

VIDA PROJECTS – Winter 2019

DE ANZA FOCUSED ISSUES

Transforming De Anza

Want to get involved with issues at De Anza? This is a new project that will focus on issues around transportation, food justice and other concerns centralized around De Anza.

Volunteers will: attend weekly planning meetings, conduct researches and surveys, table, outreach, work with De Anza students, faculty and staff.

Contact:
transformingdeanza@gmail.com

Meeting:
TBA in East Cottage (E-COT-1)

POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT

ProACTIVE Policy

Want to get involved in politics that impacts YOUR life? Want to effect change on a state-wide and national level? Want to learn more about how all people can make massive political change? Join ProACTIVE Policy in our commitment to policy that serves the people as well as help with our goals of voter education and registration.

Volunteers will: gather signatures, talk to voters, plan and attend campus events, network with local community organizations and schools, attend marches and protests, and more! With ProACTIVE Policy, you use your personal networks & passion to make a difference where it counts.

Contact:
deanzaproactivepolicy@gmail.com

Meeting:
Fridays 11:30-12:30
East Cottage
(ECOT-1)

IMMIGRANT RIGHTS

Higher Education for A.B. 540/Undocumented Students (HEFAS)

HEFAS provides free services, reduces financial stress and creates a brave space for all with an emphasis on undocumented and AB 540 students. We're dedicated to empowering students, building leadership skills, promoting social justice, and advocating for higher education. Our vision is to give students, parents, educators, and community members the tools to help undocumented students reach higher education regardless of the barriers that may exist.

Volunteers will: help make a more welcoming environment for others regardless of status!

Contact:
ab540hefas@gmail.com
Website:
deanza.edu/vida/hefas
Location: ECOT-2

SIREN

SIREN is the largest immigrant rights organization in Silicon Valley, they service the community through 3 different components: 1. Legal Services 2. Policy Advocacy 3. Community Organizing
Volunteers should have a strong interest in learning about immigration law, immigrant rights, and policy. Position could involve working with local elected officials on strengthening protection policies for immigrants in Santa Clara County.

Volunteers will: help with outreach and citizenship/DACA free workshops and more! Great opportunity for immigrant students, or children of immigrants. Spanish or Vietnamese language preferred but not required.

Contact:
Jeremy Barousse:
jeremy@siren-bayarea.org

DIRECT SERVICES

Sacred Heart Community Services

Sacred Heart Community Service brings our community together to address poverty in Silicon Valley. Through a comprehensive array of community organizing committees, mutual support programs, and resources, the SHCS community is working together to improve our lives. Our vision is a community united to ensure that every child and adult is free from poverty.

Volunteers will: work in the warehouse (food pantry and close closet), help in the welcome desk and other great opportunities. Sign up online for volunteer area and time shifts. Training available!

Website:
<https://sacredheartcs.org/volunteer/>

HOUSING/ECONOMIC RIGHTS

De Anza San Jose Renters' Rights Campaign	
<p>Join a movement to fight back against skyrocketing rents, unjust evictions and displacement of tenants! Housing is a human right! Participants will attend meetings and join some of the most influential non-profits in San Jose in spreading awareness, gathering votes and convincing city council members to approve measures to stabilize rents in San Jose and make the Silicon Valley affordable to live in.</p> <p>Volunteers will: canvass and petition, attend housing related meetings, meet with council members, come out to rallies, participate in workshops and much more!</p>	<p>Contact: darentersrights@gmail.com</p> <p>Meeting: Fridays 1-2:30 In East Cottage (ECOT-1)</p>

CREATIVE ART/ STORYTELLING

1500 Stories- Creative Art and Storytelling with a political purpose	
<p>1500 Stories is a collaborative art, storytelling and civic engagement project aimed at sharing stories of economic inequality in the U.S, beginning in the Silicon Valley. One of the goals of the project is to foster empathetic connections among people through the experience of listening and being heard; another is to break the silence in the U.S. around class and economic position through the idea that everyone, no matter what their socioeconomic status, has a story to share. This fall, the project is holding 2 public forums about economic inequality in partnership with Sacred Heart and could use volunteers to help out with these events.</p> <p>Volunteers will: Help to plan and execute two public forums; learn how to gather and transcribe stories; edit stories; create art for the project</p>	<p>Contact: Jennifer Myhre: jennifermayhre@1500stories.org</p> <p>To apply: https://goo.gl/forms/v8ThKIR8WYBRcqt82</p> <p>Website: https://1500stories.org/</p>

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition	
<p>Our purpose is to create a healthy community, environment, and economy through bicycling for people who live, work, or play in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. SVBC is an educational non-profit organization. We envision a community that values, includes, and encourages bicycling for all purposes for all people. Our central goal is to see that 10% of trips are taken by bike by 2025. More info at our website:</p> <p>Volunteers will: Help advocate for policies and projects that seek to improve the built environment for people walking and biking of all ages, abilities, income, and ethnicities.</p>	<p>Contact: kate@bikesiliconvalley.org rg or volunteer@bikesiliconvalley.org</p> <p>Website: bikesiliconvalley.org</p>

California Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative	
<p>Walk into a nail salon and what's the first thing you notice? If you said the smell of chemicals, you know why we exist. Chemical exposure from the nail products increase physical and reproductive health risks and we believe these workers (almost all women) should not have to choose between their health and their livelihoods. For 12 years the Collaborative has grown into a statewide coalition of 20 organizations fighting for the health and safety of the 129,000 manicurists and 312,000 cosmetologists across the state, most of whom are low-income women of color or immigrants of reproductive age.</p> <p>Volunteers will: do targeted outreach to registered voters in San Jose to build up stronger visibility and power for our movement, phone bank and door knock voters, especially Chinese and Vietnamese in San Jose to educate them about key reproductive and environmental health concepts impacting nail salon workers. Speaking Vietnamese or Chinese is helpful BUT NOT REQUIRED. While this is happening, we are sponsoring a bill AB 1575 seeking ingredient labeling of professional hair and nail cosmetics and will be building public support for that effort.</p>	<p>Contact: Mike Lok: mlok@ahschc.org</p> <p>Website: www.cahealthynailsalons.org</p>