



2019 Silicon Valley House Meeting Campaign: Who is My Neighbor?

“An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity”. - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Who Is the Silicon Valley Sponsoring Committee?

We are a group of diverse religious, secular, nonprofit, neighborhood, and education organizations in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. Together with the Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF), the country’s oldest and largest community organizing and leadership development network, WE ARE FORMING A BROAD-BASED, NONPARTISAN ORGANIZATION, which will help us to:

- Build strong relationships and power within and across our communities;
- Equip our members with leadership and organizing skills;
- Act powerfully together on concrete issues facing our communities

What Is a House Meeting?

A gathering of 6-10 people that is organized as part of an institutional strategy for the purpose of sharing stories and experiences, developing relationships, discovering talent and interest, and identifying potential issues that lead to future action both inside and outside individual communities. Each conversation has a clear agenda, a clear designated leader or leaders, and last no longer than one hour. Conversations can be held in homes, coffee shops, backyards, social halls, classrooms or whatever people gather.

Why Are We Holding A House Meeting Campaign?

We want to listen to our communities in a broad and deep way in order to understand the realities facing regular people in the Silicon Valley in 2019. We are listening for local issues and concerns that we can build the power to address, and we are also looking for talented, community leaders and organizations who would like to join our efforts. The House Meeting Campaign is part of our larger organizing process to build a powerful, broad-based organization by the end of 2020.

How can I get involved? When and where is this happening?

House meetings are being organized throughout the different communities in the Valley starting in February and ending in May. The reverse side of this flyer shows the date and locations of eight house meetings you are invited to attend. A number of other institutions, including Catholic parishes and neighborhood associations in East Palo Alto and Redwood City, are holding internal meetings to hear from their members.

Everyone who participates in a house meeting will be invited to join our community assembly on Sunday, May 19 at 3 PM to hear what we learned and to strategize on next steps. For more information, contact any of the hosts listed on the other side, or:

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2019 Silicon Valley House Meeting Dates and Locations

Attend Any Meeting You Wish - Please RSVP

Date	City	Host	Contacts
Sunday March 10 3 to 4:30 PM	Sunnyvale	Trinity United Methodist 583 E Fremont Ave, Sunnyvale with: Sunnyvale Community Services	parr@sbcglobL.net mbernard@svcommunityservices.org
Sunday March 17 1:30 to 3 PM	Menlo Park	Community Equity Collaborative Arrillaga Community Center, 700 Alma, Menlo Park with: Bay Area Forward	heatherredshoes@gmail.com jersmica@comcast.net
Sunday, March 24 3 to 4:30PM	Burlingame/ San Mateo	Peninsula Temple Sholom 1655 Sebastian Dr, Burlingame with: Community Equity Collaborative Bay Area Forward	eschlezinger@gmail.com rabbidelson@sholom.org heatherredshoes@gmail.com jersmica@comcast.net
Tuesday, March 26 7 to 8:30pm	Palo Alto	University AME Zion Church 3549 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto with: Congregation Beth Am Bay Area Forward	jersmica@comcast.net alisonbarnstable@gmail.com antebiconnect@gmail.com rsmmartinson@gmail.com
Sunday March 31 9 to 11 AM	Los Altos Hills/ Palo Alto	Congregation Beth Am 26790 Arastradero Rd, Los Altos Hills with: Congregation Etz Chayim Bay Area Forward	alisonbarnstable@gmail.com antebiconnect@gmail.com rsmmartinson@gmail.com tedmschachter@yahoo.com jersmica@comcast.net
Saturday April 6 10 to 11:30 AM	San Jose	Winter Faith Collaborative at First Baptist Church on the Hill 500 Sands Dr, San Jose	pamastrocola@aol.com
Sunday April 7 3 to 7 PM	Almaden	Episcopal Church Almaden 6581 Camden Ave, San Jose	shelleydenney@gmail.com kimberly.axtell@copyfactory.com
Saturday April 27 9 to 10:30 AM	Mountain View	St Timothy 2094 Grant Rd, Mountain View with: Mountain View Day Worker Center	jrshreve@aol.com maria@dayworkercentermv.org

- For specific information about one of the above House Meetings, please email the contacts of the host organization. For more general information about the house meeting campaign, please contact Charlie, Mila or Tom at:

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