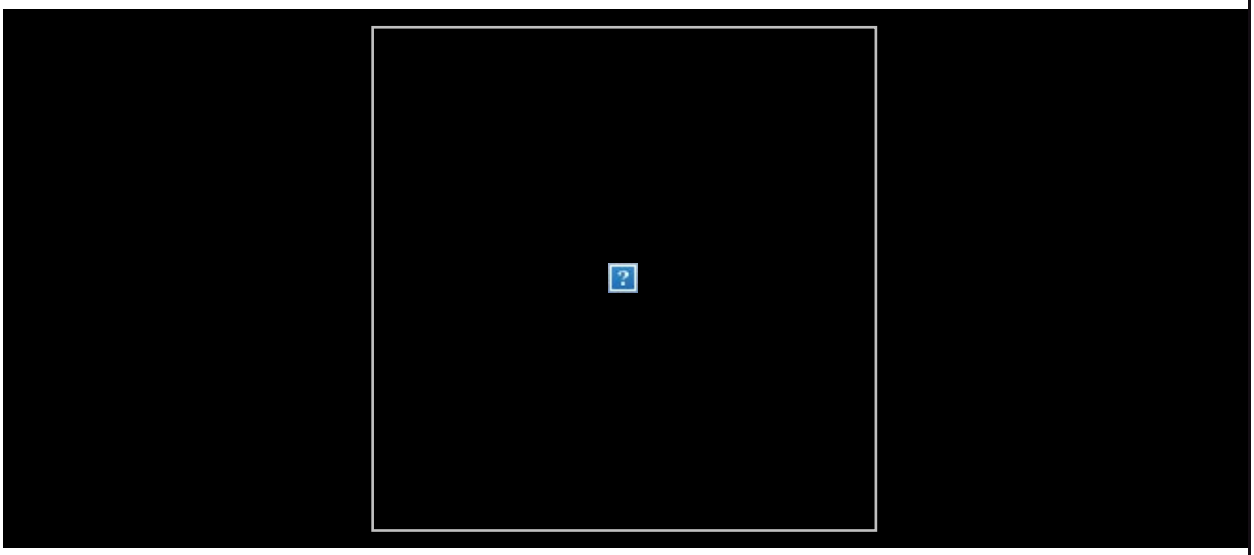
From: San Jose Silicon Valley NAACP
To: Human Relations Commission
Subject: Israel Palestine and Me Standing up for compassion
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FREEDOM GALA

I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for inviting me to the 68th Annual Freedom Fund Awards Gala. It was truly an incredible evening filled with familiar faces and memorable moments.

First and foremost, I must say that the performances by Tiffany Austin, Victoria McDowell Rayland, and the poetry recital by Elaina Thomas were absolutely captivating. Their talents added an incredible energy to the event, and I thoroughly enjoyed every minute of their performances.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to all the awardees who were recognized at the Gala. Their dedication and contributions to the community are truly inspirational, and it was an honor to be in their presence.

A special thank you goes out to DJ Mr. Henry Nicholas for keeping the music going and creating such a lively atmosphere throughout the evening. Additionally, I would like to express my gratitude to the photographer, AJ, for capturing the beautiful moments and memories of the Gala. It's always wonderful to have these lasting reminders of such a

special event.

Lastly, I want to commend Mrs. Christal Beck for her hard work on the program. The seamless organization and attention to detail truly made the Gala a success. To the entire Gala committee, I want to acknowledge your dedication and efforts in making this event possible. Your commitment to creating a memorable and meaningful experience for all of us is truly appreciated.

Once again, thank you to everyone involved in making the 68th Annual Freedom Fund Awards Gala an unforgettable evening. It was an honor to be a part of this event and witness the incredible support and love of our community.

With warmest regards,

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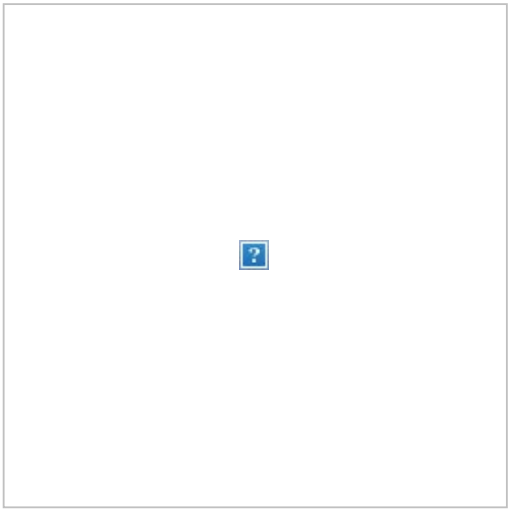
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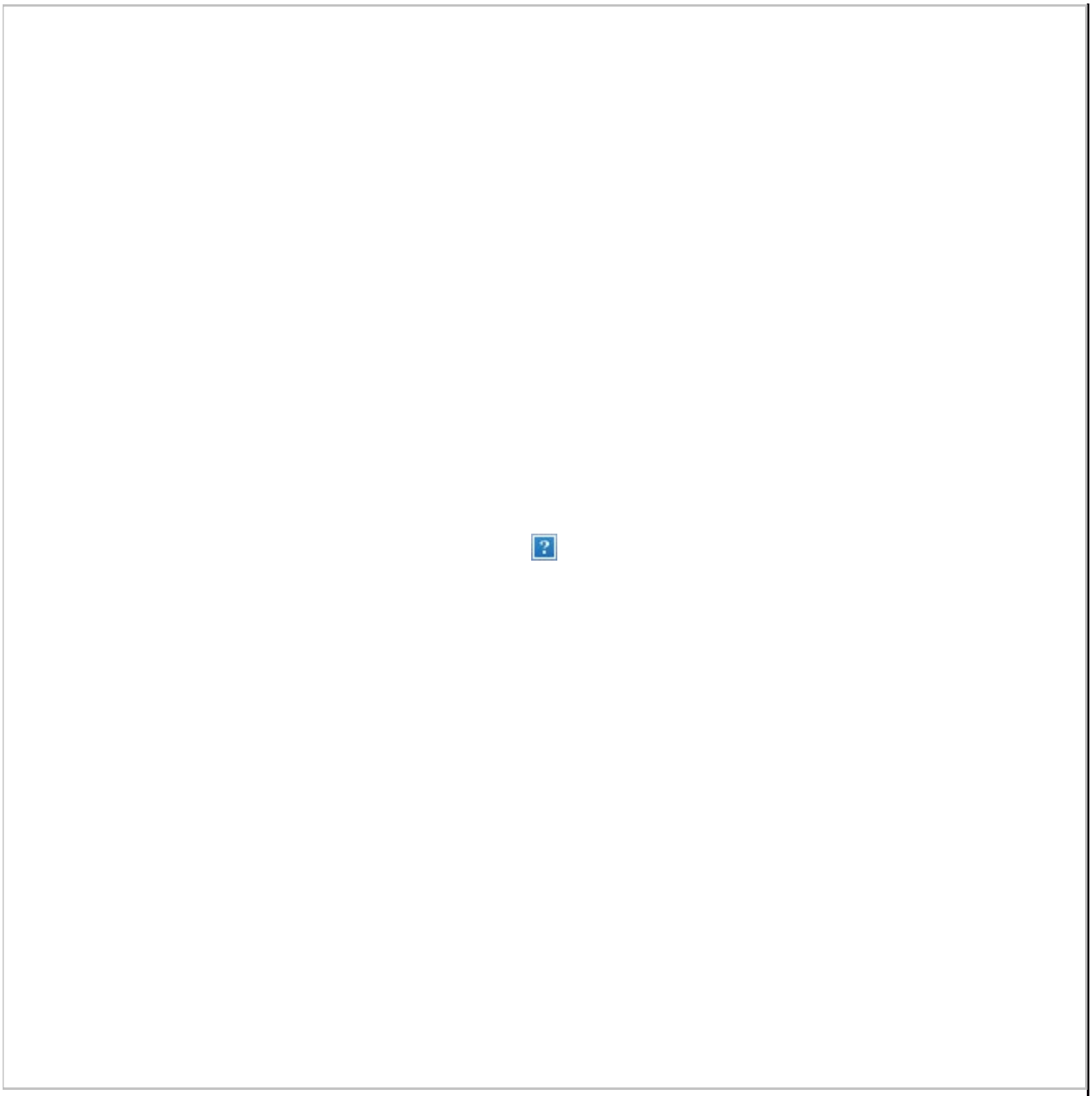
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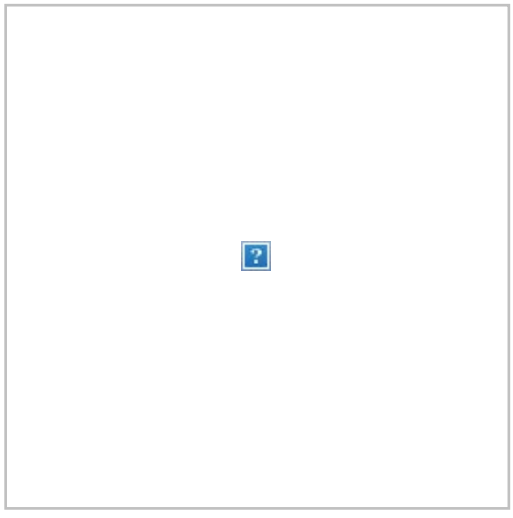
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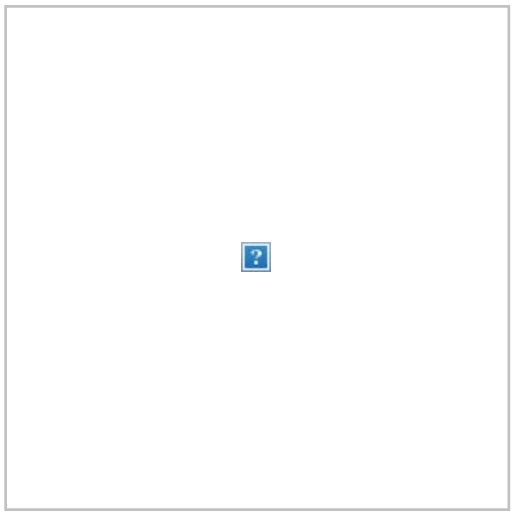
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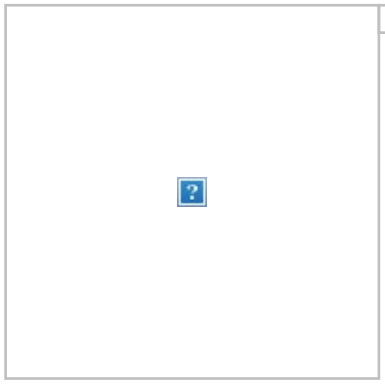
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SAN JOSE SILICON VALLEY NAACP COMMUNITY MEETING

Time: Oct 25, 2023 06:30 PM Pacific Time

Featuring

Chuck Cantrell - "Canaries in the Economic MineField: Will We Survive this"

Carmen Brammer - "Aging in the African/African Ancestry Community"

Join Zoom Meeting

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Two truths and countless sorrows in Israel and Gaza

"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." -- Romans 12:21

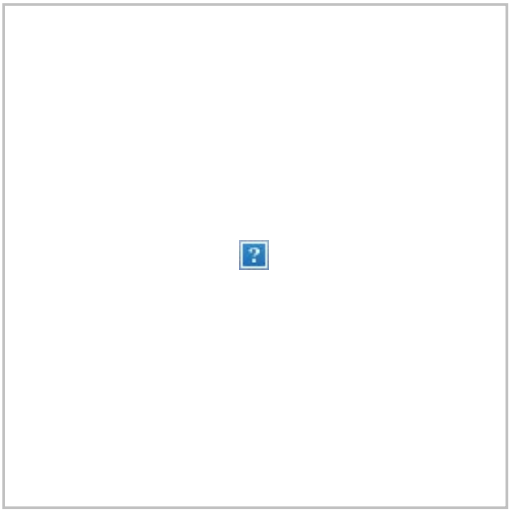
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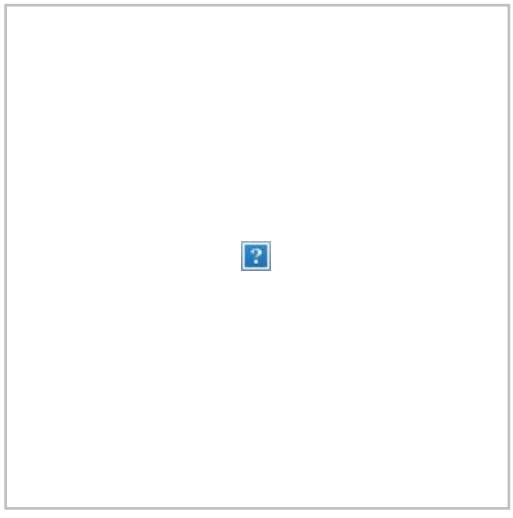
Soul wrenching. Horrific. Inhuman. Grotesque. Calculated brutality. Murder. Massacre. Utter Evil. All true words.

But words are inadequate to describe the atrocities Hamas unleashed against thousands of civilians and vulnerable families in Israel, compounded by the terror of 150 men, women and children held hostage and threatened with execution.

I keep watching reports of the bodies being found of civilians including women, children, toddlers, and babies, slaughtered by Hamas terrorists going house to house in kibbutzim and small towns near the Gaza border in coordinated and premeditated attacks.

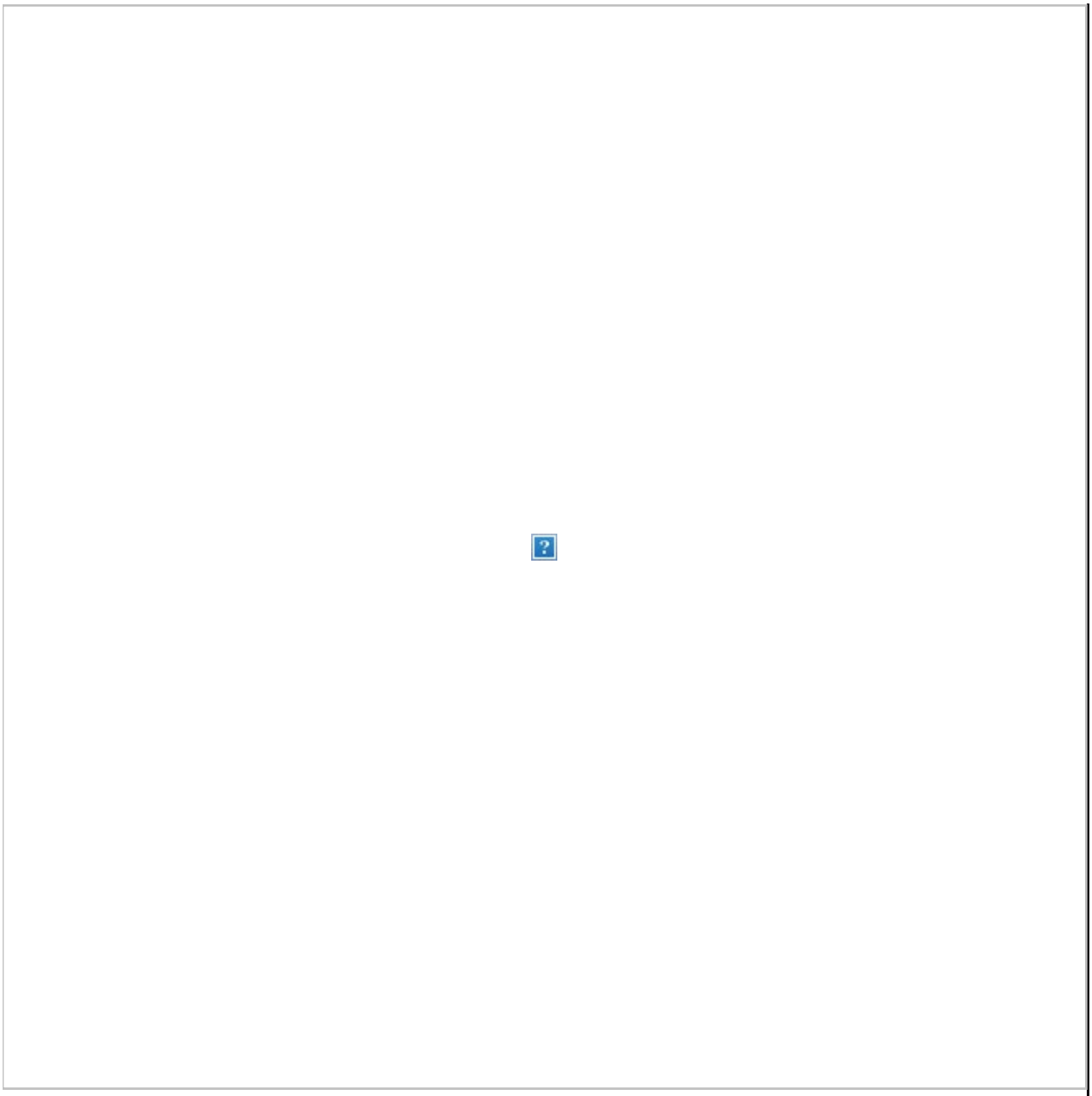
And I have watched the grief of parents whose teenaged children were among the hundreds of young people gunned down or kidnapped at a music festival. No cause could ever justify such barbarism against innocent people. If you don't feel the depth of the sorrow that was caused in Israel over the last few days, imagine your own children being mercilessly killed or kidnapped. Because the Hamas terrorists would do that to any American family and to your children, if they could, because America has supported Israel in perpetrating the oppression of the Palestinian people. But let's be clear at this moment: the deliberate destruction of civilians, from any and all sides, is the definition of terrorism – period. ***READ MORE***

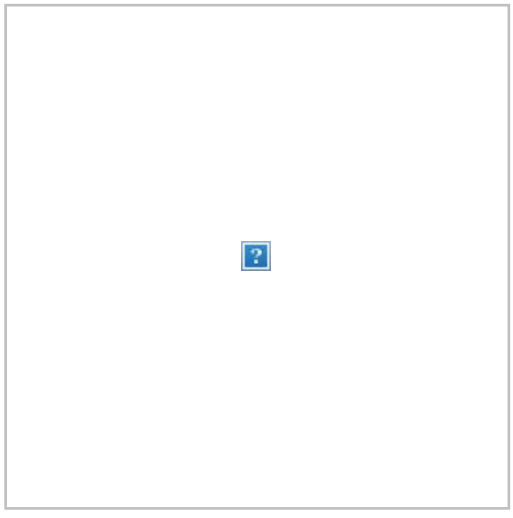




Homecoming is in full effect! Howard University's homecoming week will begin with a special edition of Dark & Lovely's Mentorship Masterclass series on October 17 at 6 PM ET and will include giveaways! This is a hybrid program and you can register here. Come hear from Yandy Smith-Harris, Jessica Brown, Nia Naylor and Tenaj Ferguson as they delve into all things Black Girl Magic!





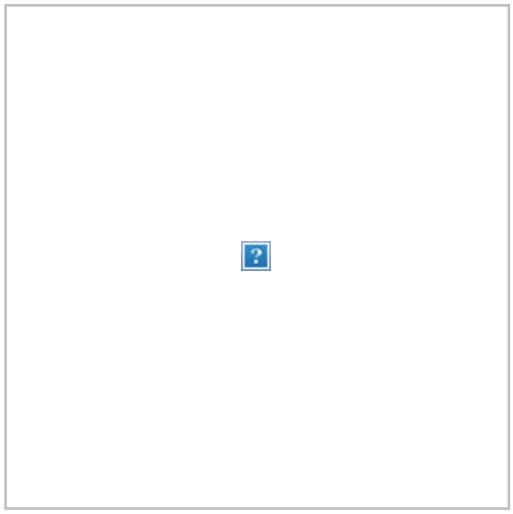


Israel Palestine and Me
Standing up for compassion

JULIE LYTHCOTT-HAIMS

Like you, perhaps, I have a fairly cursory understanding of the very complicated history of the Middle East and its people. In these last few days since the Palestinian terrorist organization Hamas launched a horrific surprise attack on the people of Israel, I've been trying to say what's in my heart. Yet, dear friends are telling me that the way I've chosen to respond is offensive. I'm not pleased by this, certainly not proud of it, nor am I trying to incur your support by saying this. I'm just saying that if someone like me (good with words, leads from the heart, highly educated) is "getting it wrong," or is not fully understanding the situation, then perhaps that's happening to you too, and if so, you're not alone.

I'll pause and say I don't even necessarily have the right icon for this post. I've chosen one that – to me – represents compassion. It's the best I've got. ***READ MORE***

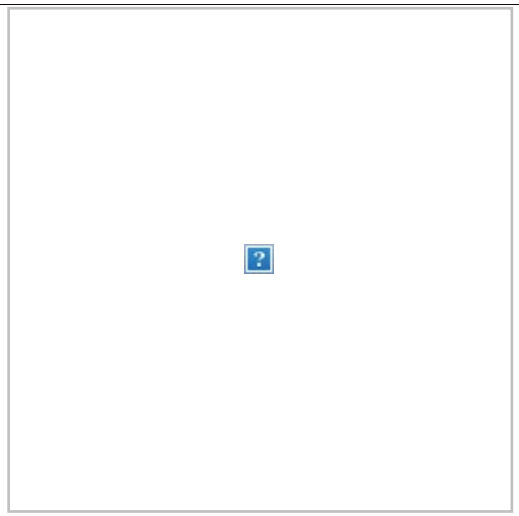


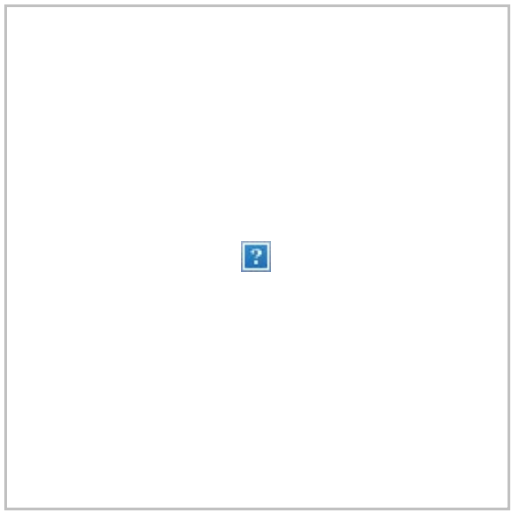
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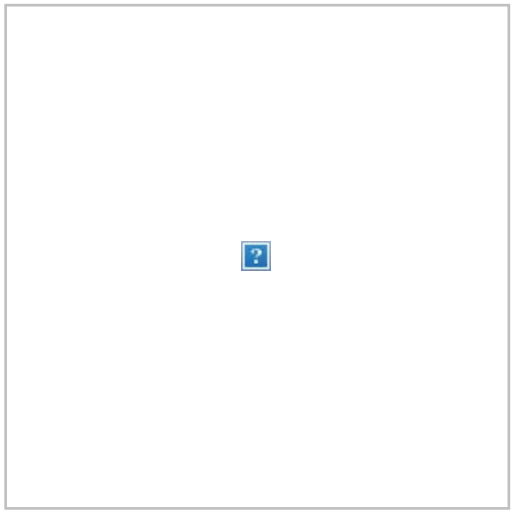
AMPLIFY's Community Engagement Award Activities (CEAA) are back! Over the past five years, we have worked with 30 community and faith-based organizations to educate and inform our African American/Black California communities regarding the social justice issue surrounding commercial tobacco and policy change. The chosen candidates will conduct a community-based activity of their choice that will increase commercial tobacco knowledge and empower our communities.

