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Hello Pitzer Community,

Congratulations! You made it to spring break.

It can feel difficult to find opportunities to get involved with direct action work -- especially when the majority of it is happening online. That's why this week we're sharing some resources which we hope will help you figure out how to lean into organizing local to you (if you have any recommendations for other resources, please send them to us!):

Abolition and Defund the Police:

- Check out [The Abolitionist Map](#) to locate abolitionist groups organizing near you.
- Want to do more research before you get involved? Read through the resources linked in [If You're New to Abolition: Study Group Guide](#) and ground yourself in the differences between [Reformist reforms vs. abolitionist steps in policing](#) compiled by Critical Resistance.
- Check out [defundpolice.org](#), a new resource hub for folks organizing to defund local police departments.

Mutual Aid:

- Check out [Mutual Aid Hub](#) to find a network near you.
- Watch [Shit's Totally FUCKED! What Can We Do?: A Mutual Aid Explainer](#) -- a good introduction to what mutual aid is, when we need it, and how to engage.
- [Learn about/start podmapping](#) -- a key practice in both mutual aid and transformative justice organizing.
- Here's a pretty long list of [community fridges around the world](#). Learn more about community fridges [here](#).

Immigrant Rights

- [How to Shut Down Ice Detention in Your Community](#) is a great guide to starting to organize for immigrant justice put together by Detention Watch Network.

Housing Justice

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- Check out this [Covid-19 Anti-Eviction map](#) to plug into housing justice work near you.

None of these resources are exhaustive, so if you don't see any organizing where you are on one of these maps, don't hesitate to look up “_____ organizing near me.”

Community Spotlights:

- Student Malcolm McCann submitted artwork entitled “WE NEED TO KNOW” to the Pitzer Art Gallery Community Manifesto series last week. The piece read, **“ASK TRUSTEE FAIRBARN WHY BLACKROCK PURCHASED 4.7MILLION SHARES OF GEO GROUP LAST QUARTER.”** The piece was initially rejected by the Pitzer Art Gallery because “by calling out Fairbairn [McCann] was violating the spirit of community guidelines that said students should “call in” other students rather than “call out”, and only finally published yesterday, 03/04/21. McCann's goal with this piece was to highlight that, “BlackRock is the largest investment management corporation in the world with 8.7 trillion dollars. Sir Robert Fairbairn is a Vice Chair on BlackRock's Global Executive Committee “the highest level governing body” at BlackRock. Everything BlackRock invests in, he is responsible. BlackRock is a top shareholder in the for profit concentration camp/private prison industry, fossil fuel industry, extractive corporations undermining indigenous sovereignty globally, industrial manufacturing of military weapons of mass death and destruction to cement US imperialism.” **To get involved with the further efforts to cut Pitzer's ties with BlackRock and GEO Group, follow [@sdc.coalition](#) on Instagram.**
- **[5C Mutual Aid Request of \\$6500](#)**- “In September, I was hospitalized with a stomach bug that was lethal and I had to undergo emergency surgery. My insurance denied my request to cover my medical bills, so I have been trying to pay it off on my own. The financial strain has taken a toll on my and I cannot afford to pay the rest on my own. Each month I am late on a payment, there is a \$500 increase so this makes it an **urgent request**. Any assistance would be highly appreciated.”
- **[Support a PZ Senior's Funeral Expenses for her Grandma](#)** - “My name is Stephanie Camey and I am a rising senior at Pitzer College... My grandma passed away February 13th. She was an amazing and strong woman who would always put others first before herself. I am asking you all for your

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prayers to keep my grandpa strong. The money will be going for her funeral expenses. Thank you."

- **[Nobody Fails at Pitzer](#) and [Pitzer Mutual Aid](#) have reopened their general mutual aid form.** Find their request form [here](#) and their Venmo [here](#).
- **[HMC Solidarity](#) had reopened their emergency grant form for Mudders with unmet financial need.** Find their request form [here](#) and their Venmo [here](#).

Below are some of the other direct actions shared with us this week by community members! For more, be sure to follow us on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#). There are an abundance of opportunities for you to engage in, support, and share.

Show Up (Virtually) Here:

- **[Palestinian Liberation Week](#)** - 03/24-03/31, "Join SoCal SJP on March 24th-March 31st for a week of digital workshops, activities, cultural events, and more commemorating the ongoing struggle for the liberation of Palestine! Throughout the week, we will learn about the crucial role students play in the movement, our connections to all sectors of the struggle, and how we all unite for a shared common goal of freedom from colonialism, exploitation, imperialism, and oppression. Feel free to join us for any of the virtual events or activities you're able to, and share with friends and community members!"
- **[There is No Socialism Without Women's Liberation](#)** - 03/08 "On International Women's Day, Breaking the Chains magazine, a one of its kind feminist, socialist magazine in the United States, is hosting "There's No Socialism Without Women's Liberation." Women on the frontlines of a diverse range of struggles will speak to their experiences as women leaders. Women's leadership is vital to the success of these fights for these issues. All working class issues are women's issues. That's what we say that the struggle for socialism goes hand in hand with the liberation of women."
- **[Creating Police-Free Neighborhoods in Riverside/Inland Empire](#)** - Every 2nd Tuesday, 6-7pm PST starting on 03/09 "Interested in working in your neighborhood to make it police-free and mutually supportive? Join our monthly program where you will get mentoring, monthly assignments, and collective support on how to organize with your neighbors. No organizing experience necessary. Will be geared toward providing skills for those who



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are introverted and don't know any of their neighbors. Open to all those living in Riverside/ Inland Empire."

