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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.

NEW YORK - In response to the violence at the U.S. Capitol building, delaying the certification of the Electoral College tally, ACLU leaders issued the following statements:

American Civil Liberties Union Executive Director Anthony D. Romero said:

"The fact that President Trump and his followers didn't succeed doesn't change the core fact: Members of Congress who wanted to set aside the Electoral College slate and agitators who stormed the Capitol were both involved in a failed coup attempt. We shudder to think how police departments would have responded had Black and Brown individuals stormed a government building to protest police brutality. These are not protests — we know protests. These violent acts are meant to overthrow the legitimate outcome of a democratic election."

"What we saw today are violent acts meant to subvert the peaceful transfer of power, the very hallmark of our democracy. The American people have voted, and the states have certified their electoral votes. A peaceful transition to President-elect Biden is the only patriotic path forward."

American Civil Liberties Union of the District of Columbia Executive Director Monica Hopkins added:

"We hope all of our friends, neighbors, and colleagues in the District are staying safe in this fraught time. We denounce the attempt to subvert our government and the will of the voters and condemn this armed assault on our democracy."

<https://www.aclunc.org/news/aclu-statement-violence-us-capitol-building>

Impeachment Information: <https://www.aclunc.org/news/aclu-again-calls-impeachment-president-trump>

SURVEILLANCE IN SONOMA

Thursday, January 21

12 - 1 p.m.

Zoom link to join will be provided upon registration.

[RSVP TODAY](#)

[RSVP for our January 21st "Surveillance in Sonoma" workshop.](#)

Cities across the country have recognized this growing threat and taken bold action in response. From San Francisco to Saint Louis, Oakland to New York City, activists have successfully passed laws that put the community in control of the technology that is allowed in their neighborhoods. The movement is growing, because we know how drones, text message interceptors, or face-tracking technology can be co-opted by the police or ICE to intensify discrimination, incarceration, and deportation.

Educational Forum about the Sonoma County District Attorney's Office

The Sonoma County District Attorney has tremendous power to impact our lives. The Sonoma County Chapter of the ACLU, along with several other organizations, will be sponsoring an educational forum focused on the Sonoma County District Attorney's Office. The date of the forum will be in next month's Announcer. The forum will be open to the public and will be advertised widely. Chapter members are encouraged to attend this important forum.

Civilian Oversight in our Cities and Towns

After the overwhelming success of Measure P and with a new crop of elected officials sworn in in several of our cities and towns, it is no surprise that civilian oversight for our local law enforcement agencies is receiving long overdue attention. So far, forward movement seems to be occurring in Petaluma, Rohnert Park, and Santa Rosa. Chapter members are encouraged to monitor their City and Town Councils as effective civilian oversight is discussed and hopefully implemented. A fuller discussion of current local progress will be on the agenda at the Sonoma Chapter's monthly meeting.

Monthly Chapter Board Meeting

January (Virtual) Meeting: Wednesday, January 27, 6-7:30pm

Please join us on Wednesday, January 27th for our next meeting.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84158297872?pwd=RE95UTJtcTFUZHB3dHQzSnRtbVZiZz09>

Who Are We?

Your Sonoma County volunteer chapter members are: • Karen Fraire (Healdsburg) • Patty Morandi (Healdsburg) • Shana Alexander (Santa Rosa) • Jim Duffy (Rohnert Park) • Omar Figueroa (Sebastopol)

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

Communications

For full, **updated** information on who we are and what we're doing: www.sonomaaclu.org.

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

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