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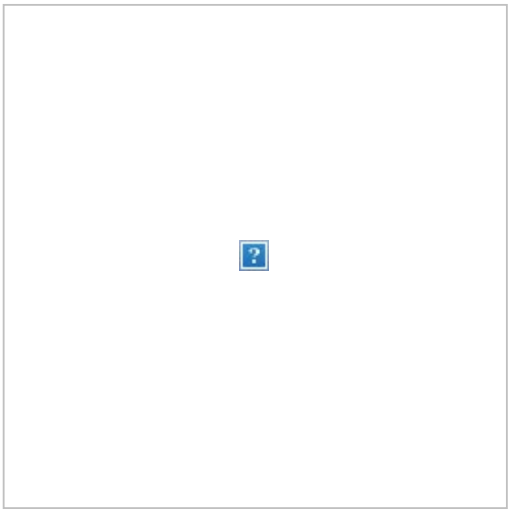


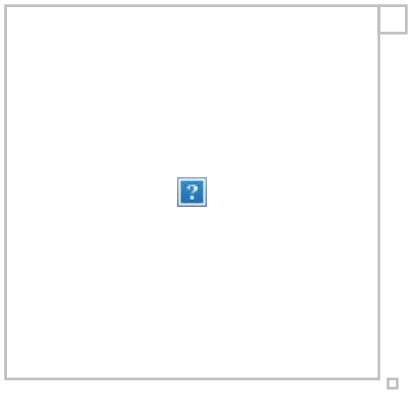




VOTE EARLY DAY!

We are proud to be partnering with Vote Early Day (October 26) and we are encouraging every single one of our members to make a plan and vote early or on election day. We are asking units to host events now until election day to mobilize the Black youth vote. *Sign up here to share the time and date of GOTV activation.* We want to amplify all GOTV efforts across social media!

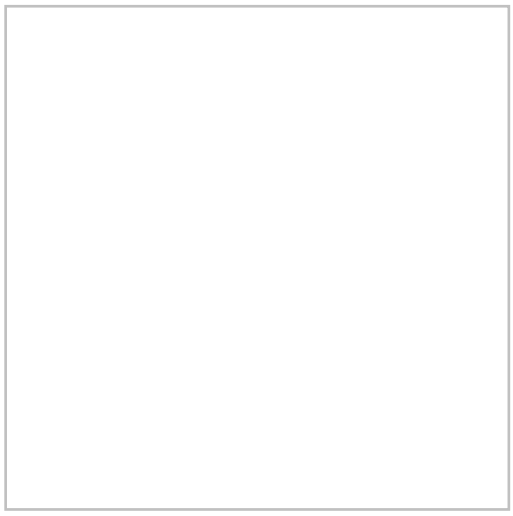


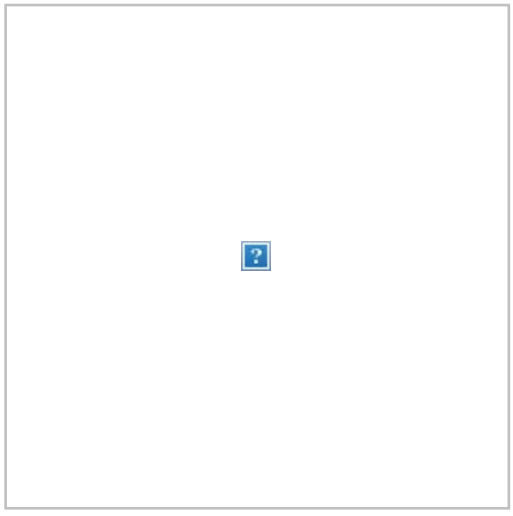


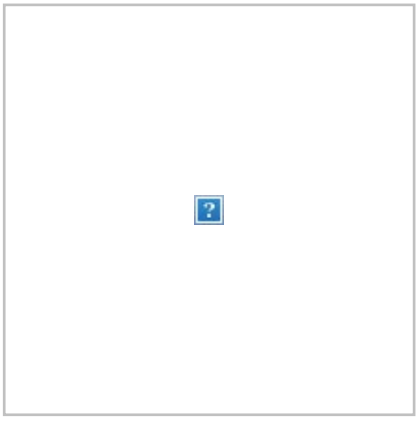
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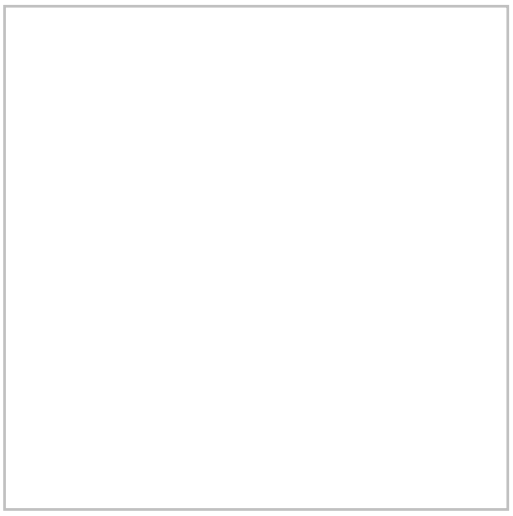
Two peoples, one land,
Three faiths, one root,
One earth, one mother,
One sky, one beginning, one future, one destiny,
One broken heart, One God.
We pray to You: Grant us a vision of unity.
May we see the many in the one and the one in the many.
May you, Life of All the Worlds, Source of All
Amazing Differences help us to see clearly.
Guide us gently and firmly toward each other, toward peace.

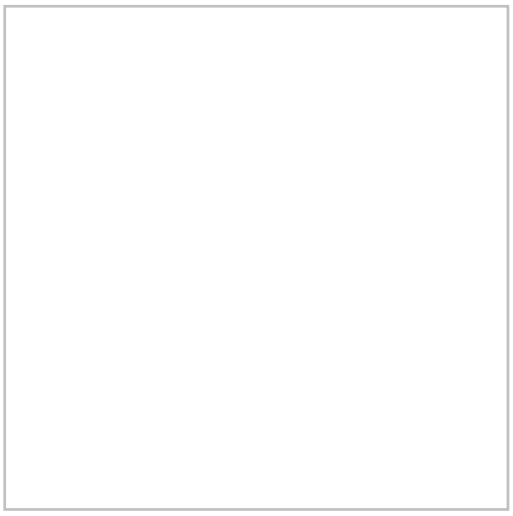
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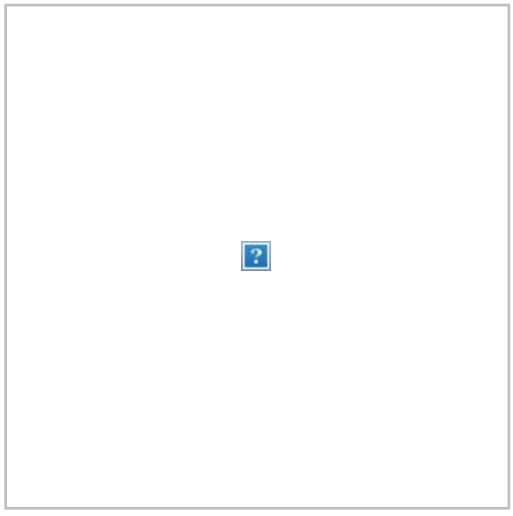


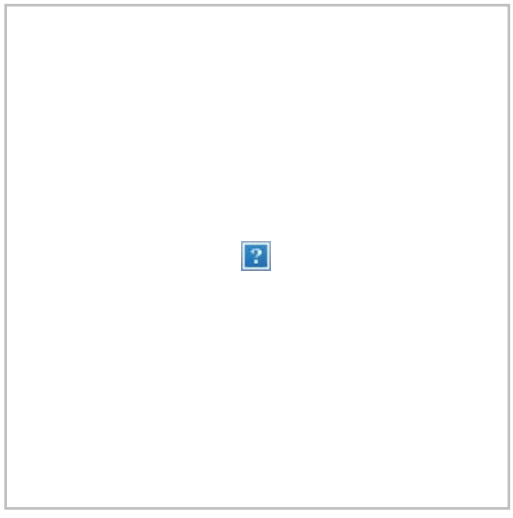


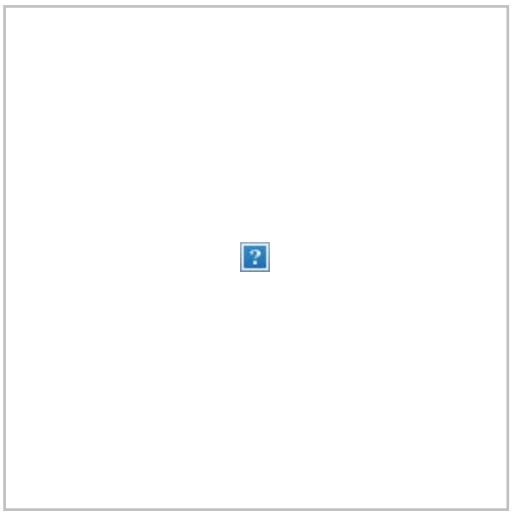


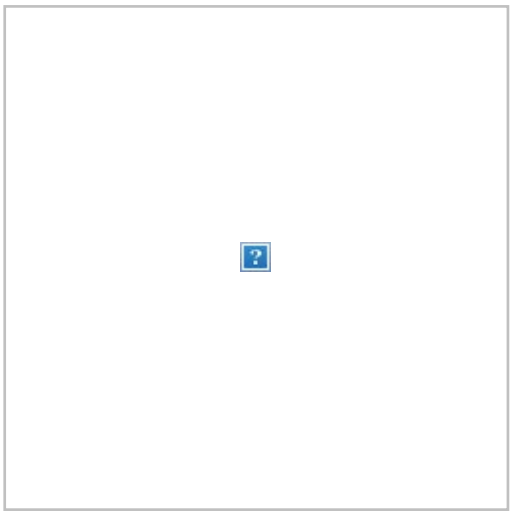


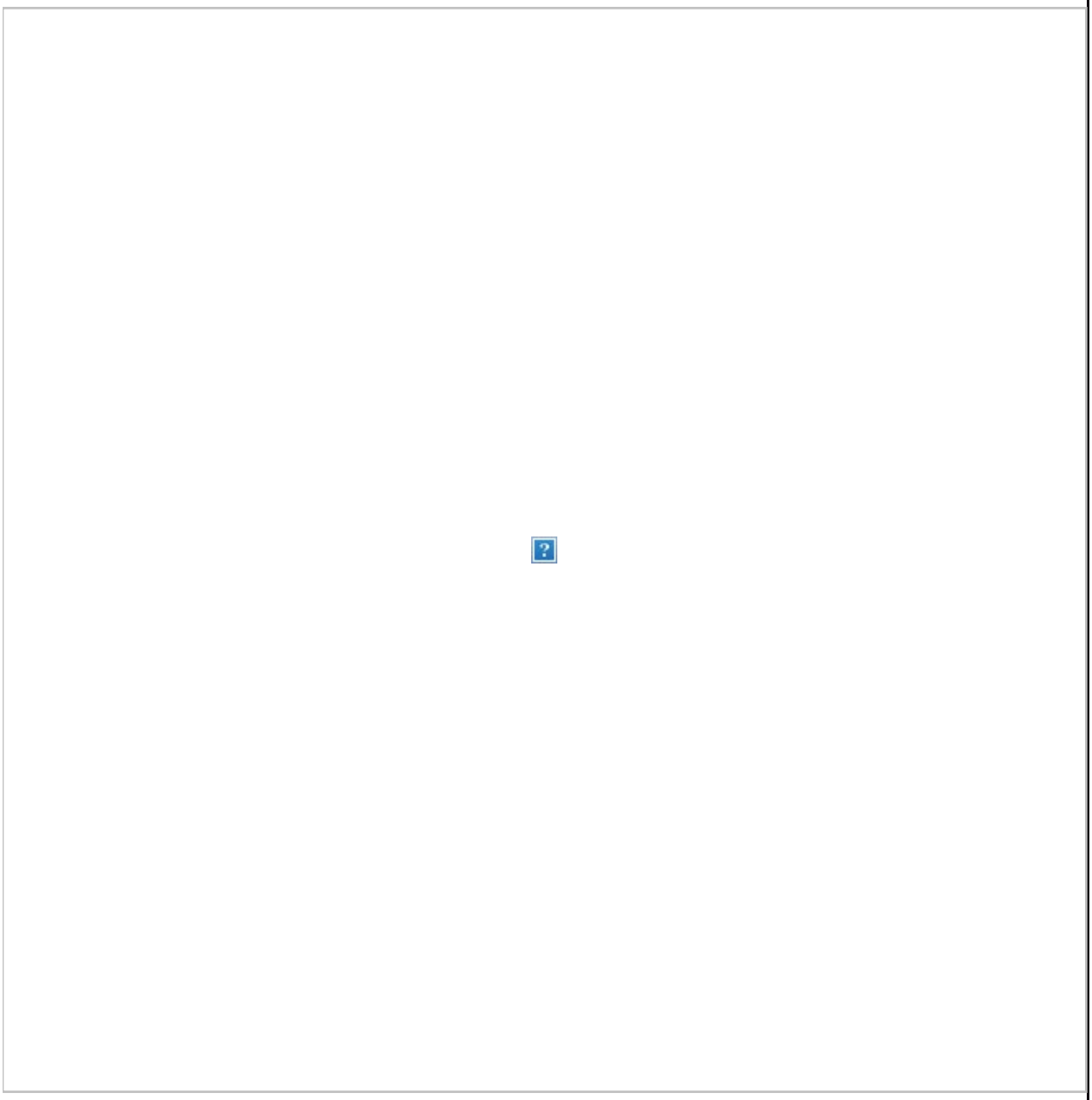


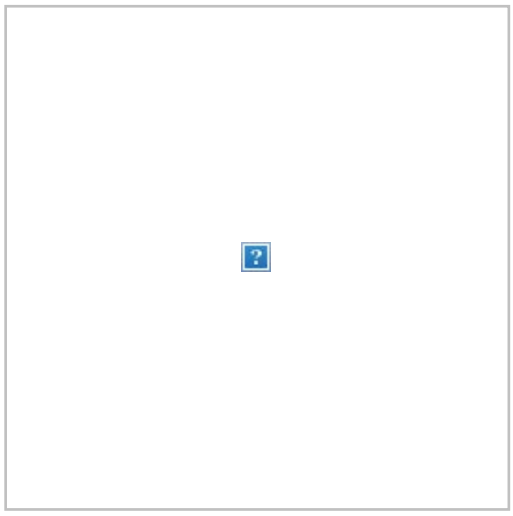


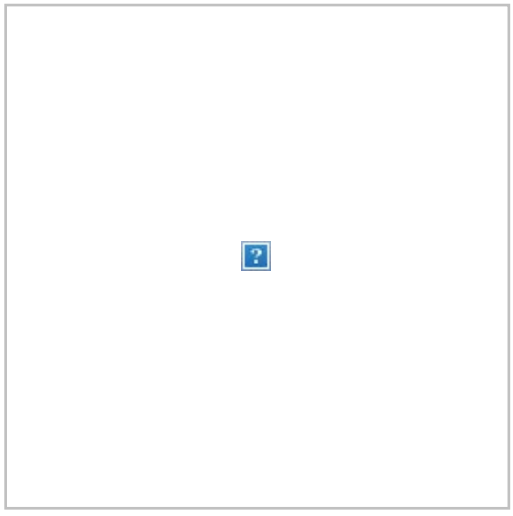


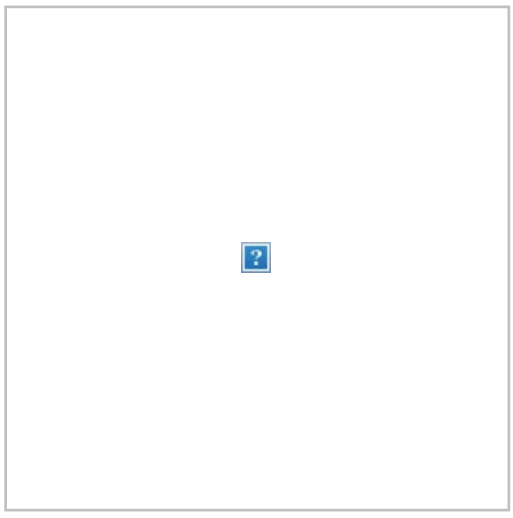


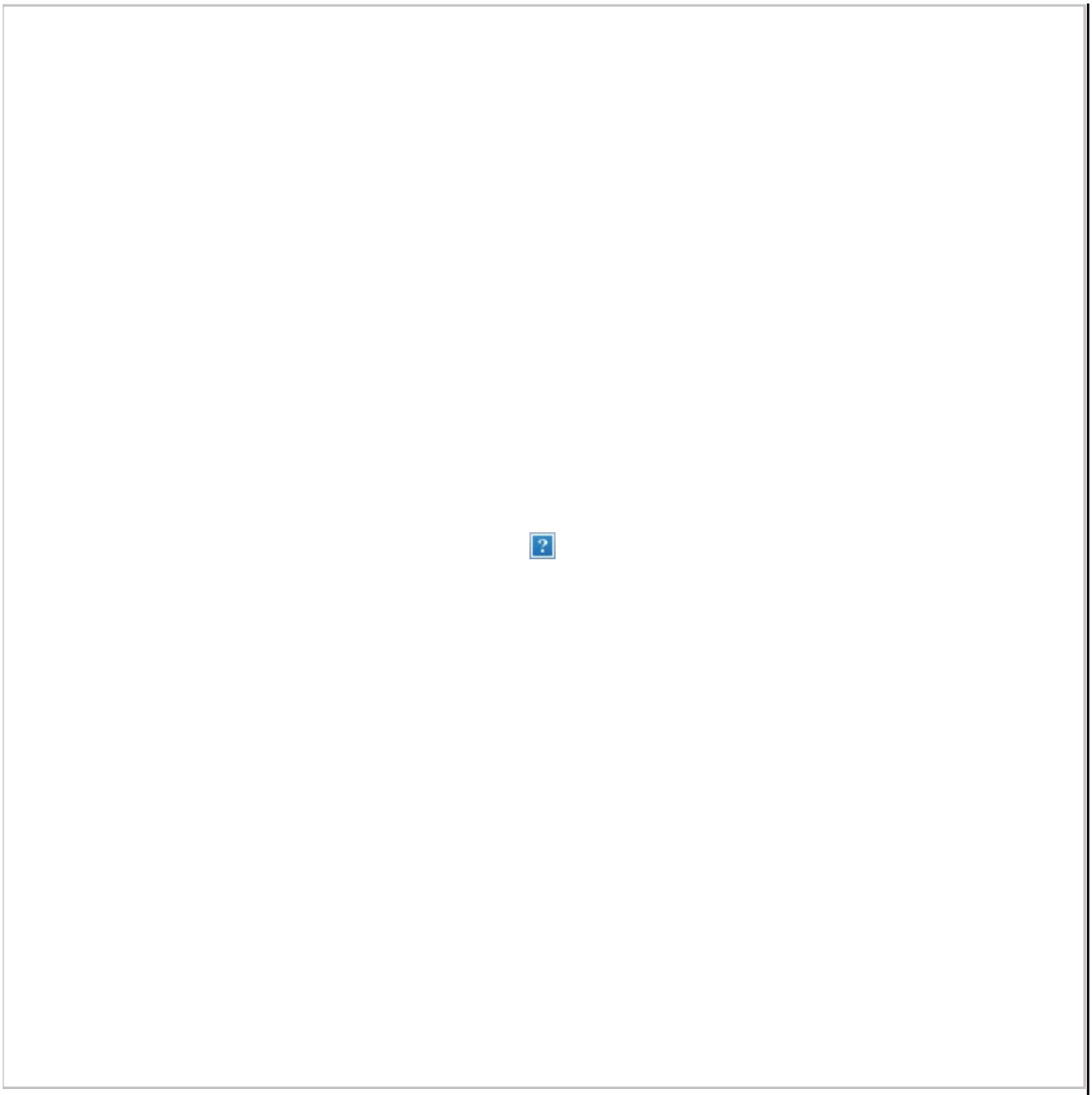


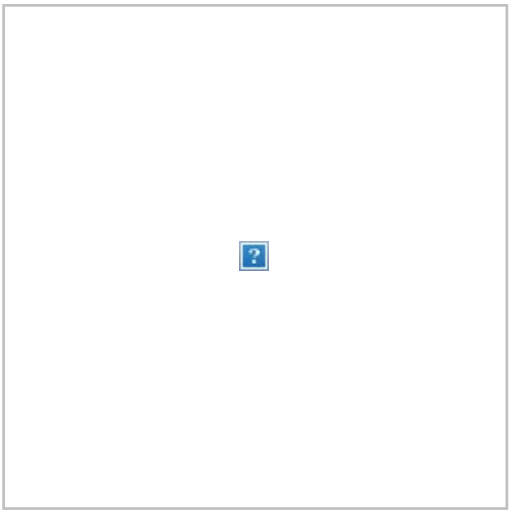








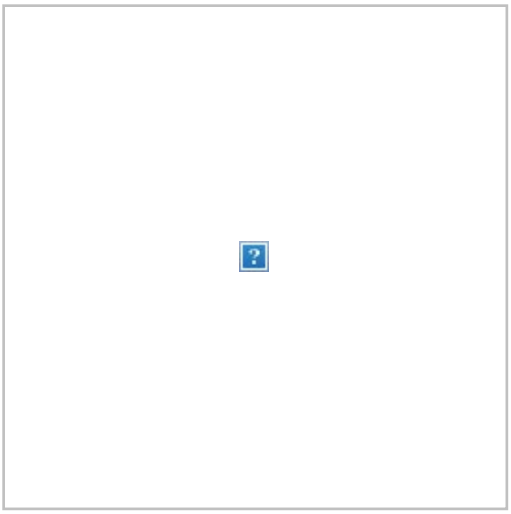


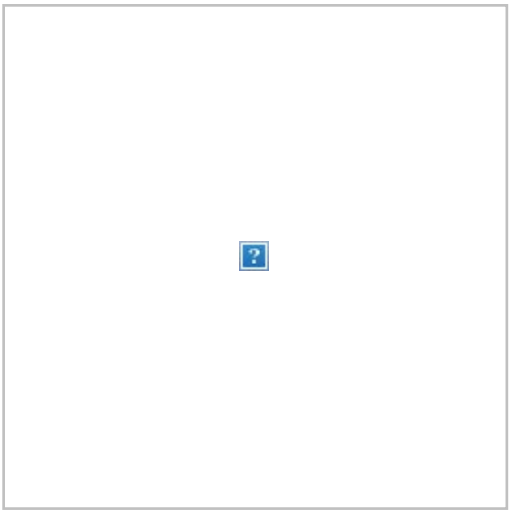


We will be holding the HBCU fall caravan here on our campus on November 1st from 4-7:30 PM. This is a free event and all students and parents are welcome. For senior students, we encourage them to bring transcripts with them as they will be admitted on the spot when talking to the admission representative. In preparation, we would like to make sure students are informed of this free opportunity.

The CCC to HBCU Caravan is a series of HBCU transfer fairs hosted throughout the state featuring admissions representatives from our partner HBCUs. Students from any campus can attend the events and counselors and other CCC colleagues are encouraged to attend as well. Some HBCU partners will provide on-site admission and scholarships. Please feel free to pass this info on to all students and encourage them to register with the QR Code for the event.

