



## ***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.

#### ***TAKING ACTION***

More than ever, it's critical that our elected officials hear from their constituents (that's you!) about important issues affecting our communities.

Here are some resources for engaging with your legislator during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- ACLU of California **Legislative Scorecard**: See how your Senator and Assemblymember scored on important civil liberties issues last year and take action to send them a thank you note if they stood up for justice! The scorecard is available at [www.acluaction.org](http://www.acluaction.org).
- Want a refresher on the **legislative process**? View our infographic at [https://aclucaaction.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/20190319\\_LegislativeInfographic\\_Web.pdf](https://aclucaaction.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/20190319_LegislativeInfographic_Web.pdf).
- Not sure who represents you? **Look up your Senator and Assemblymember** at <http://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/>.
- Want to look up the **status of a particular piece of legislation**? Go to <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>.

- **Give a “me too”** in support of or opposition to a bill! Visit the following websites to get information about bill hearing schedules and phone numbers for dialing in to committee hearings.
  - For Assembly hearings: <https://www.assembly.ca.gov/dailyfile>
  - For Senate hearings: <https://www.senate.ca.gov/dailyfile>

## ***PRIORITY LEGISLATION***

### **Call your Assembly member and urge them to SUPPORT:**

#### ***AB 860 Vote by Mail***

Requires county elections officials to mail a ballot to every registered voter for the November 2020 election and ensure more uniform access to vote by mail across the state.

#### ***AB 3216 Paid Sick Leave***

Expands paid sick leave and job-protected family leave benefits so that nearly all California workers can take leave to care for themselves and their families without losing their jobs. Permits all California workers, regardless of employer size, to take job-protected leave to care for themselves, a new baby, sick family members, or family member home because of school closure.

The right of recall and worker retention provision guarantees jobs to laid off workers once their jobs become available.

#### ***AB 2054 CRISIS Act***

The CRISIS Act pilot grant program will promote community-based response to emergencies including public health crisis, unhoused people in crisis, mental health crisis, intimate partner of community violence, substance use disorders, and natural or climate disasters.

Investing in organizations rooted in the community improves resiliency, relationships and connection especially critical during our current public health crisis.

### **Call your Assembly member and urge them to OPPOSE:**

#### ***AB 2261 Facial Recognition***

Imposes very weak restrictions on the use of facial recognition technology.

Authorizes the use of facial recognition to deny services.

Gives government unprecedented power to identify, locate and track people using facial recognition.

**Assemblymember Jim Wood (707) 576-2526**

**Assemblymember Marc Levine (707) 576-2631**

**Links to relevant websites and documents:**

<https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>.  
<https://aclunc.org/our-work/legislation>

## ***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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