Empowerment through Political Awareness and Activism
Hosted by La Raza Pre Law Student Association
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Agenda
2:20 pm - 3:20 pm

1. Introduction
2. Importance
3. Into Action
4. Inquiries
La Raza Pre Law Student Association

Mission:
To promote academic achievement and scholarship within each student's respective field of study and provide a pathway between students and law school
Mission

Intuition in our Own Perspectives
Importance of our Collaboration
Methods
Empowerment
Community Agreements

1. Be Mindful
2. Be Active
3. Confidentiality
4. Add ons
Intuition
Contemporary Perspectives

Write, pass to your left...

Pink: Hope
Yellow: Motivation
Importance

Contemporary Climate
Identity

I stand for unity in my community.
Community
This is where you can make a difference

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Remember: Action speaks louder than words, but just because something is less effective, does not mean it should not be done. Always ask yourself, “What else can I do?”

Never stop trying to make a difference.
Methods

The Continuum of Activism

High Level of Participation

Traditional Activism:
- attending meetings or protests,
- soliciting donations,
- education via literature distribution,
- attending lectures or speeches,
- volunteering

Think globally, act locally

Online Activism:
- organizing or attending online events,
- soliciting online donations,
- education through via sharing,
- tagging, tweeting, or emailing,
- forum and user group participation,

Think globally, act globally

Low Level of Participation

Passive Activism:
- making a donation,
- signing a petition,
- posting a sign in one’s yard,
- displaying a bumper sticker,
- subscribing to a newsletter

Think locally, act locally

Slacktivism:
- making an online donation,
- signing an ePetition,
- becoming a Fan,
- joining a Cause or group,
- displaying a badge or widget,
- subscribing to an eNewsletter

Think locally, act globally
Methods

THE FUTURE OF
SOCIAL ACTIVISM

HOW YOUNG ADULTS ARE SUPPORTING CAUSES,
AND WHY YOU SHOULD CARE

More young adults (ages 20-28) are now actively supporting the causes they care about. They’re going beyond staying informed or talking about social issues with their friends; they’re taking real action in ways that companies and organizations should take note of.

DEFINING SOCIAL ACTIVISM IN YOUNG ADULTS

YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL ACTIVISTS DO ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Donate Time
- Donate Money
- Participate in Rallies or Meetings
- Participate in Fundraising Activities
- Boycott or Support Businesses
- Participate Through Mobile Texting
- Subscribe to Online News and Feeds
- Lead or Organize Group Events
- Email, Write, or Call Their Representative
Into the action

Accountability
Local, State, Federal Representatives

Action

Build & Deploy

Grow & Measure
Spread the word, increase the masses, develop yourselves! AMPLIFY
Accountability

**Ourselves**
- Credible news sources
  - Sacramento Bee
  - NY Times
  - Podcasts
- Leadership Development
  - Local Action Groups

**Others**
- Elected Representatives
  - Local
  - State
  - Federal
- Local Boards
- Tools
  - Ballotpedia
  - Eye on Sacramento
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Finding Representatives

Federal Representatives:
www.house.gov/representatives/find/

State Representatives:
www.findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/
Case Study

Contact
Capitol Office:
State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0004
Tel: 916-319-2004
Fax: 916-319-2104

District Offices:
600 A Street, Ste. D
Davis, CA 95616
Tel: 530-757-0034
Fax: 530-757-1124

Find Representative
Davis, CA
Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, District 4

Research
Ballotpedia
Eye on Sacramento

Act
Conduct Methods

Share
Calling into Action

[Staff] Good afternoon, you have reached the office of [policymaker], how can I help you?

[Constituent] Hello, my name is ____, and I’m a constituent of [policymaker]. I am calling in support of/opposition to [issue/bill #]. Does [policymaker] have a position on this issue?

[Staff] [explains position]

[Constituent] [Pick one of three options:]
- [if you AGREE] Thank you. I appreciate your office’s leadership on this issue and I hope [policymaker] continues to carry this position.
- [if you DISAGREE] I am sorry to hear that. [Respectfully and succinctly explain your position on the issue – in no more than one sentence] I hope that [policymaker] will consider my opinion as one of his/her constituents.
- [if policymaker has NO POSITION]

[Issue/bill #] is important to the constituents of our district for several reasons. [Include no more than three one-sentence reasons to support or oppose the issue or policy.] I hope that [policymaker] will consider my opinion as one of [his/her] constituents and will decide to support/oppose.

[Staff] Thank you, I will take a record of your comment and pass it along to the [policymaker].
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Get Involved

SUPPORT DACA
Student Phone Bank
Make a Phone Call to your Elected Officials this Friday
2 locations, Feb. 16, 11:30 to 1:30:
- El Centre - 2nd Floor of the MU
- ABS40 & Undocumented Student Center

FREE PIZZA
Sponsored by Student Affairs

Legislative Lobby Days
March 11 & 12, 2018
Sacramento, CA

www.naswca.org
Spread the Word
Impacts of our Generation: September 2016

- 64% Signed petitions for issues they care about.
- 52% Donated to a cause affiliated with a social issue they care about.
- 46% Volunteered for a cause affiliated with a social issue they care about.
Inquiries

Looking ahead
Thank You
From La Raza Pre Law Student Association at UC Davis

Website: ucdlarazaprelaw.org

IG:  
larazaprelaw

Facebook:  
La Raza Pre Law

Meetings:  
Tuesdays  
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
Olson 106

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