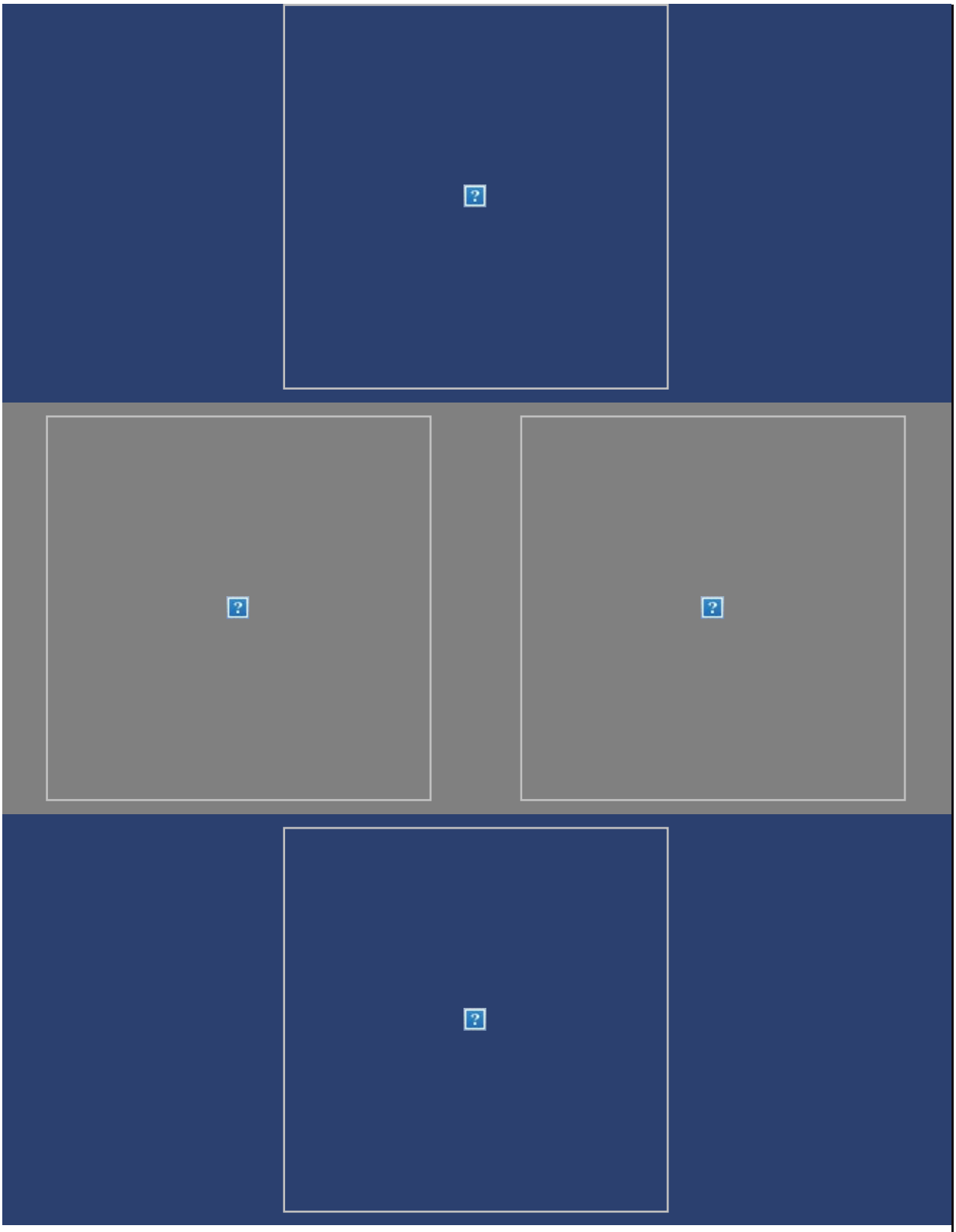
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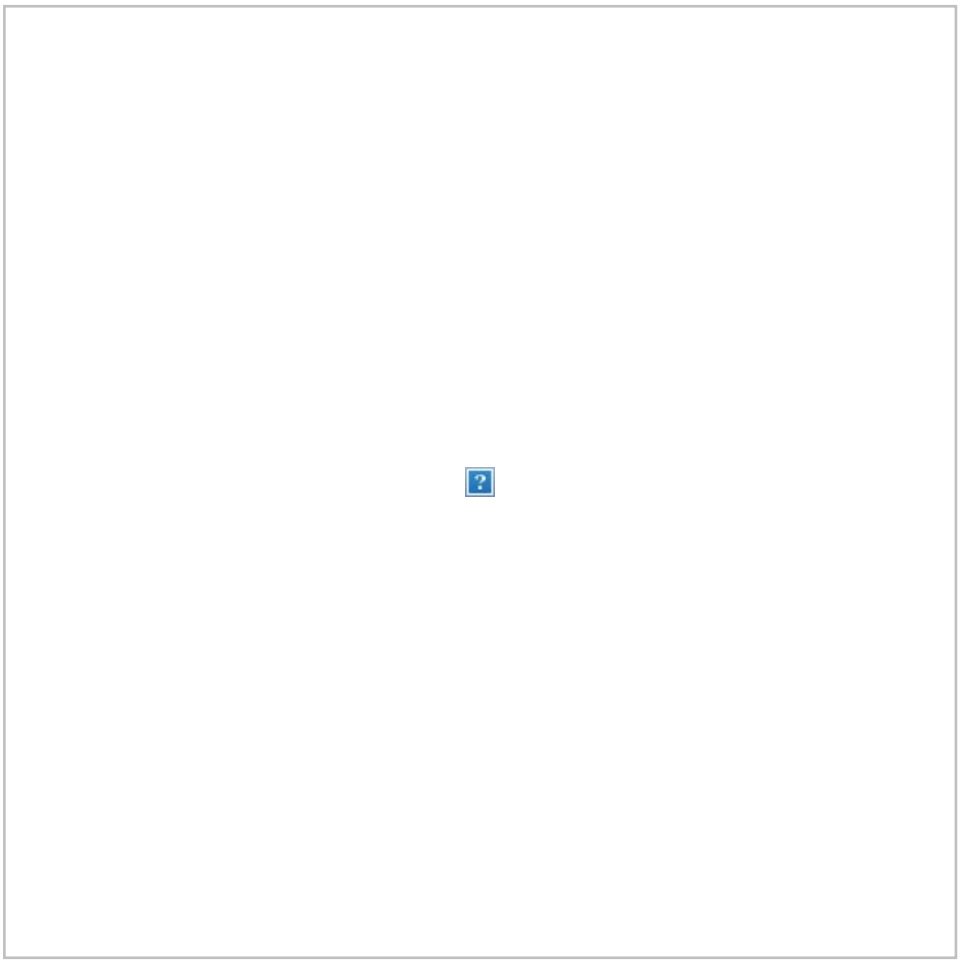


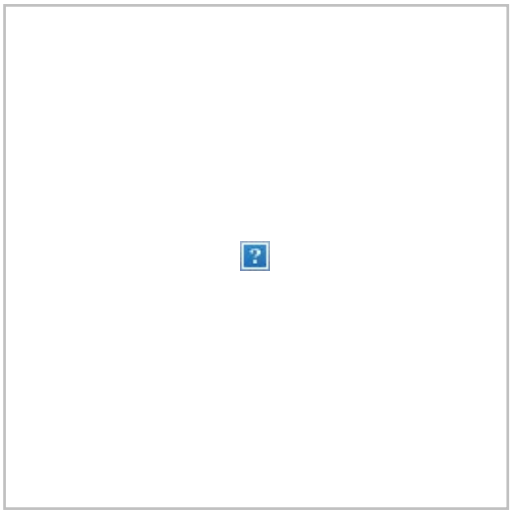


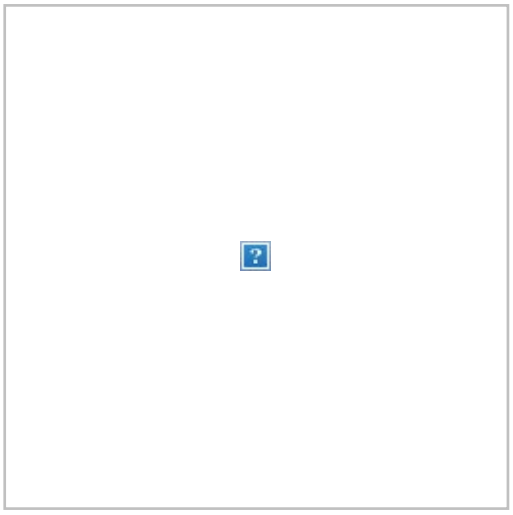




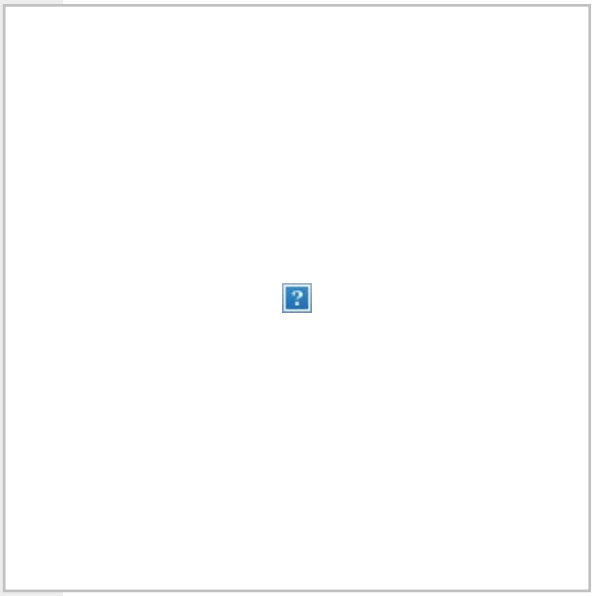


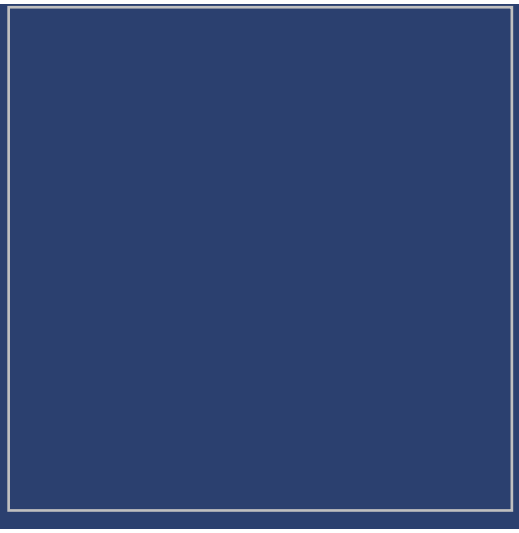


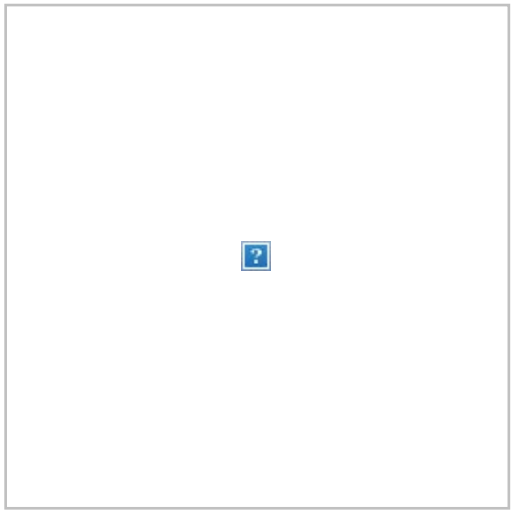




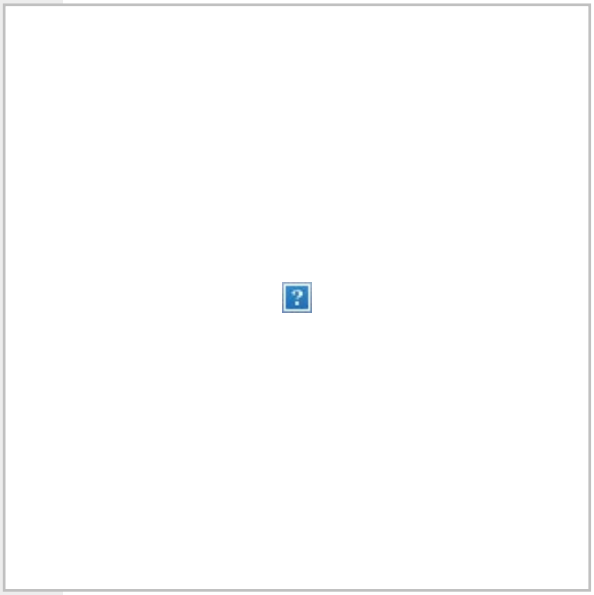
It is time to call out genuine faith—specifically the "Christian" in White Christian Nationalism—inviting all who can be persuaded to reject and help dismantle a false gospel that propagates white supremacy and autocracy. Wallis turns our attention to six iconic texts at the heart of what genuine biblical faith means and what Jesus, in the gospels, has called us to do. It is time to ask anew: do we believe these teachings or not?



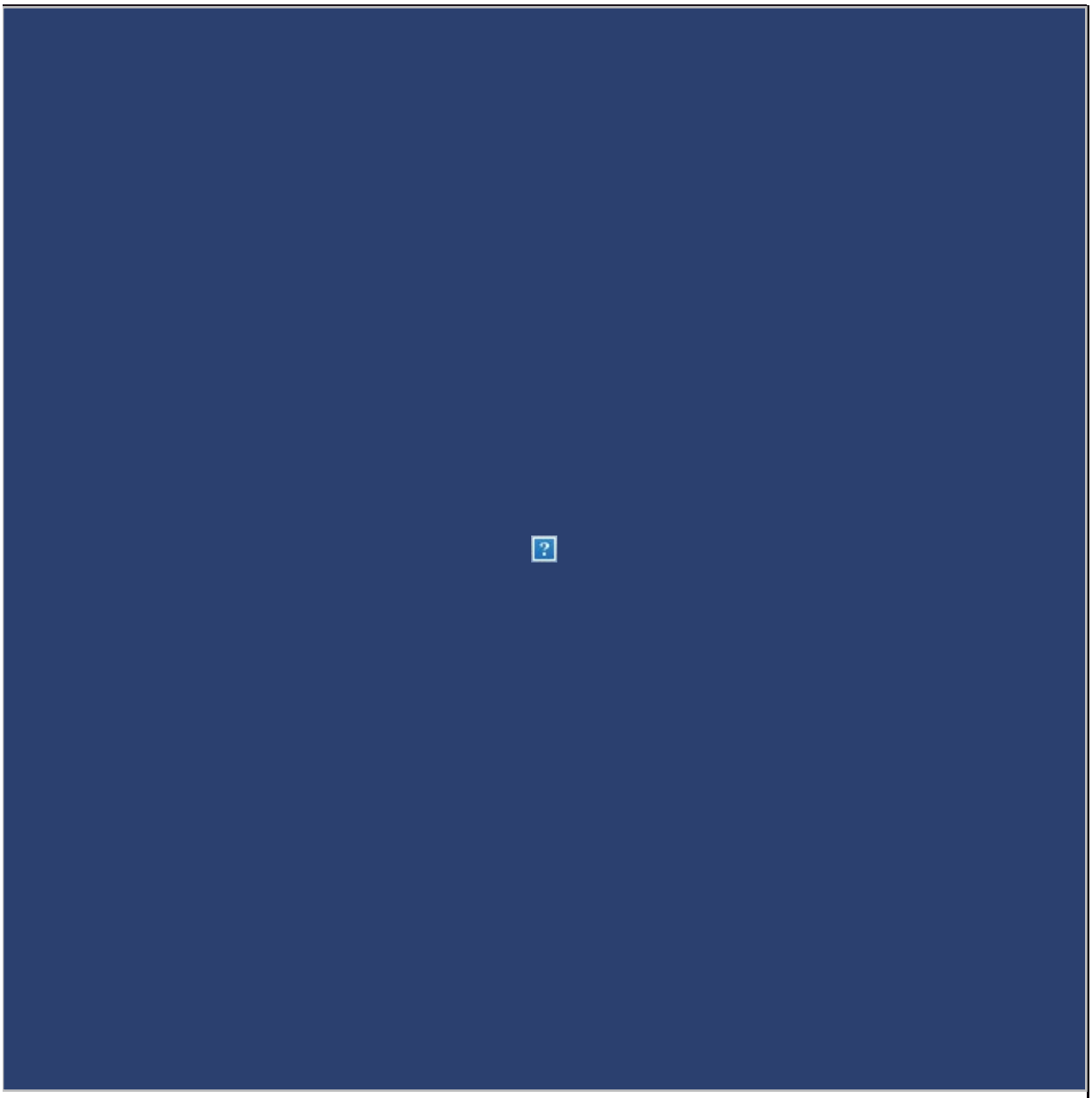




This week marks the 10th angel anniversary for *Miriam Carey* a 34-year-old mother and dental hygienist who was tragically killed by U.S. Capitol officers in Washington, D.C when she accidentally went past a security checkpoint near the White House after she made a wrong turn in an unfamiliar area. On this day, and every *angel anniversary* for Black women, girls, and femmes who have been killed by police, we renew our commitment to bringing awareness to these often invisible names and stories. Read more about AAPF's #SayHerName Campaign *here*.













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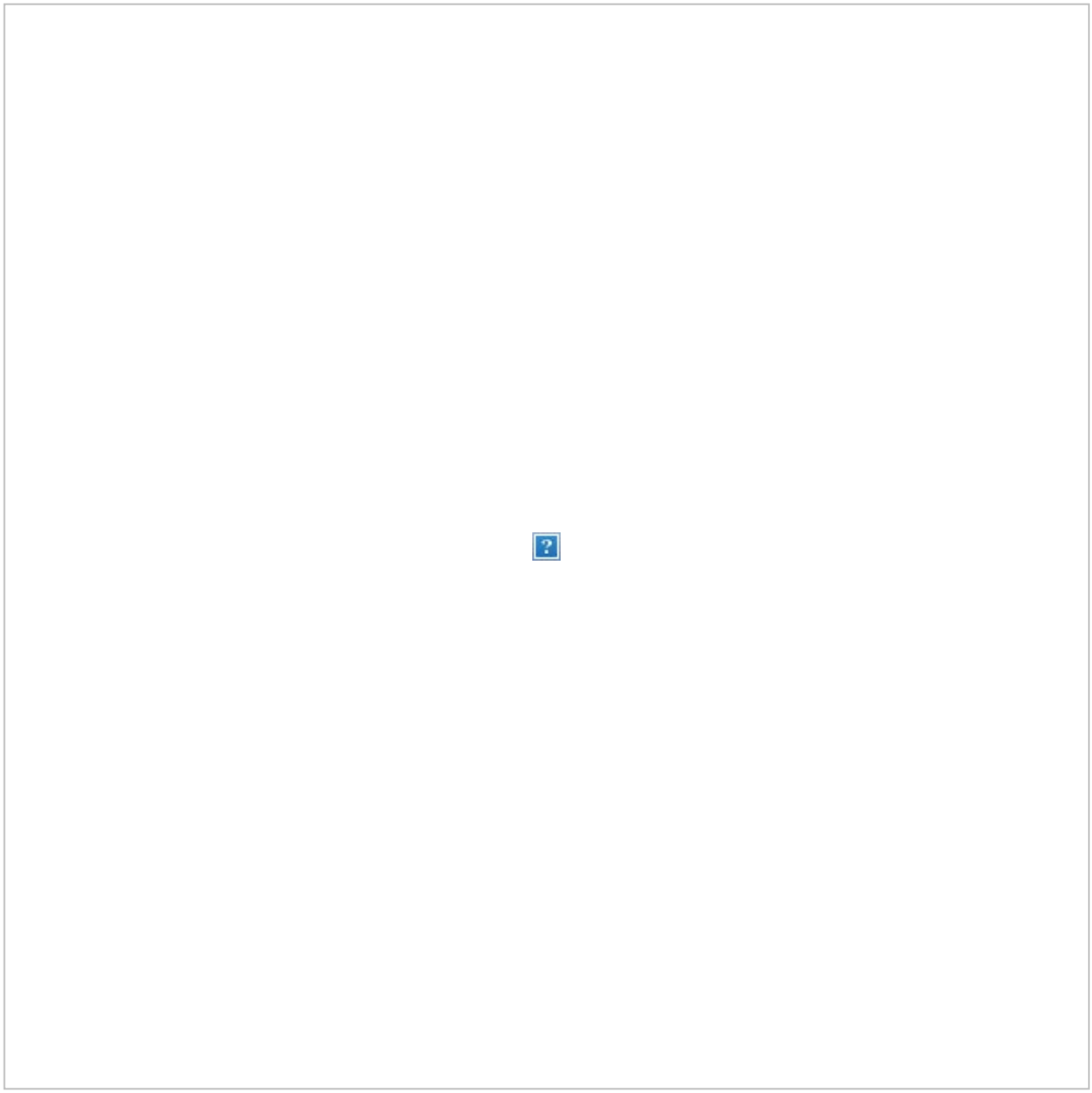
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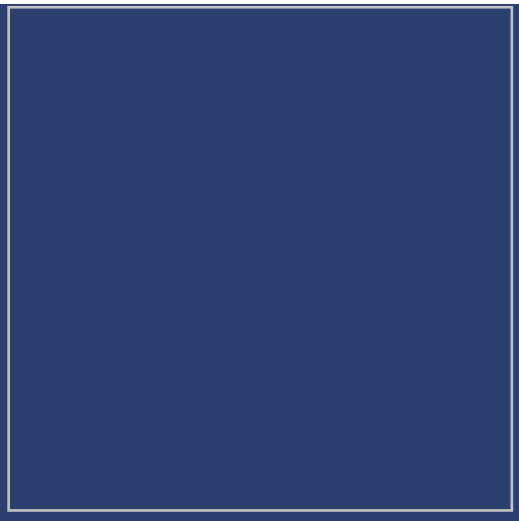
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Subject: Re: vallejo-arrest-over-stolen-merchandise
Date: Sunday, October 15, 2023 2:30:27 PM

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Date: Saturday, October 14, 2023 11:13:46 AM

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Subject:	thought you'd be interested.
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Subject: Re: Thank you again and here are contacts to Stanford, SABA, and National Association for Social Workers
Date: Friday, October 13, 2023 11:09:14 AM

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Thank you so much for connecting us. I am more than happy to have conversation about caste and my personal experience as a caste oppressed community member and future plan to address this issue as the Alameda County HR commissioner. Please feel free to connect.

Best regards,
Prem

On Fri, Oct 13, 2023 at 10:52 AM Lalita du Perron <lalita@stanford.edu> wrote:

> Thank you for connecting us, Thenmozhi. The faculty and staff at the Center for South Asia at Stanford are always happy and ready to answer any questions you may have about caste or other matters. Feel free to reach out any time.
>
> Best wishes,
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> Lalita
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> Lalita du Perron, PhD
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Date: Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 6:35 PM
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Cc: Van Der Zwaag, Minka <Minka.VanDerZwaag@cityofpaloalto.org>, kaloma.smith@cityofpaloalto.org <kaloma.smith@cityofpaloalto.org>
Subject: Thank you again and here are contacts to Stanford, SABA, and National Association for Social Workers

Dear HRC staff and Chair Smith,

Thank you so much for reaching out. I know that in the discussion it was shared that the recommendation was to work on a co-designed process for a future conversation on caste.

And here are some of the folks I mentioned.

Lalita Du Perron of Stanford Center for South Asian Studies

Tarina Mand of the South Asian Bar Association

Prem Pariyar of National Association of Social Work and Alameda County of Human Relations

Additionally we can also get the folks from Stop AAPI hate to also collaborate and they have experience working at municipal and county levels on issues of Asian Hate.

All of them are cc'd here and we look forward to building a safe, compassionate process to discussing and ending caste discrimination in the city.

Thank you,

Thenmozhi Soundararajan

Fellow

Stanford Center for South Asian Studies

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Thank you for connecting us, Thenmozhi. The faculty and staff at the Center for South Asia at Stanford are always happy and ready to answer any questions you may have about caste or other matters. Feel free to reach out any time.

Best wishes,

Lalita

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To: becker.josh@gmail.com; lindajolley9@yahoo.com; planning.commision@cityofpaloalto.org; Human Relations Commission
Subject: Israel Palestine and Me
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Dear respected members of the Palo Alto Human Relations Commission,

I am writing as a concerned citizen about a proposed discussion on caste that is to occur tonight at the Human Relations meeting. This item was not put on the agenda and we are deeply concerned that the committee will be creating conditions for violence and biotory and more caste harm as there has been no consultation with Stanford experts on caste or civil rights organizations who work on caste and as a result this conversation can easily enter the realm of harm.

