



## ***THE ANNOUNCER***

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*The Announcer* is the *brief* medium that your Sonoma County Chapter uses to keep you informed about what we're doing and about events and issues important to Sonoma County.

Dear Sonoma County ACLU member,

#### ***MONTHLY CHAPTER BOARD MEETING***

All ACLU monthly in-person chapter meetings and other activities are cancelled until the shelter-in-place order is lifted due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

#### ***RECENT LEGISLATION***

***Voters will decide in November!***

##### **ACA 5 Repeal of the ban on Affirmative Action**

Assembly Constitutional Amendment 5 passed the California State Senate on June 24. Because it is a proposed constitutional amendment, it must appear as a November 2020 ballot proposition asking voters to repeal Proposition 209's provisions. **This amendment would repeal the ban on Affirmative Action in California. Voters will decide on November 3<sup>rd</sup>!**

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201920200ACA5](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200ACA5)

##### **ACA 6 Allowing Parolees the Right to Vote**

Assembly Constitutional Amendment 6 passed the California State Senate on June 25. **ACA 6 will ask California voters to restore the right to vote to people on parole in the 2020 ballot.** ACA 6 is accompanied by AB 646, which enacts corresponding changes to California's Elections Code. Our democracy is stronger when it is fair and inclusive.

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201920200ACA6](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200ACA6)

#### ***CALL TO ACTION***

Sonoma County ACLU Members are encouraged to collaborate with the RECLAIM OUR VOTE Organization by writing postcards to get out the vote. RECLAIM OUR VOTE is a volunteer-driven, nonpartisan voter outreach campaign to help empower voters of color and fight voter suppression, especially in the South. The current ROV (Reclaim Our Vote) campaign is for North Carolina. ROV is supporting the North Carolina NAACP in response to voter suppression in that state. The North Carolina NAACP has a strong campaign throughout the state with multiple activities. We currently have 1000 postcards to send to voters in North Carolina. Once those cards are spoken for there will be more! For more information and cards contact Karen at [kgfraire@gmail.com](mailto:kgfraire@gmail.com). LET'S WRITE!!!!

### ***RECRUITMENT***

The ACLU of Sonoma County Chapter is currently recruiting for chapter board members or volunteers who are interested in investigating **the use of surveillance** in our County. The focus would be on Drones and ALPRs (automated license plate readers) used by law enforcement.

ALPR information: <https://www.eff.org/pages/automated-license-plate-readers-alpr>

ACLUNC surveillance tool kit: <https://www.aclunc.org/publications/fighting-local-surveillance-toolkit>

### ***DONATING TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS***

The ACLU of Sonoma County Chapter has again donated \$1000.00 to the Undocufund under the umbrella of the North Bay Organizing Project to support immigrant families who receive no funding during the pandemic.

### ***WHO ARE WE?***

Your Sonoma County volunteer chapter members are:

Karen Fraire (Healdsburg) • Michael Furlong (Glen Ellen) • Patty Morandi (Healdsburg) • Shana Alexander (Santa Rosa) • Jim Duffy (Rohnert Park)

Our goal is always to diversify by better representing the geography and varied composition of our SC community. **If you're interested in being a Board member, or in just working with us on an issue important to you, let us know!**

## ***COMMUNICATIONS***

For full, **updated** information on who we are and what we're doing: [www.sonomaaclu.org](http://www.sonomaaclu.org).

And we're on Facebook, too: <https://www.facebook.com/aclu.sonoma.311493>

Please contact us with any questions or concerns: [info@sonomaaclu.org](mailto:info@sonomaaclu.org)

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