Caste systems are complex and a sensitive topic that requires a nuanced and informed understanding of its historical, social, and civil rights dimensions. Caste is not just a cultural or personal identity but many different kinds of systems of oppression that have been entrenched for thousands of years in many parts of the world. Caste systems are found in many countries from the Burakumin of Japan to the Paekchong of Korea and the Ragyaba of Tibet, as well as the Romani people and Cagot in Europe, the Al-Akhdam in Yemen, and converted Dalit Christians in Pakistan. The Japanese caste system, for example, is rooted in Samurai culture of the Edo period. The Spanish caste system is rooted in the history of conquest and Indigenous genocide. While the origins of South Asian caste systems are disputed, it is undisputed that Indian caste systems are found across all Indian communities of religious practice.

Caste-based discrimination also exists in the diaspora, as evidenced by recent reports of workplace harassment and abuse in Silicon Valley and other places. In our work at Equality Labs we have found that 1 in 4 caste oppressed people face physical/verbal violence, 1 in 3 education discrimination, 2 in 3 workplace discrimination. This research has been supported with stories in New York Times, Washington Post, Cal Matters, NPR, CNN, and NBC.

That is why we request that the commission abstain from entering any decisions related to caste without the required competency of scholars, lawyers and dei experts on caste to help create a safe space for this conversation. To do anything less would create liability for the city and platform bigotry and discrimination for many.It also must include the voices and perspectives of those who have experienced and resisted caste oppression firsthand. It is not enough to rely on representatives of dominant caste groups who may have a vested interest in maintaining the status quo or minimizing the problem. Without the participation of Stanford Center for South Asian Studies, which has a track record of conducting rigorous and critical research on caste, the discussion will be incomplete, biased, and potentially harmful.

I respectfully request that you postpone the discussion until you can ensure that it is inclusive, representative, and respectful of the diversity and dignity of the South Asian community. I also suggest that you consult with some of the local organizations that work on caste issues,

such as Stanford Center on South Asian Studies, Asian Law Caucus, and National Association of Social Workers.They can provide you with valuable insights, resources, and guidance on how to approach this topic in a responsible and constructive manner. Please reach out directly to myself or my colleague Sana Din sana@equalitylabs.org for any follow up on this issue.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Thenmozhi Soundararajan

From:	Aram James
To:	Jeff Moore; Rosen, Jeff; Council, City; Sean Allen; Robert. Jonsen; Josh Becker; Human Relations Commission; Lewis james
Subject:	Fwd: Israel responds to war crimes with even greater war crimes
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Subject: Israel responds to war crimes with even greater war crimes
To: <abjpd1@gmail.com>

Last weekend's massacre of Israeli civilians by Hamas is a war crime that merits clear international condemnation.

Israel's response — a full-scale siege of 2.2 million Palestinian civilians in the Gaza Strip — may well be an act of genocide. **But you won't read that in nearly any other U.S. news outlet.**

Already, the Israeli military's attacks on Gaza have flattened residential buildings and targeted a densely populated refugee camp. Humanitarian workers in Gaza report that hospitals are completely overwhelmed by civilian casualties and that even ambulances are coming under fire.

And on Monday, the Israeli defense minister ordered that all food, fuel, and electricity to Gaza be cut off in an act of collective punishment against Palestinian civilians. **U.S. media are refusing to call this siege what it is: a clear violation of international law and a possible crime against humanity.**

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Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich declared, "It's time to be cruel," and Knesset member Ariel Kallner called for a "Nakba that will overshadow the Nakba of 48," a reference to the massacre and expulsion of more than 750,000 Palestinians upon Israel's founding.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's warning that Gazans should "leave now because we will operate forcefully everywhere" is utterly insufficient, as Israel itself has imposed an air, land, and sea blockade on the territory since 2007, trapping people in.

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Like you, perhaps, I have a fairly cursory understanding of the very complicated history of the Middle East and its people. In these last few days since the Palestinian terrorist organization Hamas launched a horrific surprise attack on the people of Israel, I've been trying to say what's in my heart. Yet, dear friends are telling me that the way I've chosen to respond is offensive. I'm not pleased by this, certainly not proud of it, nor am I trying to incur your support by saying this. I'm just saying that if someone like me (good with words, leads from the heart, highly

educated) is "getting it wrong," or is not fully understanding the situation, then perhaps that's happening to you too, and if so, you're not alone.

I'll pause and say I don't even necessarily have the right icon for this post. I've chosen one that – to me – represents compassion. It's the best I've got.

Here's where I am: I know that modern Israel is the one homeland that Jews have, and that Jews are some of the most despised people on the planet due to anti-Semitism across the millennia and around the globe. I married into a Jewish family. My mother-in-law is Orthodox. I sleep with a Jewish man. My children are half Jewish. I love Jewish people. I have learned so much from them as they've welcomed me into their homes and synagogues, and invited me to participate in their culture, traditions, and rituals. I know that the experiences of the African diaspora (of which I am a member) and the Jewish diaspora are similar in many respects, as we've continually tried to make our way and thrive as peoples, despite the hatreds and prejudices levied against us.

I'll add that I love people of all backgrounds.

And that I abhor colonialism, which is the scourge that plundered the riches and people of the Global South and elsewhere to pad the pockets of the colonizers, and led to the exploitative oppression of capitalism that rules the Globe today. Maybe you didn't expect that here, but it's relevant to this conversation.

Because I know that back in 1947 (this is a brief and cursory history and reflects my understanding…) in the wake of The Holocaust (in which 6 Million Jews were systemically murdered), the British (colonizer) created modern Israel to be a place for Jews on land that was called Palestine, that surrounds Jerusalem, a city that is the place of origin for Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. When the British "owned" Palestine in the 1940s, it was populated with Jews, Palestinians, and other Arabs (both Muslim and Christian). When the British decided to make a state called Israel for Jewish people, a separate Palestinian state was *not* created at the same time. The Palestinians have continually sought to define their cultural and historical existence and independence and create their own independent state, and I know that they feel like second or third class citizens or worse penned into their "territories" known as the Gaza Strip and West Bank both of which border Israel

and which Israel controls. And as an African-American, I feel a strong connection to the Palestinian struggle and to the struggle of all colonized and enslaved people.

One wants to go back to that colonist, Empire Britain, and tell them this was not theirs to divvy-up (this piece of land, and of course countless others). One wants to go back and unravel the stories of the Jews and Palestinians all the way back to the very first great misunderstanding, and have a proper truth and reconciliation, and I'm not sure if I mean go back to the last century, or to the century before that, or to five hundred years before, or more than a thousand.

I am in favor of a two state solution where Jews and Palestinians can coexist peacefully. I am in favor of policies and practices and reconciliations that allow all humans to live in peace.

Now to the present moment. To me, it is without question that last week's attack on Israel by the Palestinian terrorist group Hamas should be condemned wholly and without exception. What Hamas is doing to Israeli civilians is absolutely horrific. They are out to achieve the "final solution"(Nazi terminology for the annihilation of the Jews). I call for the protection of Jews in Israel and around the world. And to all my Jewish family and friends, and to Jews I do not even know, I stand with you and for your right to be treated with dignity, kindness, and compassion and to enjoy a safe and peaceful existence. Period.

Simultaneously (and this is where I've been told that what I'm saying is offensive) I am also opposed to the Israeli government's treatment of Palestinian civilians in Gaza prior to this attack and after. Why must this also be spoken of now, even as Hamas is committing horrific atrocities against Jews? Because the Israeli government is responding to the terrorism wreaked by Hamas by taking its rage out on innocent people who have had nothing to do with Hamas, who can't really get out of Gaza because it is structured to pen them in, who just want to LIVE, and who have been living in a state of oppression for so long. Hamas does NOT equal Gaza. Hamas does NOT equal Palestinian. Yet the Palestinian men, women, and children in Gaza are facing the wrath of an understandably irate Israel.

Rather than stay silent right now for fear of saying the wrong thing (as too many

people are) I am choosing to use my brain, heart, spirit, and words to express my anguished compassion even if some will say I'm getting it wrong.

What I've said is offensive to some because I appear to be equating the actions of the terrorists known as Hamas with the actions of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). I understand the difference between a terrorist organization and a government. Terrorism is never justified. And I also think that when a rocket destroys your home, or your body is injured by violence, or your power, water, and food supplies are cut off, it doesn't matter who is doing it. And when our governments, particularly democracies which act as representatives of the people, respond to terrorism by harming so many more people than the terrorists themselves, we must question whether these so-called justifiable retaliations are in fact defensible. (Look at US actions in Afghanistan and Iraq following 9/11.)

Also, I speak to this issue because Western hearts and minds tend to preference some lives over others. (Compare Russia's invasion of Ukraine, where Ukrainian refugees are met with open doors and compassion, whereas Syrians seeking similar refuge from war are treated like they're the problem.) The *New York Times* chart below shows the deaths on both sides of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in just the most recent 15 years, with Palestinian civilians dying at a rate of at least 25:1 yet I don't hear a mainstream collective outrage and compassion over these deaths.



In Western society, unconscious bias leads to a collective shrug when Black and Brown lives are taken. So in the U.S., we say "Black Lives Matter" to implore our society to behave in ways that demonstrate that the deaths of Black and Brown people DO matter just as much as the deaths of light-skinned people do. My point is simply that Palestinians are brown-skinned people, and we should be collectively outraged over their suffering, too.

From my perch here in California, I look across the U.S., and an ocean, and over years of anguish, and see mothers, fathers, children and humans of all kinds just trying to exist in peace, who do not want to be hated or mistreated or tortured,

maimed, raped, or killed on the basis of their ethnicity, ancestry, or religion, or because of a decades-old or centuries old conflict that we cannot at this point go back and untangle.

It is unfathomable what humans can do to each other. I have no answers. And I feel helpless. Few times in my life have made me feel more helpless than I do right now. Part of that is my age. I'm fifty-five and the optimism of my youth is giving way to the resignation that these wrongs are systemic and cyclical and endemic to the "us/them" tribalism hard-wired into us, and I fear we humans may never change.

People are posting their flag pictures "I stand with Israel" and "I stand with Palestine" and to me it is more complicated than "standing with" one or the other.

What I can do is stand up with my heart and spirit full of love for all humans and act toward peace. I urge you to do the same. At the very least, let your Jewish friends know that you know that what is happening to Jews in Israel must feel absolutely terrifying to them. Ask them how they are doing and hold space for them to say what they are feeling, and let them know that you are so sorry that Hamas has done these unspeakable things. ALSO let your Palestinian friends know that you are anguished over what is happening to them, their people, and their homeland, and that they deserve to live in peace and to move about freely without fear.

I will end with a quote from Senator Cory Booker who was in Israel when the horror unfolded (perhaps he still is there?) and whom I hope will be President of the U.S. one day. "We who believe in peace and freedom and human rights, for Palestinians, for Israelis, for all humankind, must reject those who use terror as their weapon."

That's something I can stand for.

xo

Here's a hug for anyone who is scared right now.

If you want to learn more about the history of this conflict, I found this lengthy, accessible, well-designed historical summary at heyalma.com to be very illuminating. It's a Jewish-run site, so with that caveat they say, "Our aim was to make these articles as unbiased and factually-based as possible; our only agenda is to make a complicated issue easier to understand. That being said, we are a Jewish website, and certain inherent biases may be at play."

What came up for you? Please feel free to say something in the comments.

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How You Can Help the People of Palestine Right Now

The CAIR-CA staff and board express their heartfelt condolences and mourn with the families who have lost loved ones in the Israeli assault on Gaza. As most are aware, Israel has blocked entry points; cut power, water, and gas; caused communication barriers; and is bombing residential apartments to intentionally target civilians.

Many of us have family members in Gaza and are being personally impacted by this horrific situation.

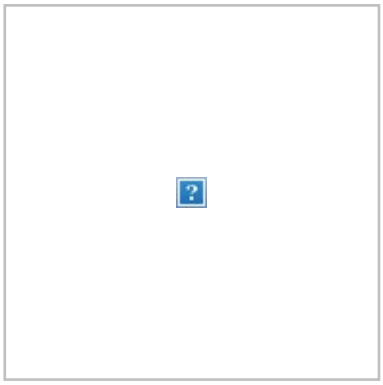
CAIR offices across the country began taking action immediately after the start of this crisis. Since Saturday, CAIR San Francisco Bay Area has:

- Partnered across our chapter network to coordinate media interviews on radio, television, and newspapers to ensure Muslim and Palestinian voices are heard.

- Offered counsel to individuals receiving biased statements at school and work. If you need help, email info@sfba.cair.com.
- Contacted over 250 San Francisco Bay Area-based elected officials, urging them to adopt a balanced perspective that reflects *all* of their constituents, not reactive, one-sided support for Israel.
- Contacted over 350 school leaders across Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, Napa, San Mateo, and Santa Clara counties, urging them to consider *all* students affected by the current crisis while educating them on the decades-long Israeli occupation and its devastating effects on the Palestinian people.

The following are resources our team has compiled for you to use to take action, as well.

Email Your Members of Congress



Join over 7,000 community members across the nation that have emailed their Congressional representatives about the ongoing situation in Israel and Gaza, requesting they take the following actions:

- Acknowledge the loss of lives and recognize the humanity on both sides, including Palestinians and Israelis.
- Express support for an immediate ceasefire.
- Demand that the U.S. reassert its leadership role as a negotiator in pursuit of a lasting peace. This entails addressing the root causes of violence, terminating Israel's occupation of Palestinian territories, and ending the Israeli government's apartheid policies.

Let's use the privilege this country affords us to hold our elected officials accountable. Email your representatives today!

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Bullying and Harassment Guidance

With the blatantly biased news coverage of Israel's assault on Gaza and the many one-sided statements released in support of Israel, Muslims and Palestinians may find themselves the targets of bullying and discrimination—particularly in schools and universities.

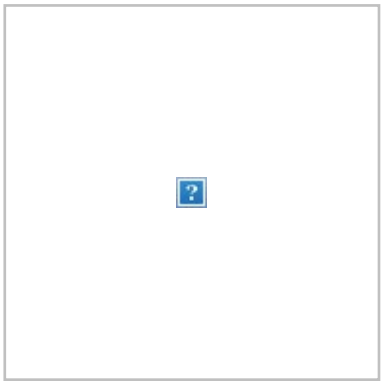
Students have the right to visibly practice their faith and advocate for human rights without facing harassment, threats, or punishment.

See CAIR's Guidance for Students Targeted in Response to Palestine Rights Advocacy, as well as CAIR's Guide to Addressing Bullying and Bias in Schools for bullying prevention strategies for youth and their families.

To report a bias incident, contact CAIR-SFBA's Civil Rights Department at **408.986.9874** or click the button to complete an incident report.

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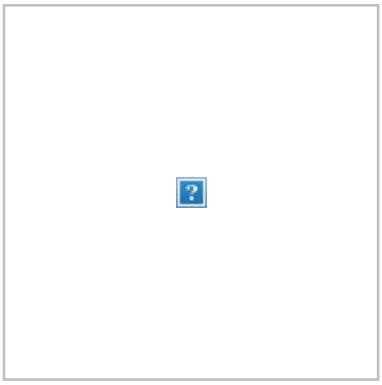


For Students and Parents: Many community members have received emails from schools and universities with one-sided statements of support for Israel. These statements fail to acknowledge the dispossession of the Palestinian people under the illegal Israeli occupation or their humanity as they are bombarded and killed by Israeli forces.

We know that these statements can be upsetting and hurtful. To help you respond to these messages, CAIR-CA has developed letters that you can download and customize to send to your school or university.

K-12 Letter Template **Higher Ed Letter Template**

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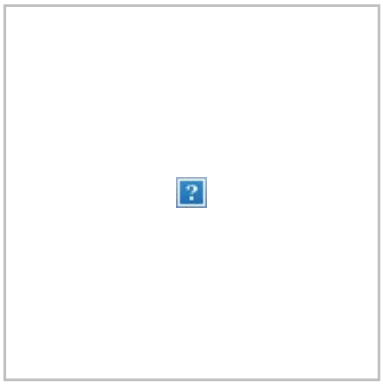
This weekend will bring more protests in support of Palestinian human rights and we invite you to join them.

Protesting is an important way to exercise your right to free speech and to make your voice heard on important issues. However, it can also be intimidating. So we encourage you to familiarize yourself with your rights before you and your loved ones go out to protest with community members.

Know Your Rights

Humanitarian Relief Organizations

Help our brothers and sisters in Palestine by providing life-saving emergency aid during this critical time. The following is a partial list of organizations that are positioned to provide on-the-ground assistance.



- Islamic Relief USA
- Penny Appeal USA
- Zakat Foundation

Most Importantly, Pray for the People of Palestine

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Allahuma aslih ahwal al-Muslimina fi Filistin, Allahuma aslih ahwal al-Muslimina fi Filistin wa fi kulli makan, ya Dhul-Jalali wal-Ikram

Oh Allah, rectify the affairs of the Muslims in Palestine. Oh Allah, rectify the affairs of the Muslims in Palestine and in every place, oh Lord of Majesty and Bounty.

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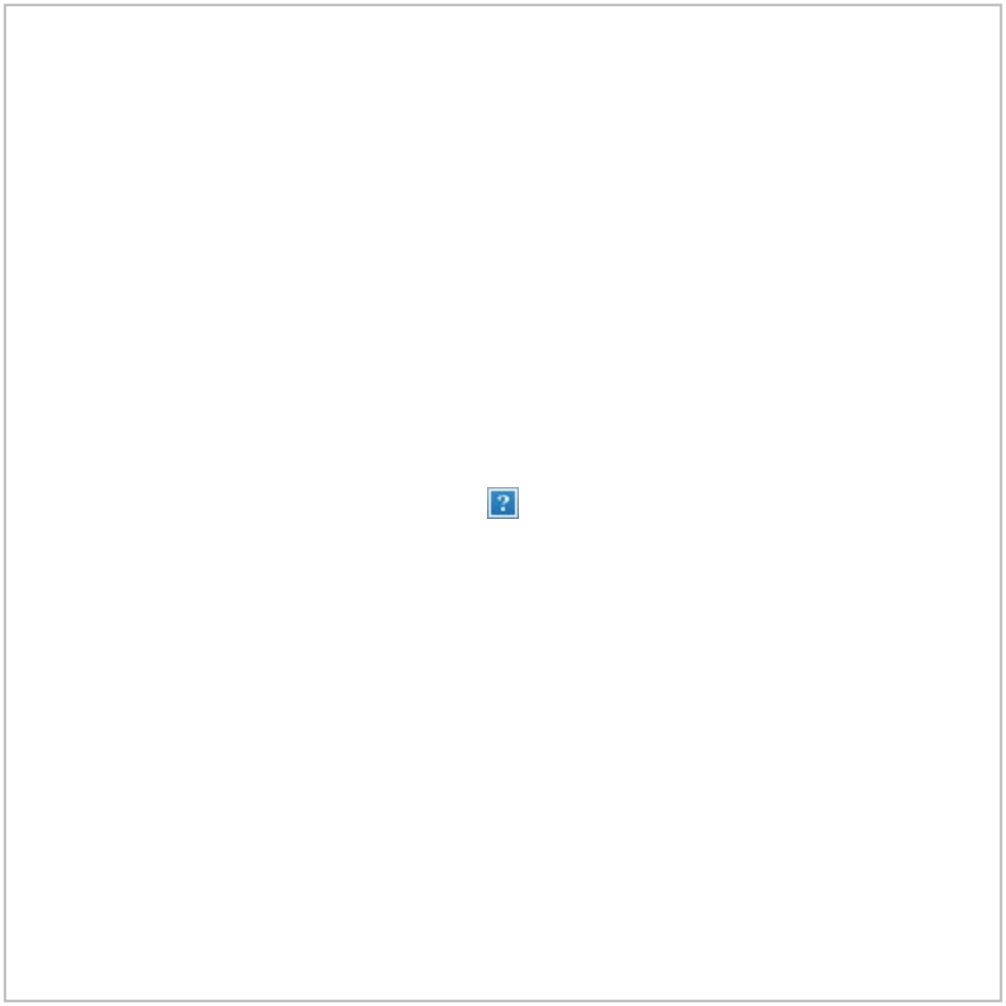
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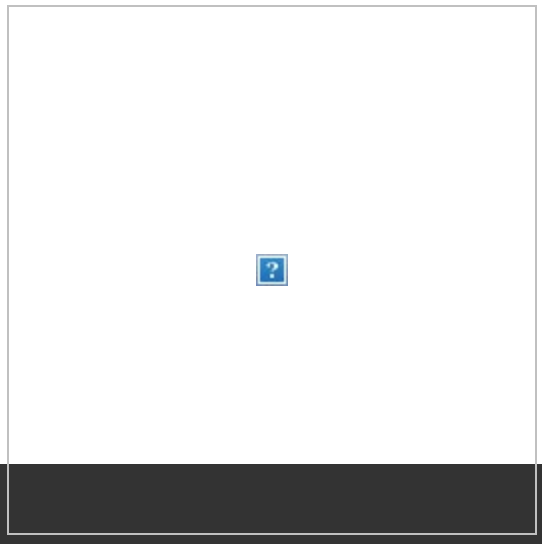
Hamas has launched an unprecedented attack against Israel, taking aim at the apartheid and colonial regime that has subjugated Palestinians for 75 years. Western reaction and media coverage of the attack have emphasized the fallibility of Israel's military apparatus as well as Hamas's tactics, which have not distinguished between military and civilian targets.

Few Western observers have highlighted the context of Israel's structural violence that has condemned Palestinians to a slow death, thus missing a critical opportunity to advance a true, durable solution in the region.

Two million Palestinians in Gaza, a 225-square mile Mediterranean coastal enclave, have been besieged by a comprehensive naval blockade and land siege imposed by Israel for 16 years. The UN and humanitarian organizations have condemned the blockade as illegal and described its impact as "catastrophic". In 2015, a UN Agency predicted that Gaza would be unlivable by 2020 due to a lack of hygiene, access to clean water, and food shortages caused by Israel. It is now 2023. Today, more than a

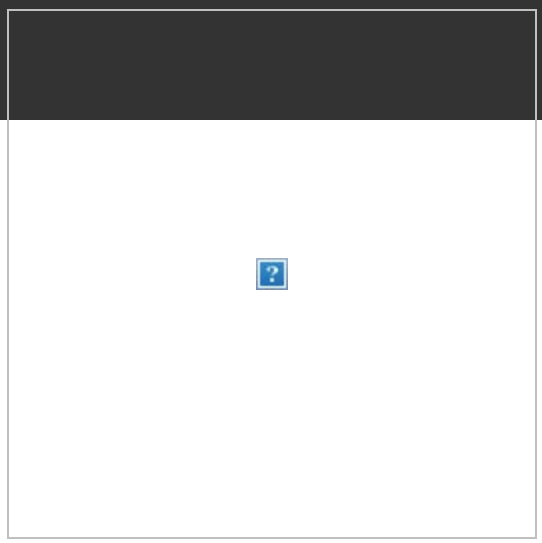
quarter of all reported diseases in Gaza are caused by poor water quality and access. Fifty-three percent of the population is living below the poverty line and dependence on food aid for survival has increased from less than ten percent in 2000 to an estimated 70 percent in 2017. Between the fall of 2016 and the summer of 2017, 186 facilities providing health, water, sanitation, and solid waste collection services were shut down due to power shortages due to the siege and blockade

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Subject:	Re: SPECIAL INVESTIGATION LOSING CONTROL When San Jose police confront people in mental crisis, why — so often — do they end up hurting them?
Date:	Tuesday, October 10, 2023 12:41:00 PM

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Aram,

On behalf of our group, Thank you for your understanding and sharing our perspective on mental health challenges and the changes needed with regards to how LE leaders handle their department's policies, training, and how the experts/public can continue to weigh in. **We appreciate the opportunity to respond to your emails.** In addition, it is dialogue such as this that we can only hope *one or several Cc'ed/Bc'ed* can look deeper into **LE leaders backgrounds** and what should be the strict norm and not the minimal acceptance of someone's past (or current status). This group was formed for that very reason. As a result of your email,those of us who have come together and some of those Cc'ed/Bc'ed whose support can give us a deeper opportunity and to expand to others of **why our group exists, hence this long email.**

Everyone Cc'ed/Bc'ed should know by now that our transparency group **has formed because of issues discovered with the current Sheriff's past** *(and of a few current incidents as well already in the first year)***.** This has led to a broader scrutiny of not only the current Sheriff, but **every** Commander, Chief, and Sheriff in the Bay Area and beyond. Once we tackle the issues surrounding this current Sheriff, we can revisit our group's *name change* to reflect the ***broader Bay Area of LE leaders who need to be revisited, scrutinized and perhaps ousted.***

It is our hope that we can grow our group with additional experienced LE Officials and community members to task themselves with looking at an approach and presentation of information that would lead to policy and/or legislation (or changes, amendments, etc) with no loopholes to **expose LE leaders** of any wrongdoing/misconduct/secret backgrounds *in our county, the bay area* and across the nation and to be rid of them and/or exclude them from serving in positions that have been keeping systemic issues in LE alive and well with detrimental consequences to our communities. Our group has been informally consulting with other community groups and agencies locally and across the nation for any information we can provide on a LE Candidate or those currently serving, especially from California. We pass on information we have and allow them to vett or investigate any allegation. To date, it has been effective in that those candidates in question has not been selected or have resigned to avoid exposure of what they had been hiding in their past. Quite frankly, some of them should be charged with crimes or civil violations they committed in the past, **no matter how far back it was.**

We formed this group almost a year ago during the last week of October 2022 **after** we were sent a podcast and other info about the LASD Deputy Gangs series that included the mention

of the *current Sheriff.* After that, we received an outpouring of information about the current Sheriff that needed to be vetted, and are still vetting the vast amount of information received and have reported the vetted information to the appropriate investigative agencies(s).

We are still new at what we do as a group *but experienced in what we know.* It will take everyone working together **including LE Officials and the rank/file** to tackle the systemic issues and put an end to the mass violations of civil rights, poor training, discrimination, etc. which breed amongst the ranks in LE as either an unintended consequence OR an intended consequence ***of a leader WITH an unfit and biased background***. Please note: we intentionally did not precede the word 'leader' with any positive adjective because they can actually have qualities of a good/great leader for LE but with a background not fit or comfortable for the public **as well.** Politicians, character references, general job/experience profiles, and surface or cursory personal background checks are nowhere near a satisfactory requirement for a LE leader equipped to do their job. **NOR** are political endorsements which quite frankly in our opinion are done to hold influence in a politician's favor and/or for favors and not balanced for the general public and many of our communities.

We also want to mention that last December 2022 during a SCC BOS meeting, and when the current Sheriff was approved to be sworn **in early**, members of our group were accused of not doing *due diligence and vetting* of the current Sheriff **sooner** *by SCC BOS Otto Lee.* We will reiterate that ***when*** *we received the information and allegations, it was/is our duty as former, retired, and current LE officials to* ***vett the information*** *so as not to rush to judgment over false or inaccurate information given to the public. Our group will not be the ones to throw accusations out there without having the information or facts to back it up.* Last year, we did not have the vetted information in the time needed to confront the current Sheriff during ***any*** candidate debate meeting or any other meeting or event as SCC Rep Otto Lee had suggested. If so, we would have directly asked any candidate about negative information **in front of the need-to-know voting public.** Had we been able to vett the information and be able to present valid information/facts, *running an aggressive ad campaign to expose the truth about a candidate's background would have been* ***an easy and ethical task*** *which would have in our strong opinion yielded a better outcome with the election results. We say 'better' because we are not happy with who the current Sheriff is knowing what has been presented to us and what is being investigated.* Ultimately, all we asked for is that the County of Santa Clara, review/consult the information with the appropriate officials and delay the appointment until they know what needs to be resoluted and when. **Our group was not asking to 'derail' th results of the election nor deny the elected candidate to serve. That is what ultimately a recall is for.**

We believe that Cities, Counties, and State agencies should be compelled to **USE ANY/ALL AVAILABLE** resources **rather than just a for-profit headhunting firm,** etc to rely on if they are getting the best candidate personally/professionally. Community meetings and input help as far as *candidate qualities*, but the public should also be able to inquire about information that should be followed up upon. We did hear during a SCC County BOS meeting of community members who did speak up but their allegation/accusation remained as such and was not questioned or further delved into by any gov't official or elected representative. More needs to be done with **listening** to the public *even if it's just one community member* who may hold information that could be detrimental to the public and our communities.

We also agree that candidates for an elected position **should go through an additional vetting process prior to applying as a candidate** *vs.* leaving the 'mudslinging of potentially

false and inaccurate' **or** information found to be TRUE for other candidates and community groups to expose. We believe Gov't officials and our elected politicians *should invite* the opportunity for **significant changes** so that **voting public and our communities as a whole** are fully aware of the serious issues that plague a candidate **or** an appointed LE Official. **Nothing in a candidate's background personally/professionally** should be or remain confidential when choosing or electing a LE leader who has the power and ability to **affect every life** in our communities. Considering the rise of LE issues not only across the Bay Area but in this State and across the country, *it will only get worse* if folks do not **come together and work together** to tackle problems that affect ALL of us. **Starting with changes in our LE leaders is an absolute MUST!**
Please forward/share this information as it is important to be transparent with this dialogue and the seriousness of the issues we present.

~SCCSTG

On Sun, Oct 8, 2023 at 10:41 PM Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com> wrote:

> On Sun, Oct 8, 2023 at 10:32 PM Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com> wrote:
> Hi Sheriff Transparency,
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> Thank you for your very thoughtful and detailed analysis of complicated issues related to determining whether an officer leaving one department to lead another is generally sufficiently vetted to ensure that he/she is simply not leaving behind a sorted past with one department in hopes of avoiding deeper scrutiny with a new department. I agree that making such a critical decision should not be left to a for profit headhunter or a city manager. Or should such a decision be based on political references versus an actual deep dive into a potential chief's past on-the-job day-to-day performance on issues related to dealing with the mentally ill, their track record with excessive force issues, gender discrimination issues, race discrimination issues, etc.
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> Best regards,
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> On Sun, Oct 8, 2023, at 8:12 PM Sheriff Transparency <sccsherifftransparencyinfo@gmail.com> wrote:
> > Aram,
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> > As far as we know and acknowledge, the San Jose Police Dept is making progress with this issue, and that the current Chief and command staff is always expected and willing to do better for the community and its own officers. Handling mental illness with subjects confronted, detained, in custody will always need to garner more attention with

further and ongoing discussions that should involve more community organizations who have expertise with valid and viable input. Training and changes need to be be based on research with facts and not emotions.

With regards to specific police officers, ***you mention the current Palo Alto Chief Binder formerly from the San Jose Police Department*** in his previous job, our question would be what is his deeper background, in terms of his career there AND his personal life? or is this a question about how he handled mental illness training and calls as a supervisor in San Jose that could be detrimental for the Palo Alto community?

As advocates for Command transparency, we are always concerned when an Officer with many years with one department leaves for another department to lead and to ensure that it is for ***career/community advancement vs. leaving behind a sinister past.*** In addition, if he was involved in any of the cases where a person with mental illness was injured or killed, one needs to ask, 'what was his involvement or lack thereof?' poor training, excessive use of force, etc? Anytime a Commander is selected to lead another Department, there should be ***MORE scrutiny*** with their backgrounds than the conventional head-hunting background. We have not seen this quite frankly. We think several police departments do get lucky with the correct candidate, however there are a lot more who lead the nation's 800,000+ LE Officers who should not be serving in those positions at all, **and reducing the 'a lot more' to zero** will start to see the fall of systemic problems for agencies across the nation.

We are not defending or judging Chief Binder. We have not scrutinized his background nor delved into any mentally ill person cases he has handled and it is up to his superiors at the Palo Alto City Hall to determine if he had ***any*** problems in his background as a SJPD or as a PAPD Officer prior to his appointment as Chief that could reflect poorly on the Palo Alto Police Dept. and for the community.

We caution that this would take an *entirely different approach* to in depth (deeper) background investigation vs. political character reference and someone's general work profile (which could be stellar but does not mean that person would be a great leader) and recommendation from a good or 'poorly equipped' (also known as idiots) previous Chief. We have LE in our group who have plenty of experience in background investigations to know what is looked at and have sumised the sheer number of LE who end up at other agencies with backgrounds not even fit enough to work at McDonalds. And people wonder why the systemic problems continue.

We believe that the majority of (retired) police officers in our group, who state, that it will take vast collective knowledge, analysis and personal fact finding to uncover a Commander's work and personal past that was unsavory and missed/overlooked to even expose the problems they find and bring it to the attention of the City, County or State for which the Officer works for. It may also require changes in legislation to use that information to get rid of them unless it is an elected LE Official then a recall of the person voted in would be better served to protect the public.

Personal *(other employees, higher ups, etc)* and pressure from the public to resign is also effective. We believe this was the case with the Santa Clara County DA Investigations Chief who is finally resigning from his position in December with retirement. As we seen with the former Sheriff Laurie Smith and now with Chief Reyes, it take almost an

'act of God' to get rid of them unless they resign or retire on their own under pressure.

One person or a group can only hope that folks start listening and opening their eyes along with being vocal to the problems and who is behind those problems with their failure to take action *because of problems of their own past, be it personal and/or professional.* At this point, it is our anecdotal opinions but we have been correct everytime in our assessment as to why an agency is experiencing never ending problems with the same Commander, Chief, or Sheriff.

~SCCSTG

On Sun, Oct 8, 2023 at 2:30 PM Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com> wrote:

Sunday Oct 7, 2023

FYI: This article is the headline piece in today's San Jose Mercury News.

Palo Alto Police Chief Andrew Binder spent many many years with the San Jose Police Department before coming to the PAPD.

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Subject:	Open Letter to UN Security Council: Member States Must Address Root Causes of Palestinian Struggle, and Protect the Palestinian People from Retaliatory Israeli Attacks
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Rev Moore: Here is a compelling document sent my way by my friend and long time human rights activist Donna Wallach. See what you think.

Date: 8 October 2023

Al-Haq, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, and the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights call on the UN Security Council to address root causes and protect the Palestinian people from Israeli attacks. As Member States of the UN Security Council (UNSC) convene to discuss the events unfolding on both sides of the Green Line in Palestine, which started on 7 October 2023, Member States must consider Israel's 75-year settler-colonial apartheid regime, 56-year illegal occupation, and 16-year unlawful blockade and closure of the Gaza Strip as the root causes of the Palestinian plight. UN Member States hold primary responsibility for the violence in Palestine through their inaction and complicity in Israel's systematic and widespread violations, and must protect the Palestinian people against Israeli retaliatory attacks.

On 7 October 2023, Palestinian armed groups in the occupied Gaza Strip carried out a number of military operations. Israel has been waging war against the Gaza Strip since its illegal occupation in 1967, and for over 16 years has declared the entire Gaza Strip a "hostile entity", imposing a land, air and maritime closure, and subjugating Palestinians therein to measures of collective punishment, in violation of international law. In this time, Israel has carried out at least seven massive military offensives since2008, which have rendered the Gaza Stripuninhabitable. Between 2010 and 2019, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) recorded 3,624 Palestinians and 203 Israelis killed, and 103,207 Palestinians and 4,642 Israelis injured, in the decade.

While third States are fast condemning the military actions of Palestinian armed groups, UNSC Member States need to be reminded of the number of missed occasions they had to prevent the escalation of violence. For decades, since it established its illegal occupation, Israel has failed to uphold its duties as Occupying Power, has entrenched its settler-colonial apartheid regime, prevented the Palestinian people from exercising their right to self-determination and return, and has been committing systematic and widespread human rights

violations, amounting to international crimes, against the Palestinian people.

The past two years have been marked as the bloodiest of Israeli violence since the second *Intifada*. Between January 2022 and 30 September 2023, Israeli occupying forces (IOF) and settlers killed 426 Palestinians, including 89 children in the occupied Palestinian territory (OPT).[1] As of 19 September 2023, Israel arbitrarily arrested5,200 Palestinians, including 170 children, and 1,264 Palestinians are currently held arbitrarily under administrative detention. Between 2022 and 30 June 2023, OCHArecorded 1,449 settler attacks, while Israeli occupying authorities demolished 436 Palestinian homes, forcibly displacing 1,660 Palestinians, half of whom are children.

The International Court of Justice, in its Advisory Opinion on the *Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory* (2004), called on third States to uphold their international obligations, including through non-recognition of Israel's wrongful acts, including the obligation to not contribute to the internationally wrongful acts and the obligation to cooperate to bring the illegal acts to an end. Two decades later, the Wall not only still stands, it has been expanded to appropriate more Palestinian land, creating facts on the ground which have become *a fait accompli, de facto* annexation. Meanwhile, third States have largely turned a blind eye to their obligations to bring to an end any impediment resulting from the construction of the wall, as well as other violations, which operate to deny the exercise by the Palestinian people of its inalienable right to self-determination.

The failure by third States to uphold the ICJ's advisory opinion, as well as the numerous UN resolutions, has resulted in Israel's aggressive and unrestrained construction of illegal settlements, its entrenchment of a discriminatory apartheid regime underpinned by impunity for international crimes. For decades, Palestinians have been calling on the international community to take concrete and meaningful actions, beyond statements of condemnation, to put an end to these violations, including imposing sanctions, arms embargoes and countermeasures against Israel. The international community's lack of political will to hold Israel to account only emboldens Israel to continue committing crimes against the Palestinian people as a whole.

The 'Question of Palestine' remains the permanent responsibility of the UN. As previously reaffirmed by the UN General Assembly (UNGA), "the United Nations has a permanent responsibility towards the question of Palestine until the question is resolved in all its aspects in a satisfactory manner in accordance with international legitimacy". Notably, the UN General Assembly decision to partition Palestine under Resolution 181 (II) into an 'Arab' and a 'Jewish' state completely disregarded the Palestinian people's right to self-determination. When Israel sought membership in the UN in 1949, it promised to respect all relevant UN resolutions. However, Israel has failed to implement every relevant UN resolution, including UNGA Resolution 194 (III) of 11 December 1948, which requires Israel to fulfill the right of return of Palestinian refugees, displaced persons, and exiles, UNSC Resolution 478 of 1980 prohibiting Israel from altering the character and status of the Holy City of Jerusalem, and UNSC Resolution 2334 of 2016 demanding Israel to immediately and completely

cease all settlement activities in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem.

We remind UNSC Member States of their obligation to protect the two million Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, who are at risk of retaliatory Israeli violence. So far, Israel has launched airstrikes, killing hundreds of Palestinians and wounding thousands, bombing residential buildings, has cut off electricity and asked Gaza residents to leavethe besieged Strip, which, given the practical impossibility of such, may amount to threats to commit war crimes against civilians. We once more reiterate our call to the UN Security Council to refer Israel's continuing acts of aggression, including its illegal occupation of the Gaza Strip for investigation to the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court.

Sixteen consecutive years of Israeli closure and repeated military attacks have driven Gaza into the brink of collapse and produced disastrous socio-economic conditions. Given the current status of Gaza's crippled infrastructure, that does not allow it to cope with long periods of hostilities, Netanyahu's reprisals will have far reaching and grave consequences for the medical response, and may arise in grave breaches including willfully causing great suffering to the civilian population. Palestinians in the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and Palestinians who hold Israeli citizenship are also at risk of retaliatory Israeli Police andsettler violence, and punitive mass arrests.

Given Israel's decades-long illegal occupation and apartheid, the Palestinian people as a colonized people have a recognized right to exercise full external self-determination and independence from colonial, foreign domination and alien subjugation, as reaffirmed in UNGAResolution 1514 of 1960 and Resolution 3246 of 1974.

Accordingly, Al-Haq, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, and the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights call on the Member States of the UNSC to:

1. Recognize and condemn Israel's illegal occupation, settler-colonialism, and apartheid regime as the root causes underpinning the continuous waves of conflict in the territory;

2. Demand Israel's immediate, unconditional and total withdrawal from the occupied Palestinian territory, as required in UN resolutions since 1967;

3. Call for the dismantling of Israel's settler colonial apartheid regime on both sides of the Green Line;

4. Take concrete steps to ensure the protection of the Palestinian people, particularly in the Gaza Strip, facing retaliatory Israeli attacks;

5. Sanction Israel's illegal occupation, apartheid and acts of aggression through the application of an arms embargo, economic sanctions and countermeasures against Israel;

On Sun, Oct 8, 2023 at 6:31 PM Jethroe Moore <moore2j@att.net> wrote:

> Please don't call them terrorist. That will never bring Peace.
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> Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail on Android
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> On Sun, Oct 8, 2023 at 6:14 PM, Rebecca Eisenberg <reisenberg@gmail.com> wrote:
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> > The short answer: **WE MUST PRIORITIZE PEACE.**
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> > The longer answer -- and please forgive the length -- include thoughts I blatantly borrow from writers and thinkers who have dedicated their lives to the goal of creating peace and sustaining life and equity on the only planet we can call home:
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> > For many of us, it can be helpful to have a moral and practical framework, when it comes to saving the lives of humans in danger, as is the state of affairs in the Middle East. Some people choose religious and/or political approaches, but I find that too dogmatic while at the same time too lacking in common sense and scientific and historic basis. For me, along with millions of others worldwide (although confoundingly a surprising few in the USA), choose the framework established by the UN in creating the 17 Goals for Sustainable Government: https://www.globalgoals.org/.
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> > The Global Goals, based on countless research time, scientific studies, and first-hand human narratives, crafted by the world's leading scientists, human rights activists, community organizers, and governmental, business, and nonprofit leaders, provide a proven and rational blueprint for creating peace and saving life on this planet (the former being necessary to achieve the latter). The Goals illucidate how the world's biggest problems compound on each other: for example, the deprivation of healthcare and sanitary living conditions directly causes poverty, hunger, and disease, and the deprivation of education and representative government increases the exploitation and impoverishment of women and children, the lack of adequate employment, and the disempowerment of masses. Similarly, the continued pollution caused by exploitative businesses and lack of enforcement by the government leads directly to lack of safety from climate events, and difficulty in providing clean water, breathable air, and cultivable land. Working to reduce one problem without exception helps with the achievement of other goals.
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> > Here is how an application of the UN's Global Goals could and would approach, and I believe resolve, the escalating conflict and humanitarian crises in the Middle East (and elsewhere):

1. Eradication of poverty (goal 1). The impoverished conditions in which individuals and families are forced to live in Gaza and elsewhere throughout the Middle East (with the VAST majority of this poverty occuring in Arab countries) directly leads to terrorism, misogyny, racism and anti-semitism. Poverty is caused and exploited by corrupt governments (including Hamas, including the US, including California) that concentrate power and wealth in the hands of the wealthiest few, depriving the majority of the population of rational ability to support themselves and their families. Poverty creates a culture of desperation, violence, and xenophobia, regardless of the religion or skin color of the impoverished. Corrupt countries regularly deprive their own "citizens" of the basics of human existence, hoarding the resources and wealth in the hands of the wealthiest few on top, then they blame the deprivation of the masses on *outsiders* rather than on their own corrupt government. Those masses, deprived of any education (almost always women and girls being the most deprived) have no ability or reason to question the propaganda they are given. IMAGINE IF THESE MASSES had homes, health care, education, and sufficient food? The world would be transformed. There is no fighting amongst each other when everyone has *enough*. If the wealthiest few did not hoard resources and wealth, there would be MORE than enough for every living person on earth to have *enough*. That, as an aside, is one of the many ways that billionaires by their very existence cause immense social harm. A healthy economy would never allow such a privileged and entitled tiny segment of our society to take everything for themselves. In Gaza, an empowered Palestinian community could vote for representative leadership that could pursue sustainable conditions with humane living conditions and sufficient food, water, healthcare, childcare, and employment. With terrorists running the show (and stealing the humanitarian aid for use in creating bombs and buying weapons), peace and empowerment seem unachievable at best.

2. Ensure sustainable cities and communities (goal 11). Per above, the international community needs to do a better job of ensuring that humanitarian aid reaches the people in Gaza rather than being stolen by the terrorists in charge. With that essential aid, Palestinians could live safely, with humane housing conditions, medical care, education, and equal opportunity to work and participate in life. These rights must be given to all people regardless of religion and gender-- which is the opposite of what is happening in Islamist countries (see, e.g. Afghanistan, where the Taliban have stripped women and girls of every human right virtually without exception; where young girls from impoverished families are regularly sold to men as old as age 80). ALL people must be given agency and control over our own bodies. Cities must be built for living things, including the ecosystem and the animals, plants, and fungi that are part of the ecosystem, including humans. Public transit must be available and safe. Childcare, healthcare, and jobs must be made available to all. Communities must be inclusive and welcoming, without exception. Renewable energy sources must be affordable and available. Clean water, clean air, and healthy conditions must be available to all. Pollution must be cleaned up by the capitalists who profited from activities that made the pollution. Every person has the human right

to live in safe, clean conditions. Note that we cannot make this possible without Goal 13 - Climate Action, Goal 8 - Decent work for ALL (not just men) and living wage for all, Goal 9 - Infrastructure, Goal 12 - Responsible production & Consumption, Goal 6 - Clean Water & Sanitation, Goal 3 - Good health including for women and children, who comprise the majority of the world's population living in population (as well as the majority of US and its individuals states' people living in poverty); and Goal 2 - Zero hunger. When people are forced to focus on their most basic human needs for survival -- food, water, and shelter -- they are deprived of agency over their lives and have little ability to rise above their disempowered conditions. THIS IS NOT THE CASE IN GAZA and although Israel's current reactionary, right wing government is not effectively assisting, it should be pointed out that Israel is the largest contributor of humanitarian aid to Gaza, and it is NOT in Israel's interest that this humanitarian aid continues to be stolen and exploited for violence by Hamas and other terrorist groups. Of course, assigning blame is an ego-driven pursuit, just like revenge. What the impoverished and disempowered people in Gaza and elsewhere in Arab countries (and most non-Arab countries) need more than anything is RESOURCES and autonomy over their selves and their lives. They need SAFETY, including and especially from the terrorists that have taken control.e

3. Urgently advocate for equality on the basis of gender, religion, nationality, and race -- goals 5 (gender equality), 11 (reduce inequalities), and 4 - quality education for all people, INCLUDING girls and women, who currently are deprived of the opportunity to attend schools in a large number of "respected" nations. Religious "traditions" based in the persecution and exploitation of women must be eradicated (this includes not just Islamist hatred of women and girls, but also Orthodox Jewish hatred of women and girls. I am not being extreme here. The Orthodox men who have taken control of Israel are not terrorists like Hamas, but they do share a practice of disempowering women and girls. These Orthodox men won't even shake hands with women out of misogynist bigotry that women may be "unclean," which they (ignorantly) define as "possibly menstruating." Yet we know that their exclusion of women from positions of power have nothing to do with irrational germ-phobia related to menstruation, because they use that same excuse to exclude and disempower women of all ages, including those over age 60, who almost certainly are not menstruating, as well as any other person who identifies as female. It is about hoarding power in the hands of the few, as it is so many places on earth. And the unequal distribution of resources and power, as the Global Goals make clear, are extremely damaging to the prospects of human life on our only planet.

Time and time again, the most effective way to solve and avoid conflict has always been the eradication of poverty, hunger, inequality, and exploitation. **THAT is the blueprint for the overarching goal of Goal 16: Peace and Justice.**

The Global Goals are really a fantastic tool for this pursuit, given how the pursuit of one goal always assists in the pursuit of others (and if the pursuit of one goal is harming another goal, then the strategy is broken: for example, destroying

vulnerable eco-system in misplaced pursuit of providing clean water will only lead to less clean water, and more polluted living conditions for the most vulnerable. But cleaning up toxic waste sites and regenerating wildlife habitat will decrease climate disasters, and increase the availability of clean water, air, and ground for communities to live and thrive. Here are more examples: eradicating poverty (Goal 1), hunger (Goal 2), and housing (goal 11) will increase the health and longevity of all people (goal 4). Taking climate action (goal 13), and converting to renewable energy sources (Goal 12) will improve life on land (goal 15), and life at sea (Goal 14), as well as improve the quality of drinking water (Goal 6) and decrease hunger (goal 2) by re-empowering communities to grow food locally. Access to more food and clean water will assist in the eradication of poverty (goal 1),to create sustainable communities (goal 11). Improving the strength and quality of public education (Goal 5) and public transit (goals 9 and 11) along with CHILDCARE (goal 11) will help enable the equality of women, girls and other non-males (Goal 5) as well as reducing inequalities (Goal 10). This is why all 17 of the Global Goals, including the one so often ignored as optional (Gender Equality-goal 5) MUST be pursued to save life on this planet.

Following the Global Goals framework, we **CAN solve these problems**, but only by BUILDING rather than tearing down. Destroying Gaza and the human beings and all other life within it WILL ONLY HARM everyone involved, including Israel. Imagine how the conditions would improve if the Humanitarian Aid given to Palestines in Gaza were not stolen by the terrorist men, including Hamas but also Hezbollah and others??? Imagine if Israel and the US spent its combined trillions of dollars (ok, almost all of that is the US's money) on ERADICATING POVERTY, PROVIDING UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE (including abortion care and family planning) and ELIMINATING POLLUTION so that all people can live in clean, safe conditions, and so the US no longer would have the highest MATERNAL death rate than all other developed country-- a death rate higher than many *developing* countries -- with the death rate in the US being highest of all when it comes to African American women, who die giving birth at crisis levels due to intentional deprivation of clean and humane conditions and women's health care. (As a reminder, the majority of people in poverty in the US (and the world) are women and children, and among those women and children, persecuted minorities are overrepresented in poverty).

In economic theory, it is well established and accepted that growth and improvement is almost impossible to achieve without investment. Applied to government spending, cutting costs to social programs, especially in pursuit of violent pursuits (military spending, prisons, armed officers) almost always is proven counterproductive. Under the Global Goals framework, a proven effective alternative is to invest in people's economic, housing, health, and nutritional conditions, which leads to better public health, a more qualified workforce, more well-paid jobs, and strong communities. This involves recognizing that HELPING OTHERS ALWAYS HELPS OURSELVES! Selfish thinking never works: even the Wall Street Journal bemoaned on the front page above the fold, that the Republicans' success in killing the forgiveness of the PARTIAL amount of student loans that Biden had (reluctantly) agreed to forgive had an immediate

NEGATIVE impact on our economy -- depriving the US economy of at least ONE HUNDRED BILLION DOLLARS. (For a more comprehensive analysis, with additional facts supporting the WSJ's conclusions, can be found on Senator Elizabeth Warren's website here, here and here.) Helping the vulnerable ALWAYS helps the economy as a whole. The Global Goals clarifies this analysis for the masses of people who have trouble seeing beyond immediate personal impact to ascertain the bigger picture -- that sometimes benefits them even more.

The Global Goals help explain how hard it is to SAVE THE WORLD without SAVING EACH OTHER. Without GENDER EQUALITY and CLIMATE ACTION, we cannot eliminate POVERTY and HUNGER. Without HOUSING, HEALTHCARE, AND EDUCATION, we cannot have SAFE COMMUNITIES and REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENTS. Without RESTORATIVE JUSTICE -- e.g. reparations to descendents of enslaved people, Indigenous people (who deserve their land back), descendents of Japanese-Americans forcibly incarcerated during WW2, and other groups deprived of rights, income, and opportunity in the US due to intentional policies -- we cannot have EQUALITY, SAFETY, and OPPORTUNITY for all --the BASIC rights theoretically granted in the Preamble to the US Constitution. We cannot achieve any goal through the sacrifice of another. We always have options and alternatives. There are always other means and approaches, which become more visible by considering a wider array of perspectives and (G-d forbid!) new ideas. Now is NOT the time to keep repeating the same mistakes hoping for a different result. Like war. WAR ONLY HARMS.

Yet, with the same people who caused the problems 100% in charge of the "solutions," War - again- is where we are going, and the stakes keep getting higher. Civil unrest and humanitarian crises are increasing rather than decreasing in the Middle East and around the globe. Fascist and xenophobic political groups are gaining traction. Money and power is increasingly being consolidated into the hands of the few (we sure see that in Palo Alto, hello Sobrato, Castilleja, AJ Capital, among other private billionaire-run companies with outsized influence on our city). A war in Israel could easily lead to World War 3. All this over ... what? A land dispute?

This is why I continue to advocate for NEW leadership and new systems of decision making and conflict resolution. Our democracy is far from representative. Decisions continue to be unduly influenced by those with the most wealth, a group often overlapping with those who have created the most planetary and social harm.

Unfortunately, when people get scared, they often resort to the most counterproductive approach: they cling to sameness and fight against the systemic changes that MUST be made for people and the planet to have a fighting chance. Why can't we just say, **"OK, Capitalism and Patriarchy had a long run -- (5 millennia?) -- so, now let's try something new for the next couple hundred years (assuming we have that long)?".** What could

that hurt? Why not embrace a different framework, like the UN's 17 Goals for Sustainable Development? Being the world's biggest optimist that I am, I truly believe that if the human collective could unite on ONE SHARED GOAL -- e.g. SAVING THE PLANET -- we could make the huge structural changes we require to get that task done, and we can do it by building bridges rather than burning them -- and everything near them -- down to the ground.

Truly, all I am advocating for is a more effective, more rational, more science-based and ethics-driven approach-- an approach that recognizes that the achievement of our heady goal is so ambitious that we need - without exception - all hands on deck, so no one can be left behind, and all people must be empowered to be their be their most actualized, educated, mindful, empowered selves, supported by strong and equitable communities in the context of peace and well-distributed resources. There is no room for resource hoarding, dick size contests, ego-driven conflicts, and -- for the love of G-d -- "Revenge" -- in a world community focused on saving our ONLY home.

While the UN's 17 Goals for Sustainable Development: A Blueprint to Sustain Life on Earth likely is not the only approach to saving our planet and achieving peace, it's a good one-- and at least unquantifiably better than the current approach of solving conflicting between men by raping and murdering women. I cannot imagine one good thing that could come from escalating this conflict. Then again, I fundamentally, despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary, believe that human beings CAN join forces towards the most important goal that unites us all: saving our planet and all life on it.

Just my two cents, of course.

Best,
Rebecca
415-235-8078

On Sun, Oct 8, 2023 at 3:08 PM Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com> wrote:

> Hi Rebecca,
> Your points are all well taken and do clarify the issues for me. Now what can we do to stop, at least in this conflict, the brutal Israeli government with U.S. support from destroying what little infrastructure is left in Palestine for the 2.5 million Palestinians imprisoned with little to zero resources to survive? To stop the madness the U.S. must stop supporting the wealthy Israeli terrorist government with billions more of U.S. aid every year. It is time the U.S. demands that Israel give back all of the occupied territory to the Palestinian people. And no more aid to nuclear-armed Israel. Instead all U.S. aid now going to Israel must instead go to Palestine to rebuild hospitals and schools and other critical infrastructure destroyed repeatedly by the vile terrorist state of Isreal. In addition to U.S. aid going to the Palestinians the Israeli government must pay reparations to the Palestinians and help rebuilt the infrastructure of Palestine. And as you have suggested at least 1/2 of all leadership in both countries moving forward must be women. Okay, thanks so much for opening up this life and death conversation.

Best,

aram

On Sun, Oct 8, 2023 at 1:36 PM Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com> wrote:

> Sunday, October 8, 2023
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> Hi Rebecca,
> This is horrible. You have done a great job of researching this critical issue. Please please also research the hugely disproportionate number of Palestinian women, girls, children and men routinely murdered, raped, and subject to the worse possible war crimes by the terrorist state of Israel with the full financial support of the leading terrorist state on the planet the U.S. government. I guarantee you that by the time this current war is done 10 times as many Palestinian civilians, innocent women, children, and men will be slaughtered by Israel's forces with the full support of the USA.
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> Best regards,
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> Aram
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> On Sun, Oct 8, 2023, at 1:02 PM Rebecca Eisenberg <reisenberg@gmail.com> wrote:
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> > THIS IS A WAR AGAINST WOMEN.
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> > Can we PLEASE be mindful of the sources we cite and send around here... and the subject lines we use when we forward to the group? This was not PALESTINIANS. It was HAMAS -- the misogynist and racist terrorist club that controls the Palestinians in Gaza. This was a MASSACRE at a RAVE attended by thousands of CHILDREN and young adults -- NOT an "attack on Israel" as much as a group murder and torture of tourists and students. This was not a "strike back." This was a horde of angry men seeking violence. Israel may need to be "protected" but only to the extent of that protection includes the hundreds of WOMEN AND GIRLS who RIGHT NOW are in HELL, having been dragged there by angry men. THIS IS TRIGGERING.
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> > These HUNDREDS of women and girls -- of ALL religions and nationalities -- that are being RAPED, tortured and murdered goes FAR beyond a male squirmish over real estate. Many of these women were at the Rave in order to escape the increasing stronghold of Israel's right wing misogynist government, which does not brutally rape them, but does continue to strip women and girls of rights as they entrench a formerly secular Democracy into right-wing religious propaganda. Of course this massacre took place on Shabbat during a Jewish holiday. The MEN IN CHARGE in Israel take those days off, imposing their entitlement to a "day of rest" on the millions of others who have to go without the men who control the country but cannot be bothered to delegate to women or gentiles on their 36-hours off a week. (I can say this because I am Jewish.)

This is NOT some sort of "defense of Palestinians." Actual Palestinians are being killed. These are attacks on GIRLS AND WOMEN of all religions, nationalities. and ages. This is an attack on every single girl, woman, and non-male alive. This is a war against WOMEN.

For all of us who are survivors. not just of ethnic trauma (e.g. the Holocaust) but also of sexual violence, THIS IS TRIGGERING. There are thousands of armed terrorist men hiding in plain sight (guess what? Palestinians and Israelis look ALIKE) in order to kidnap and brualitize more women and girls in Israel.

Can we please focus on the mission of this group? PEACE IS A FEMINIST ISSUE. Rape is war against women. I thought this was a FEMINIST group, not a group of women that takes sides in conflicts between extremist men who use women and girls as shields, bullets, pawns, and meat.

Sources (reflecting inescapable bias of patriarchy):

https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-67046444 Mother begs for daughter SHANI LOUK kidnapped from rave

https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/oct/07/israelis-react-to-unprecedented-hamas-attack-with-disbelief (pointing out that it was WOMEN who were taken, yet still not calling it as it is.)

https://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/hamas-israel-hostage-attack-us-palestinian-rcna119375 "Israel resident Yoni Asher said he watched on social media as a disturbing video emerged appearing to show his wife, two young daughters and mother-in-law being taken by Hamas and crammed onto the back of a vehicle."

https://www.businessinsider.com/photos-israeli-women-children-seniors-taken-hostage-hamas-in-gaza-2023-10 (photos of women and girls captured, including seniors, children, and young women)

https://www.businessinsider.com/credit-card-shani-louk-naked-paraded-hamas-israel-palestine-gaza-2023-10 (seeming shocked that she "may have been robbed." Is being robbed worse than being sexually assaulted? Because she almost certainly was that too.)

https://nypost.com/2023/10/08/family-pleads-for-return-of-grandmother-85-taken-hostage-in-gaza/ -- 85 year old grandmother taken

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/videos/toi-original/israeli-student-screams-dont-kill-me-as-hamas-terrorists-kidnap-her-from-rave-party-horrifying-visual/videoshow/104263381.cms Videos of young women being

carried away by angry misogynist men.

THIS IS A WAR ON WOMEN.
PEACE IS A FEMINIST ISSUE.

On Sun, Oct 8, 2023 at 8:38 AM WILPF Peninsula Palo Alto <wilpf.peninsula.paloalto@gmail.com> wrote:

From popularresistance.org today:Israel likens the attack to 9-11

Palestinian Resistance Launches Unprecedented Attack On Israel



By Tareq S. Hajjaj and Mondoweiss Editors, Mondoweiss. In the early morning hours of Saturday, October 7, the Palestinian resistance in the besieged Gaza Strip launched an unprecedented surprise multi-prong attack on Israel, including firing a barrage of rockets toward Israeli territory while simultaneously carrying out a ground offensive into nearby Israeli towns which breached the Israeli Gaza barrier and overwhelmed surrounding Israeli military posts. As of 12:30 local time, it was reported that thousands of rockets had been fired from Gaza into Israel and that Israeli air forces had targeted multiple areas across the Gaza Strip. -more-

From: Aram James
To: Lewis james; chuck jagoda; Jack Ajluni; Salem Ajluni; Council, City; Lauing, Ed; Planning Commission; ParkRec Commission; Human Relations Commission
Subject: Fwd: "Those who put their faith in fire in fire their faith will be repaid "
Date: Saturday, October 7, 2023 11:56:00 AM

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"Those who put their faith in fire in fire their faith will be repaid "

On Sat, Oct 7, 2023 at 11:36 AM Aram James <abjpd1@gmail.com> wrote:

> https://www.nbcnews.com/news/amp/rcna119315

From:	Aram James
To:	Council, City; julieforpaloalto@gmail.com; becker.josh@gmail.com; moore2j@att.net; sallen6444@yahoo.com; Mila.Zelkha@asm.ca.gov; Human Relations Commission; pastor@universityamez.com; voteshanasegal@gmail.com; dujuang@sbcglobal.net
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From: Aram James
To: alphonse9947@gmail.com; jaxpolo@gmail.com; ajluni@hotmail.com; Council, City; Human Relations Commission
Subject: Israeli military says it is striking targets in the Gaza Strip as air raid sirens sound in Jerusalem
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Israeli military says it is striking targets in the Gaza Strip as air raid sirens sound in Jerusalem

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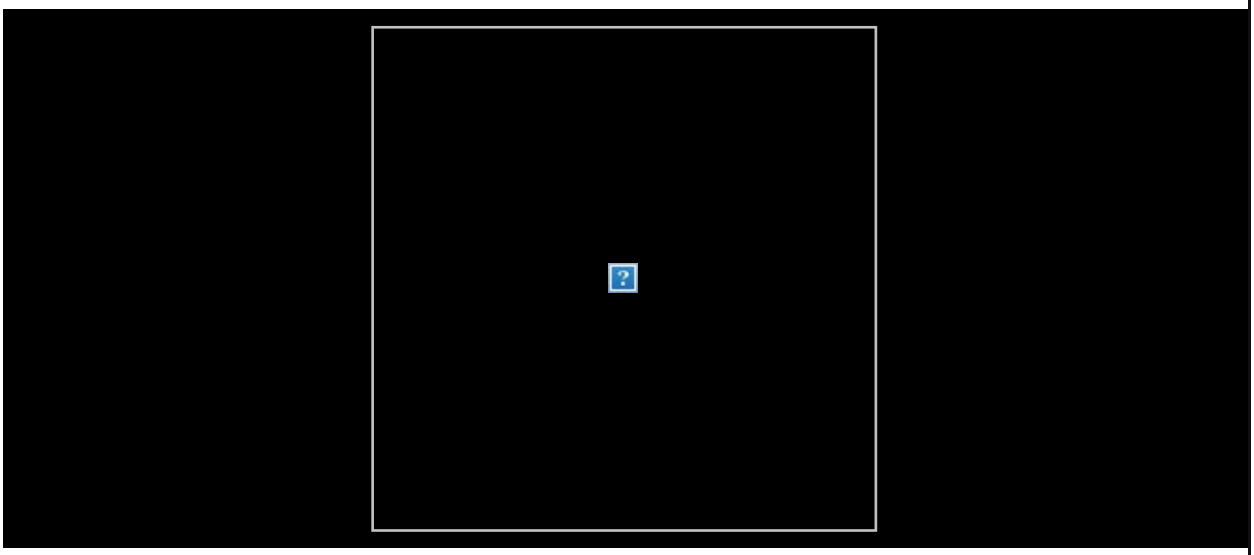
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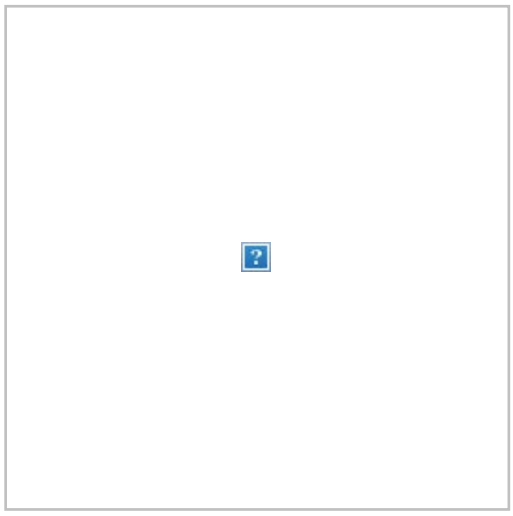


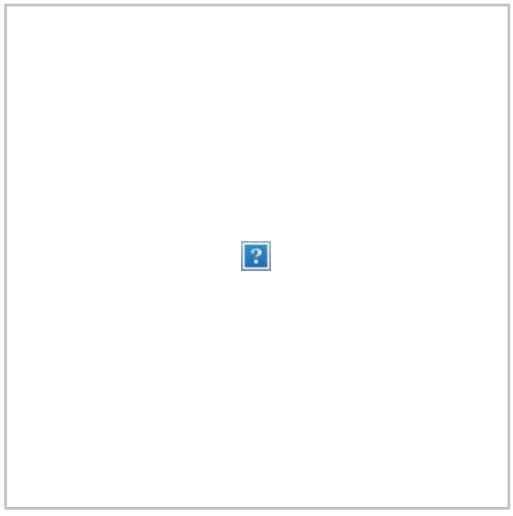
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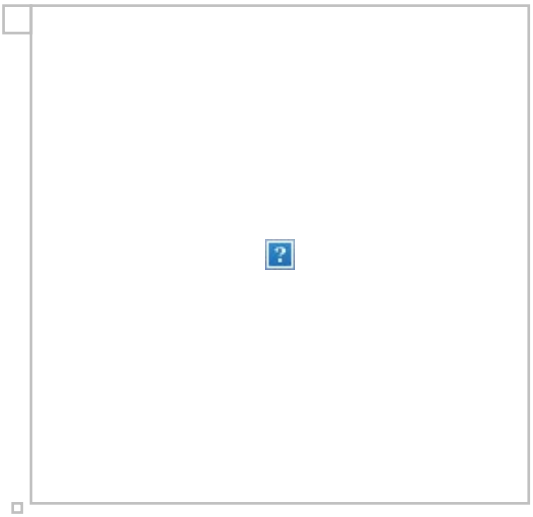




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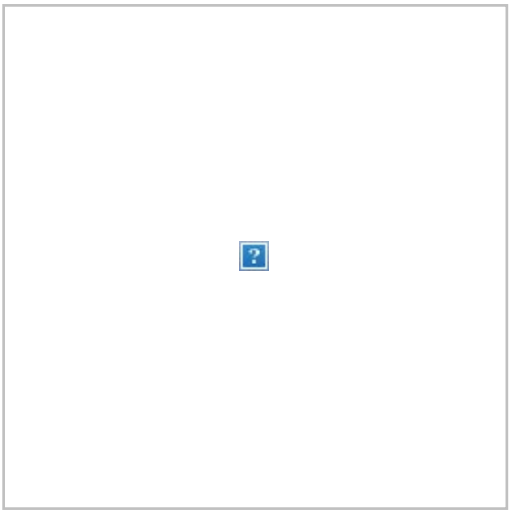
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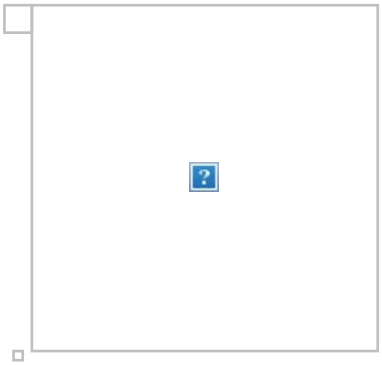


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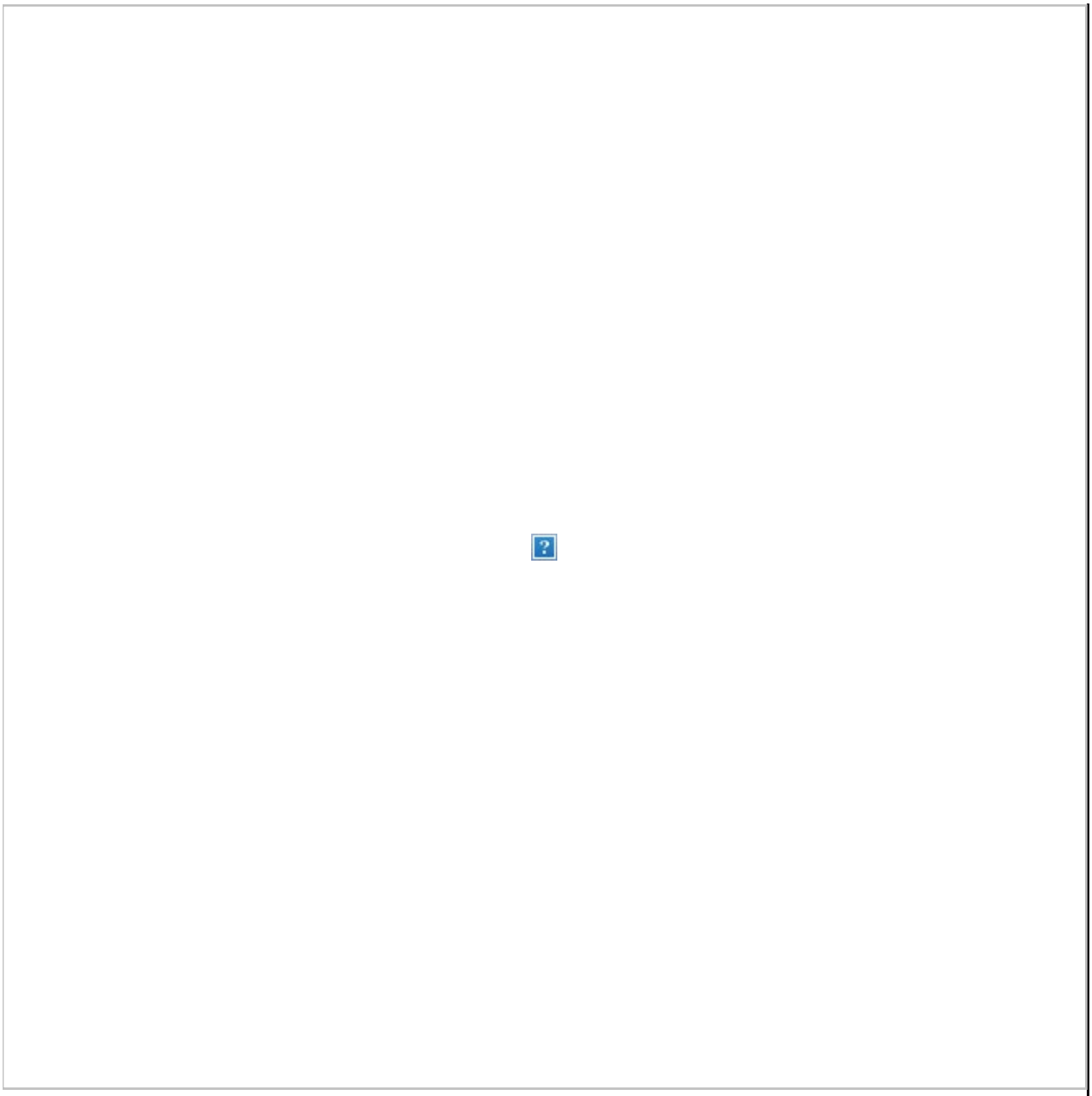
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From left, Senator Laphonza Butler, her wife Neneki Lee and Vice President Kamala Harris stand for photographers during a re-enactment of the swearing-in ceremony on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, on Capitol Hill in Washington. (AP Photo/Stephanie Scarbrough)

Laphonza Butler sworn in as third Black female senator in US history

Senator Becker represents the residents of California's 13th Senate District

I want to express my gratitude and admiration for Senator Josh Becker's work on SB 474, also known as The BASIC Act. This bill is a crucial step towards addressing the financial burden placed on incarcerated individuals and their families by the exorbitant prices in prison canteens.

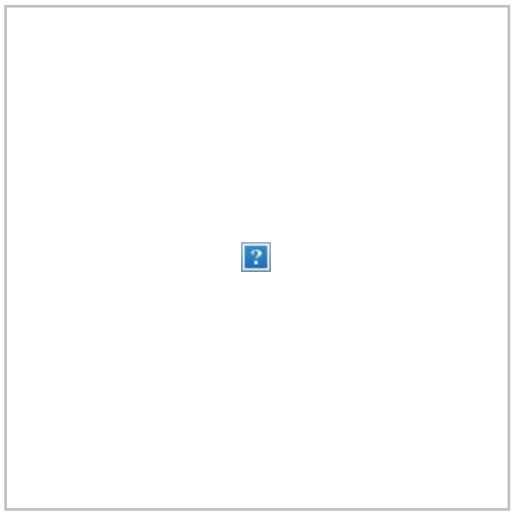
The current markups on items sold in prison canteen stores are unjustifiably high, often exceeding 63% to 200% above market value. This means that basic necessities like toothpaste, coffee, and toilet paper become unaffordable for incarcerated individuals, creating an additional burden on their already challenging circumstances.

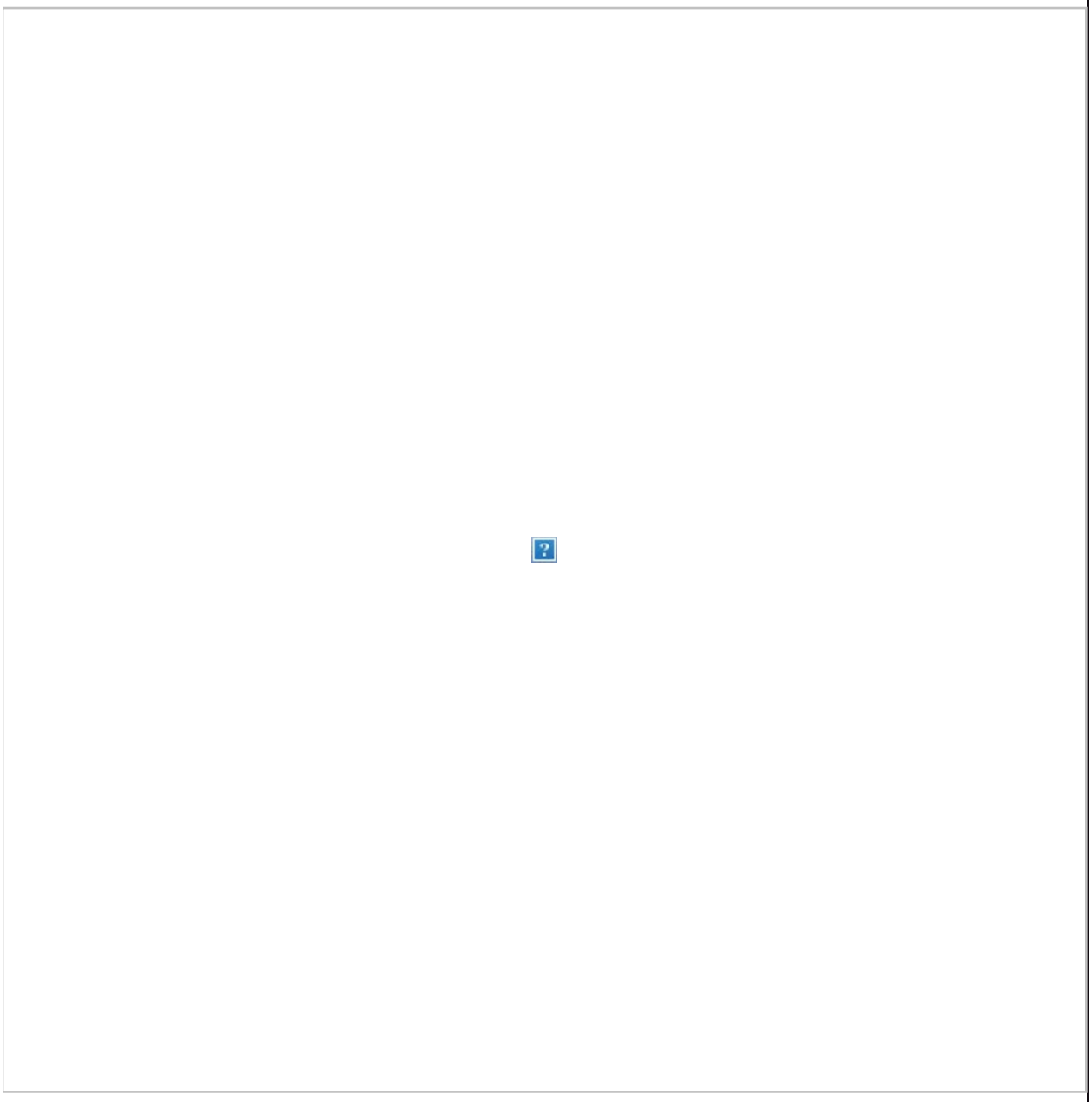
By creating a tiered reduction in the markups, SB 474 will limit the price increase to no more than 10% above the price paid to the vendor. This is a reasonable and necessary step towards ensuring that incarcerated individuals have access to essential goods at fair prices.

Furthermore, SB 474 will alleviate the economic strain on families who often bear the financial responsibility of supporting their incarcerated loved ones. The excessive prices in prison canteens not only impact the incarcerated individuals directly but also place a significant burden on their families already dealing with the financial and emotional consequences of incarceration.

I commend Senator Becker for his commitment to addressing this injustice and for championing the rights and well-being of incarcerated individuals and their families. SB 474 has received strong support, and I urge both houses of the legislature to pass this bill and send it to the Governor for signing into law.

Thank you, Senator Becker, for your ongoing dedication to creating a more equitable and humane criminal justice system in California. Your work on SB 474 is a testament to your leadership and compassion, and I am grateful for your efforts to bring about positive change. Pastor Jethroe Moore II, President

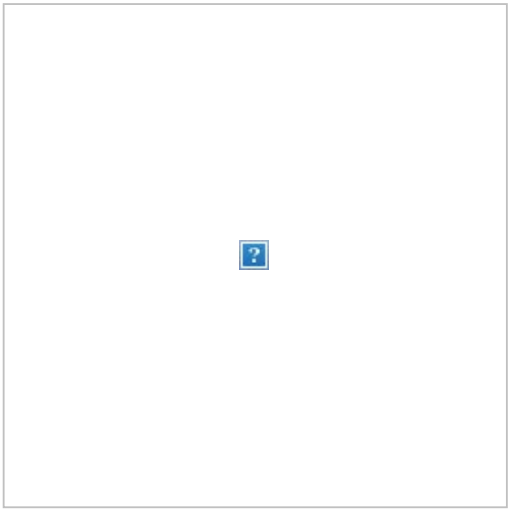




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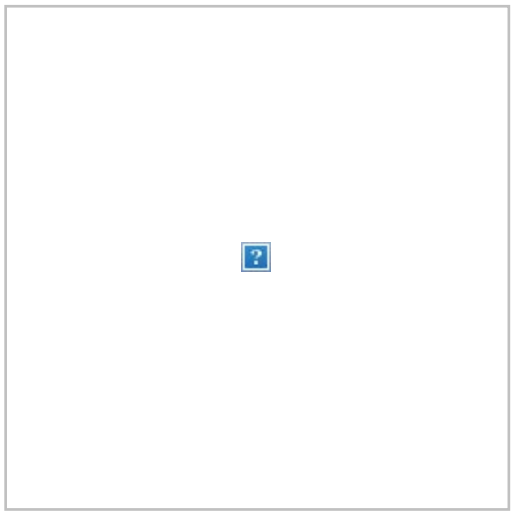
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As we move forward, we will continue to hold our elected officials accountable for closing the racial wealth gap, and we won't stop until we achieve an equitable future for all free from the burden of student debt.

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Wisdom Cole
National Director, Youth & College Division



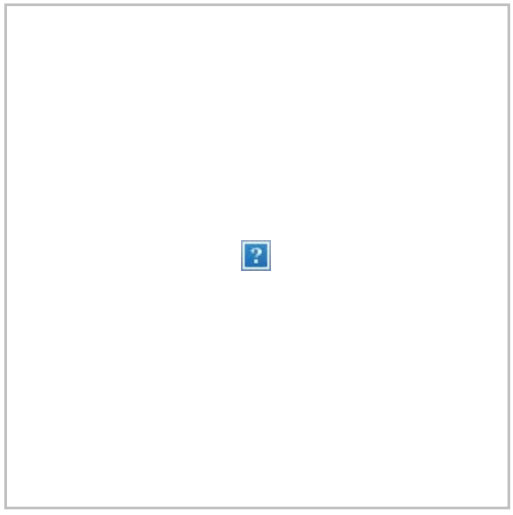


Afro-descendants in Latin America

One in four Latin Americans identify themselves as people of African descent. They are one of the largest, yet least visible minorities in the region, comprising over 133 million people, the majority living in Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Mexico and Venezuela.

Out of the total, **34 million are of school age and face inequalities in school.** They achieve poorer learning outcomes and are more likely to drop out of the education system compared to their non-Afro-descendant peers.

Education is one of the best tools to break the cycle of chronic poverty that affects a large part of these households. However, even when they have access to education, they often do not benefit from the same quality, knowledge, skills, and economic gains that should be generated afterwards. ***READ MORE***



This summer's Supreme Court ruling on affirmative action dealt a blow to underrepresented students who have been systemically excluded from pursuing higher education. Even when they enroll, however, Black students tend to graduate at lower rates than students overall, and one of the primary reasons is financial concerns.

At The Wade Institute of Technology (WIT), we have a solution: the **Wade Scholarship Program**.

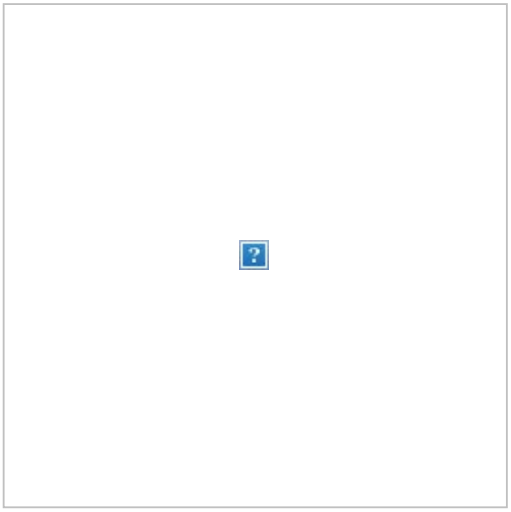
Who are we? WIT is a new Palo Alto-based engineering college focused on mitigating the acute underrepresentation of African Americans and students of African descent in STEM professions through scholarships and unique educational programs. We have already awarded **20 scholarships over the past 3 years** and we're seeking applicants for 2024.

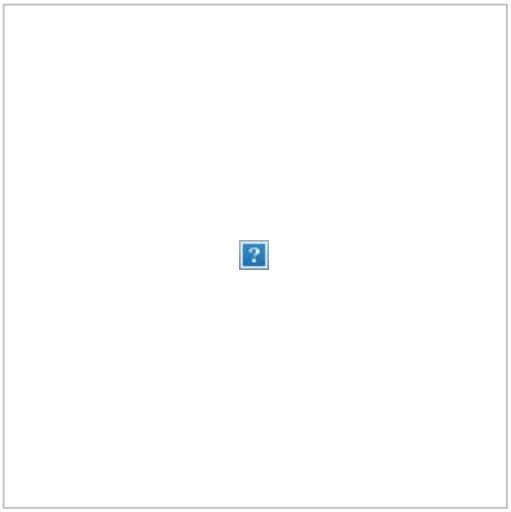
The scholarship enables Black students with a STEM undergraduate degree to complete a STEM master's degree by covering tuition, housing, fees and more **up to $135,000**. Program and application details can be found ***here***.

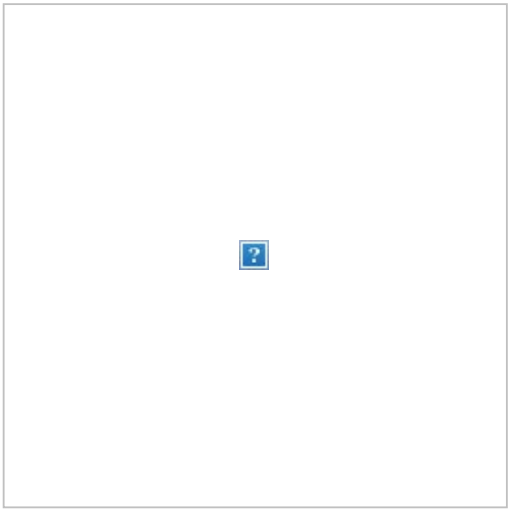
I'm sure you'd agree that no matter their financial background, everyone who wants to advance in their education and pursue a professional career should have the opportunity to do so. We're doing our part to help balance the scales, and I thank you in advance for doing your part by sharing this scholarship opportunity within your community.

Regards,

Lorna Jones
Academic Director
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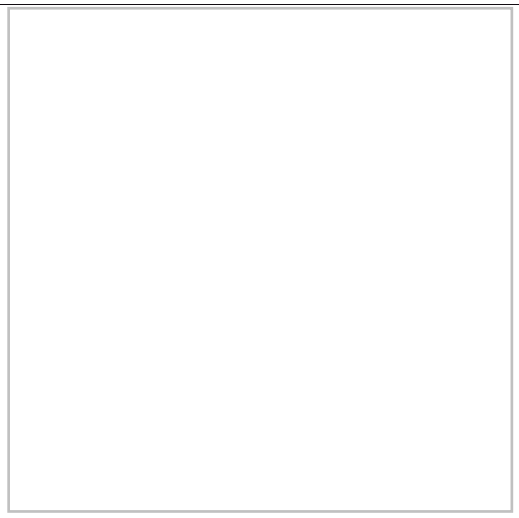


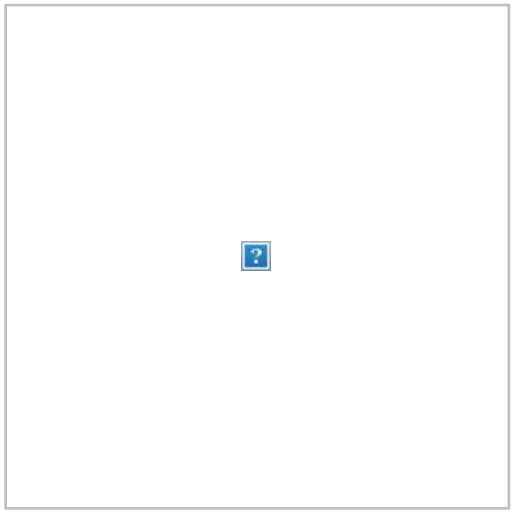


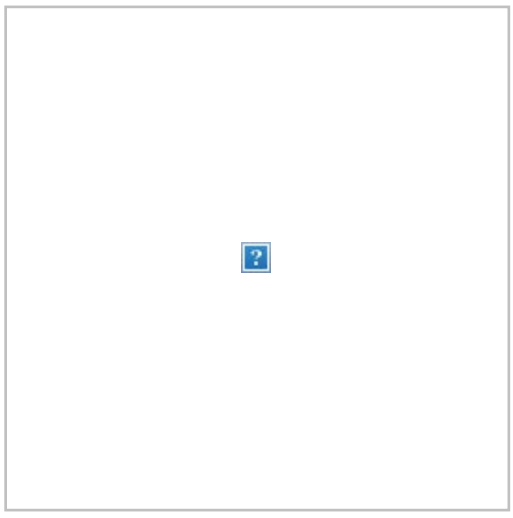
Systemic racism pervades US police and justice systems, UN Mechanism on Racial Justice in Law Enforcement says in new report urging reform

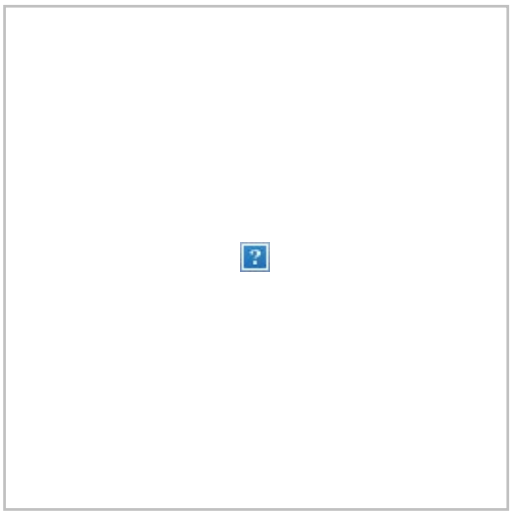
GENEVA (28 September 2023) – Systemic racism against people of African descent pervades America's police forces and criminal justice system, and US authorities must urgently step up efforts to reform them, the UN International Independent Expert Mechanism to Advance Racial Justice and Equality in the Context of Law Enforcement said in a ***new report*** today.

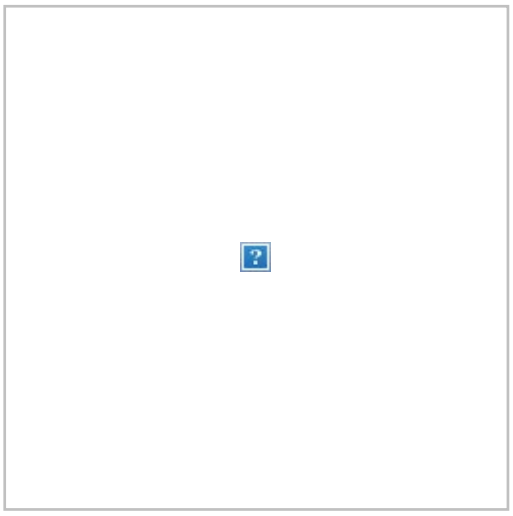
The report follows the Mechanism's ***official country visit*** to the United States earlier this year, during which it heard testimonies from 133 affected individuals, visited five detention centers and held meetings with civil society groups and a range of government and police authorities in the District of Columbia, Atlanta, Los Angeles, Chicago, Minneapolis and New York City. ***READ MORE***

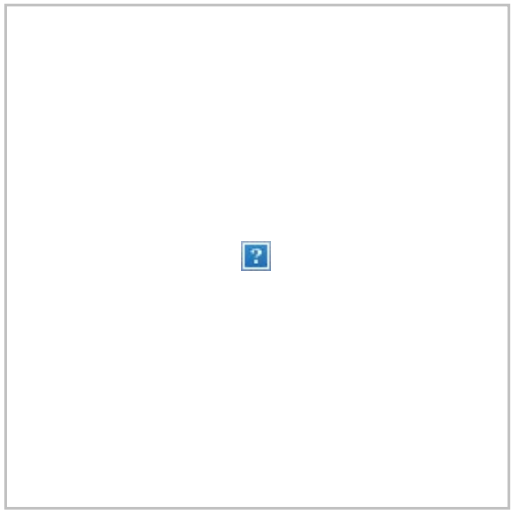


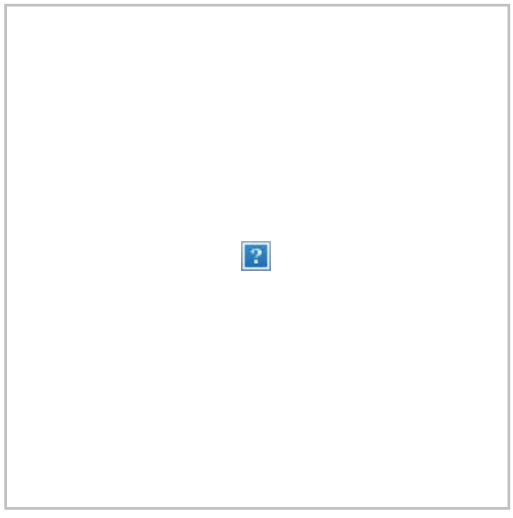


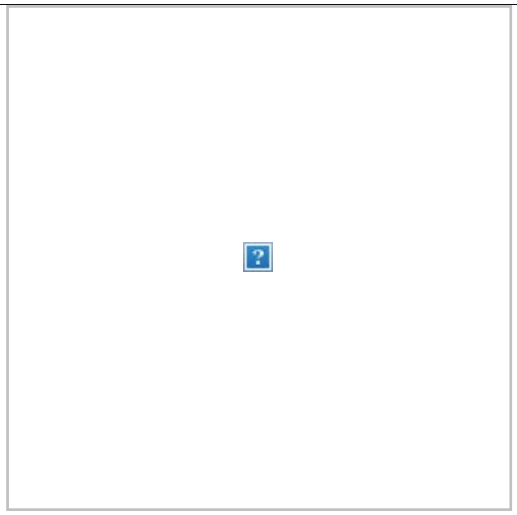


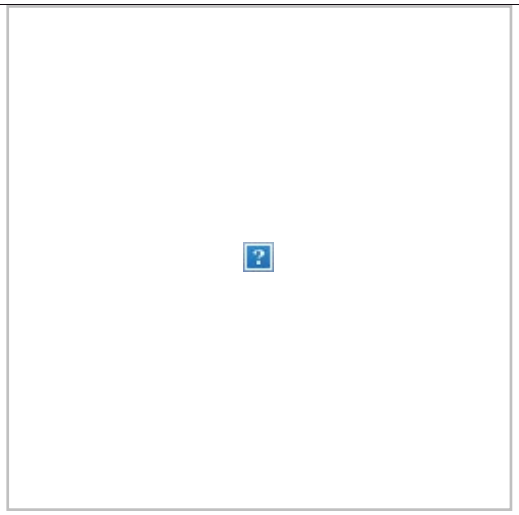


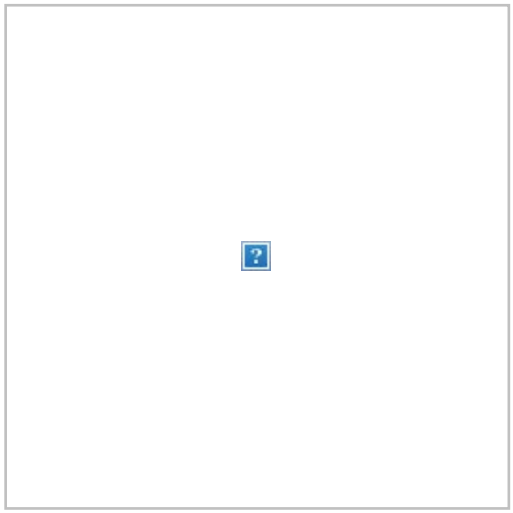


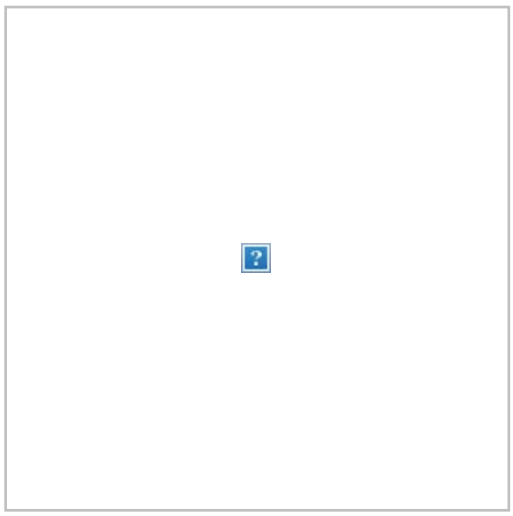


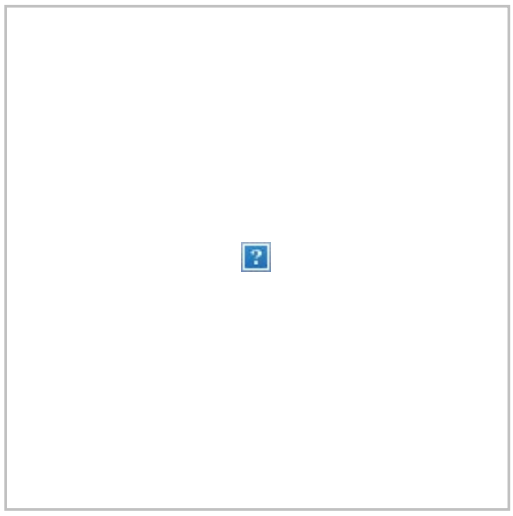


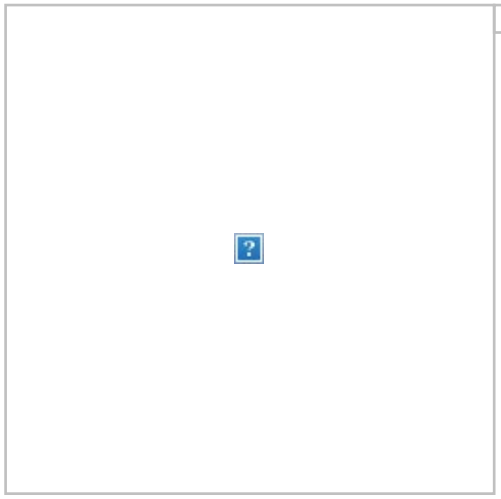












Hip-Hop's 50th Anniversary Bay Area

Mac Dre, born Andre Hicks, was a rapper and pioneer of the hyphy movement in the Bay Area. He was born on July 5, 1970, in Oakland, California.

Mac Dre first gained popularity as a member of the rap group Young Black Brotha Records in the early 1990s. However, his rising career was cut short when he was arrested and sentenced to five years in prison on charges of conspiracy to commit a robbery. While in prison, he continued to make music and release albums using a prison phone.

After his release in 1996, Mac Dre founded his own record label, Thizz Entertainment, and began to gain even more recognition for his unique style and energy. He was known for his catchy hooks, clever wordplay, and charismatic personality. His music often featured themes of partying, drug culture, and street life.

Mac Dre's popularity continued to grow throughout the late 1990s and early 2000s. His music, along with other Bay Area artists, helped to popularize the hyphy movement, characterized by upbeat and energetic production, rapid-fire delivery, and a focus on party culture.

Despite his success, Mac Dre's life was tragically cut short when he was shot and killed in a drive-by shooting in Kansas City, Missouri, on November 1, 2004. He was just 34 years old at the time of his death. However, his impact on the Bay Area hip-hop scene is still felt today, and he is remembered as a legend in the genre. His influence can be seen in the work of many artists who have come after him.



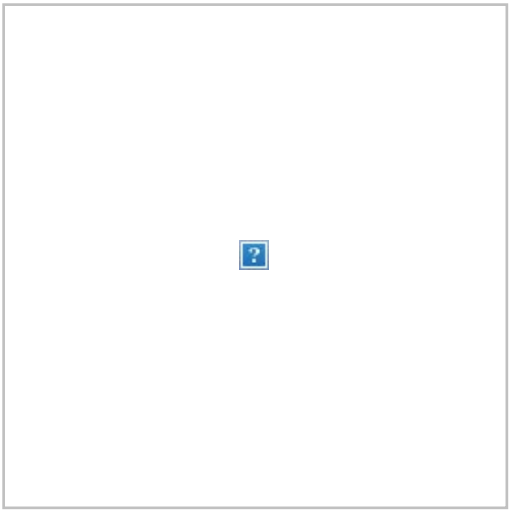


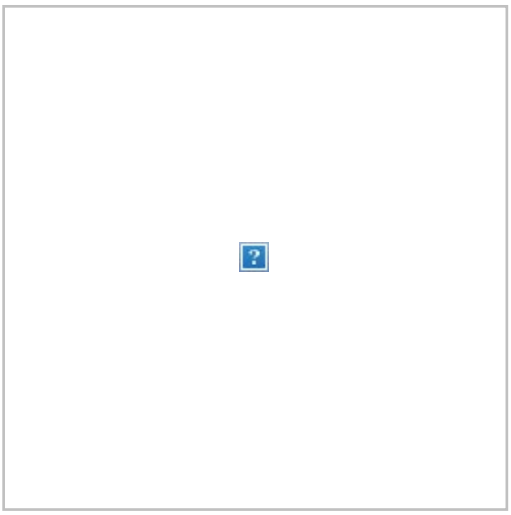


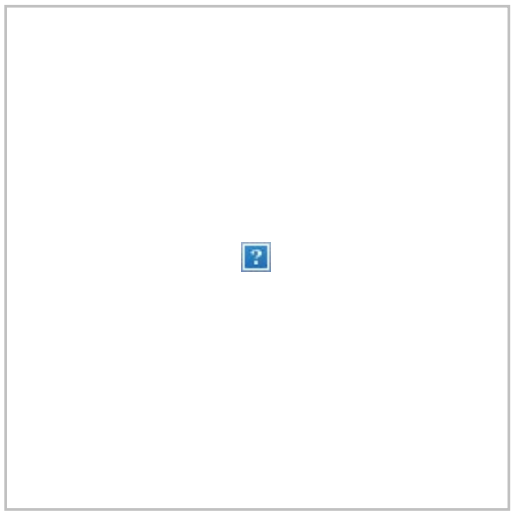
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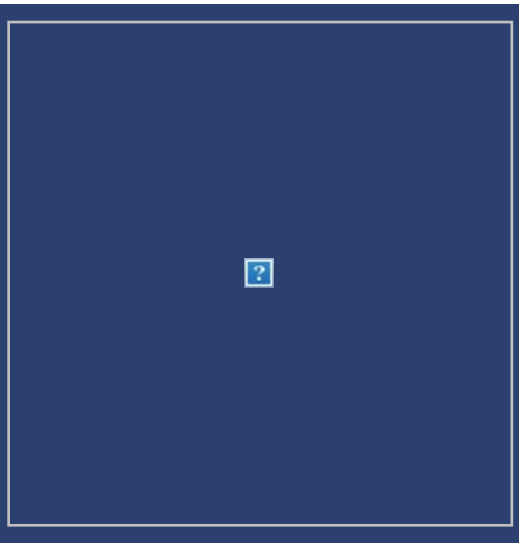
BY ***NOAH BERLATSKY***

"Christian nationalism makes American Christians less Christlike," Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis associate professor of sociology Andrew Whitehead **writes** in a piece for Religion News Service. He goes on to make an argument that is **common among progressive Christians**, contrasting the false gospel of right-wing Christian nationalism and its idols of "Power, Fear and Violence" with a true gospel that is always "good news to the poor, oppressed and imprisoned." He concludes that to regain its "prophetic voice," the American Christian church must abandon hate and embrace the true path of Christ, which emphasizes tolerance, freedom, and love. ***READ MORE***









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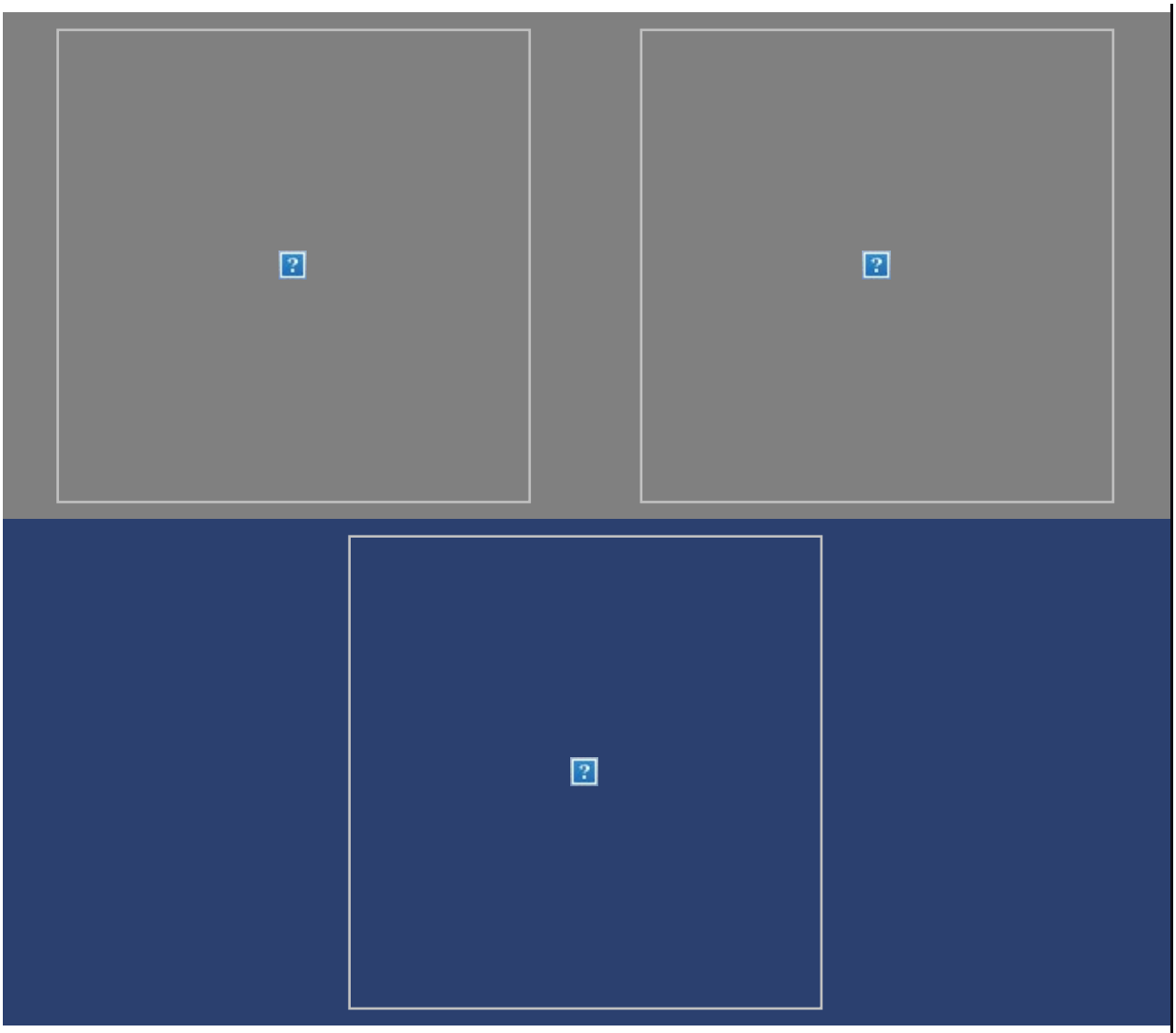
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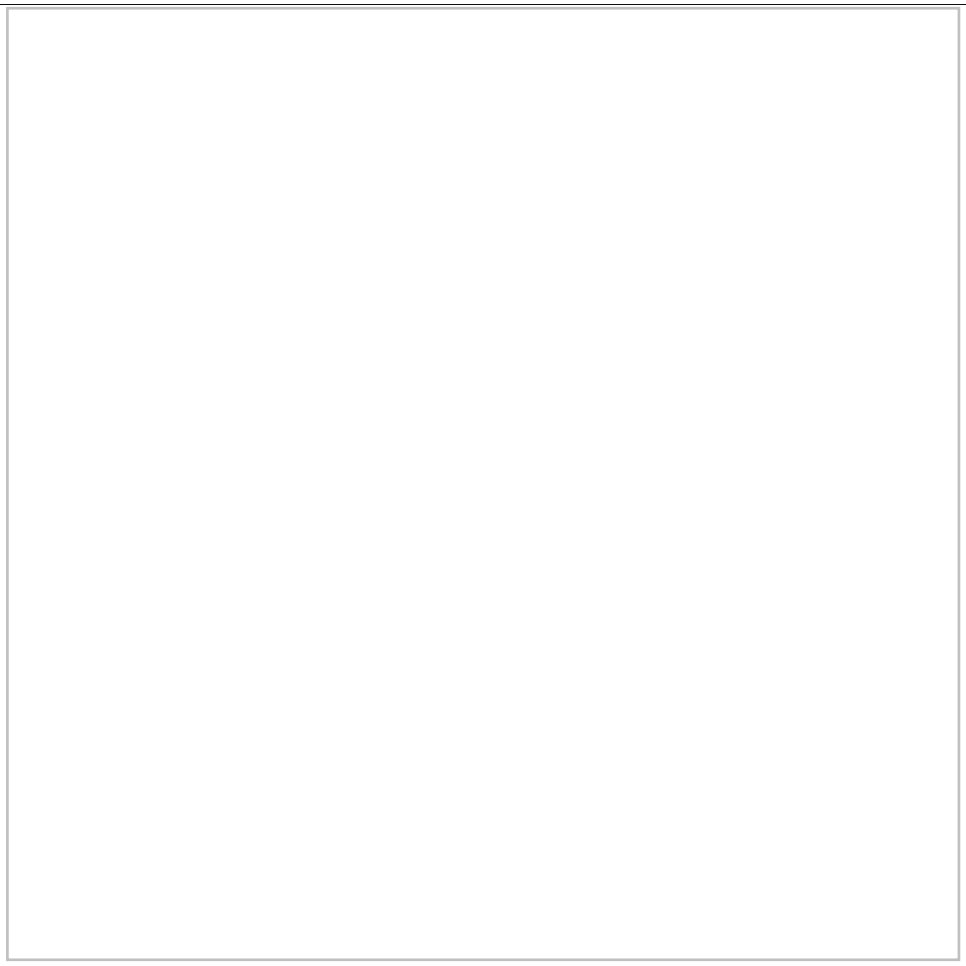
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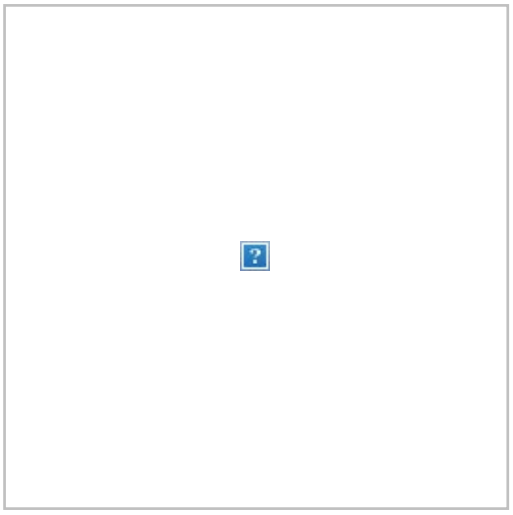
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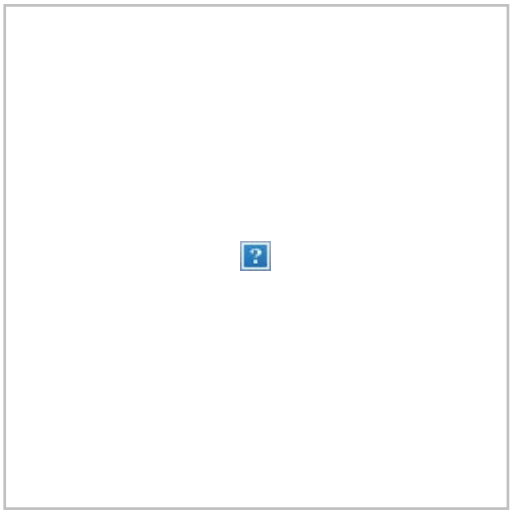
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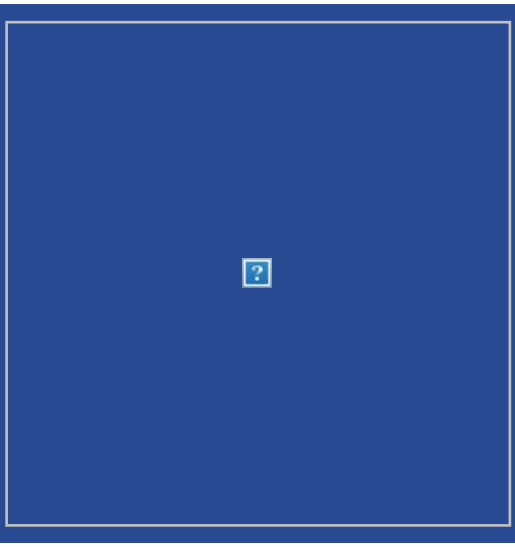








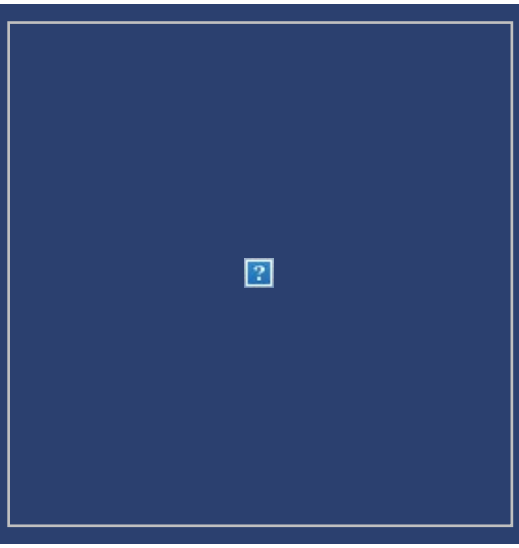


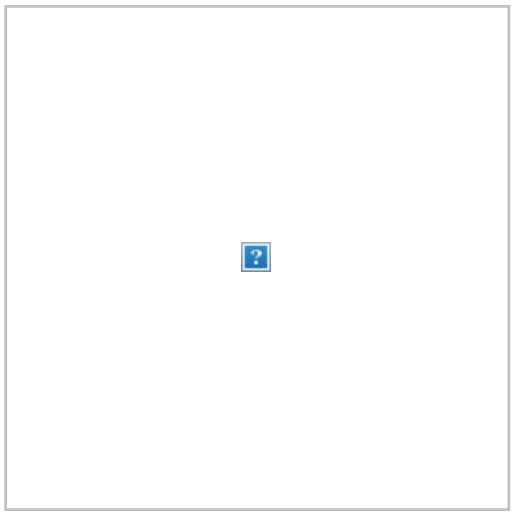


Whose History Matters? Students Can Name Columbus, But Most Have Never Heard of the Taíno People By Bill Bigelow

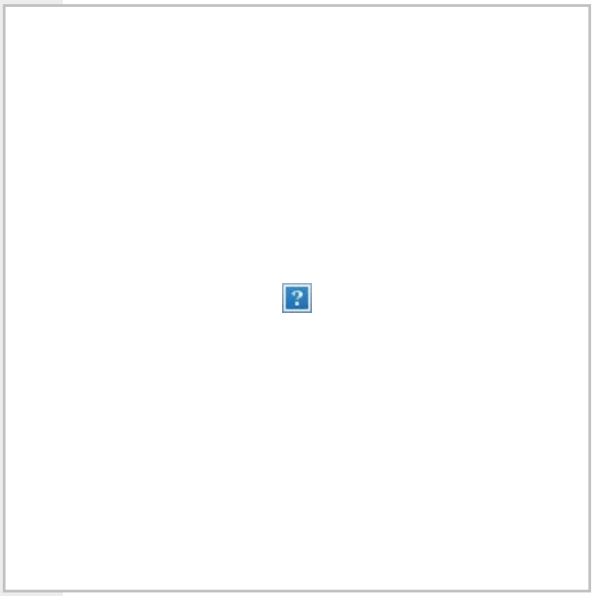
Early in my high school U.S. history classes, I would ask students about “that guy some people say discovered America.” All my students knew that the correct answer was Christopher Columbus, and every time I asked this question, some student would

break into the sing-song rhyme, “In fourteen hundred and ninety-two, Columbus sailed the ocean blue” — and others would join in. ***READ MORE***





This week marks the 10th angel anniversary for *Miriam Carey* a 34-year-old mother and dental hygienist who was tragically killed by U.S. Capitol officers in Washington, D.C when she accidentally went past a security checkpoint near the White House after she made a wrong turn in an unfamiliar area. On this day, and every *angel anniversary* for Black women, girls, and femmes who have been killed by police, we renew our commitment to bringing awareness to these often invisible names and stories. Read more about AAPF's #SayHerName Campaign *here*.









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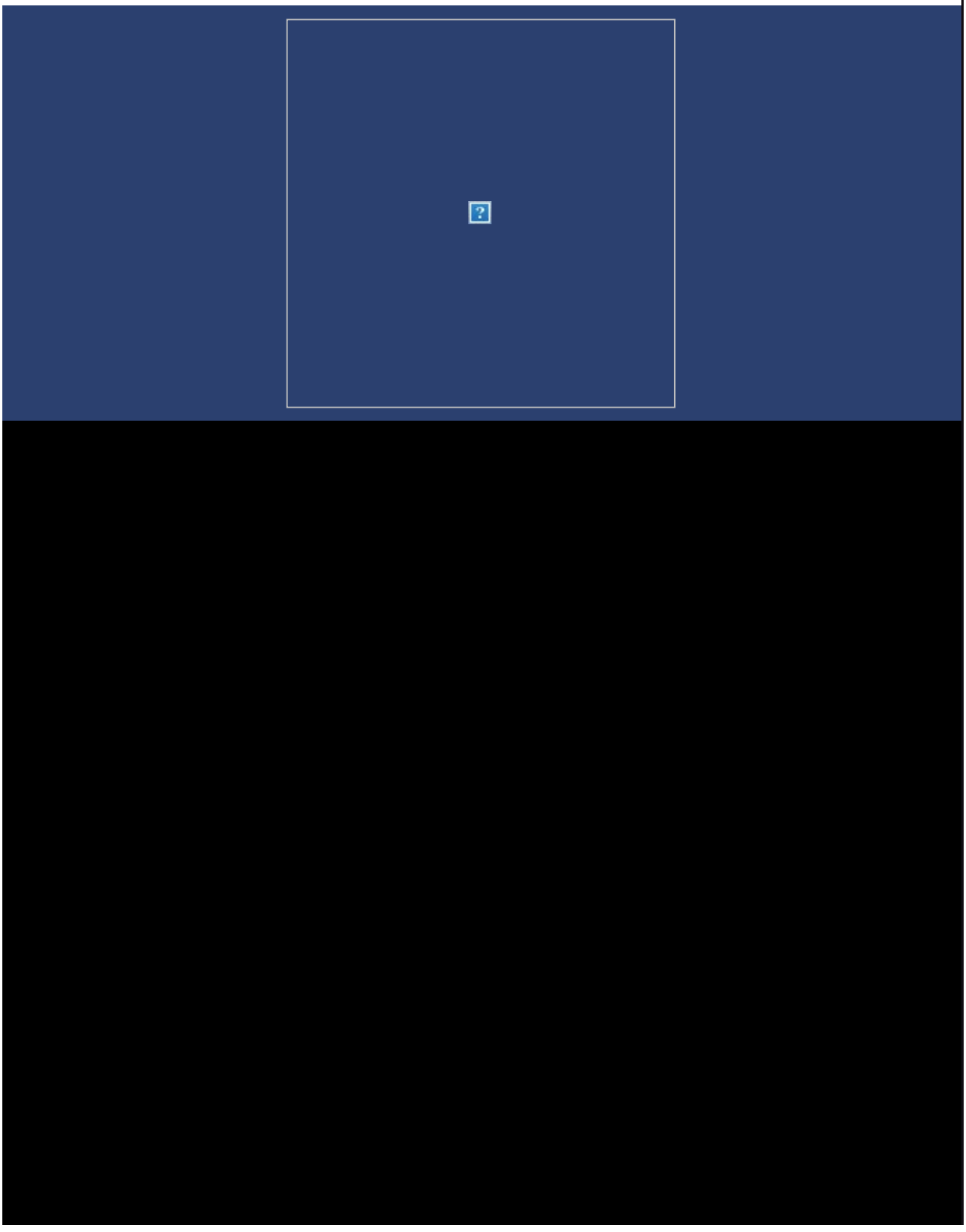
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