Sign These Petitions:

- [First Ten to Communities Not Cages](#) - "'First Ten' is the next phase of Detention Watch Network's national Communities Not Cages campaign to shut down Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention centers, stop the expansion and construction of new facilities and ultimately abolish the detention system in its entirety. The 'First Ten' detention centers are emblematic of how the immigration detention system as a whole is inherently abusive, unjust and fatally flawed beyond repair." [Though a quick action you can take is signing the petition, the action guide linked also has sample social media posts and opportunities for local organizing].
- [Drop all charges for the #Adelanto3](#) - "On September 22, 2020, three Inland Empire demonstrators were brutalized and arrested in Adelanto, CA while protesting ICE. During the peaceful protest, officers from the San Bernardino Sheriff's approached one individual (Perla) and accused her of jaywalking. The deputies then escalated the situation by violently grabbing and pushing demonstrators to grab Perla. She was wrongfully targeted, brutally tazed, stepped on and stood over, and then the officer dragged her through the dirt before she, her husband Travis Halbert and Kai King were also arrested." Follow them on Instagram for updates and action steps, [@adelanto_3](#)
- [Stop Line 3 Sign This Petition and Tell President Biden: #StopLine3 Pipeline](#) - "There is a massive pipeline underway in northern Minnesota that violates Indigenous rights and would carry the pollution equivalent to 50 coal power plants. The bulldozers have arrived to plow through sacred wild rice watersheds, over 800 wetlands, and 200+ bodies of water. Indigenous water protectors are fighting to protect their land, but the drones are overhead and the police are militarizing. President Biden has the power to stop this project." [Stop the Money Pipeline](#) - "Over the next two months, we're going to make the financial companies that support Enbridge and its toxic Line 3 pipeline feel the heat. Here's the plan. On March 31st, 18 banks have a \$2.2 billion loan to Enbridge that is due for renewal. That's in 51 days. Between now and then, we're going to do everything in our

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power to make it loud and clear to the executives of those banks: They must walk away from Line 3 — or there will be consequences.”

- [Amazon: Stop Union-Busting in Bessemer!](#) - “At an Amazon warehouse in Bessemer, Ala., 5,805 workers have won the right to vote for union representation. The National Labor Relations Board has authorized a mail-in election starting Feb. 8, with ballots due by March 29.” [Action needed until 03/29]
- [Demand Justice for Christian Hall](#)- “Christian Hall, a 19-year-old Chinese-American adoptee, was fatally shot by police on Dec. 30th, who were called to aid Hall during a mental health crisis. Instead of receiving help from the deputies who were supposed to protect him, he was killed with his hands up. His case is not receiving any national news coverage, the officers involved were recently placed back on full duty, and state police and the Monroe County district attorney’s office are still investigating the case.”
- [Support the #Fightfor15](#)- “Congress: it’s past time to raise the minimum wage. I stand with workers demanding \$15/hr and a union so everyone can support their families and be respected at work. Agree? Add your name now.”

Practice Resource Redistribution:

- [#FreeBryantMurphy](#) - “We are a group of students raising money for legal counsel to help Bryant Murphy, an incarcerated man inside Southern Ohio Correctional Facility who knows this nation and its injustices better than anyone. Bryant is an activist, educator, and poet. He is passionate about family, the environment, fitness and nutrition, and he hopes to share his knowledge through TedTalks when he is released. **[UPDATE: Bryant needs \$2,700 by Friday 03/05 (today!) for a down payment for his attorney].**” (Organized by 5C students)
- [3 for 1 Campaign organized by the 5C EESA](#) - “Three for one’s purpose is to raise funds for three organizations through one campaign. These funds will go towards covid relief help, the Tigray refugee crisis, and the Amhara genocide. We know that there are a multitude of issues ongoing in Eritrea and Ethiopia. 5CEESA wanted to do our part in directly helping and bringing awareness to these issues. Please consider donating or sharing the efforts of our campaign! **VENMO: @ FiveC_EESA GOAL: \$6,000**”
- [Pomona Economic Opportunity Center- Operation Rain Jacket](#) - “We want to raise money to purchase 200 rain jackets to distribute to our



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workers in Pomona, Rancho, San Bernardino & Riverside. Join us in meeting our goal by donating today! All donations will be matched by the PEOC."

- [Immigrant Liberation Fund](#) - "In the midst of the international COVID-19 pandemic, Immigrants detained in ICE detention centers are at high risk of becoming seriously ill or dying from the disease. Even in normal circumstances, ICE has proven time and again that it is unable to protect the health and safety of detained people-- and now more than ever, their lives are at risk, especially those with a history of health problems. Many immigrants detained in Adelanto have been granted bond, but are still detained because they can't afford to pay it (each bond ranges from \$1500-\$10,000+.) Getting out of detention may well save their lives. The Trump administration deliberately excluded undocumented immigrants and their families from the stimulus checks being delivered to millions around the country. Fight back by donating all or part of yours to free someone at high risk for COVID-19 from detention."

Call/ Email/ Tweet:

- [#FreeWilmer Week of Action](#)
 - "Join us on **Sunday, 03/07 @ 12PM EST/3 PM PST** as we flood social media outlets with #FreeWilmerNow posts. Access our social media toolkit with graphics and pre-made captions ready to share at freewilmer.org/week-of-action."
 - "Join us for a phone zap. **Monday, March 8 @ 12PM EST/3PM PST**. Phone numbers and call scripts at freewilmer.org/week-of-action."
- [#FreeGabby](#) - "Gabby Solano will be transferred from prison to ICE, and deported to a country she left as a child and has no family ties. Gabby deserves to be in the care of her family and community in California, not in immigration detention. Take action to urge CA Governor Newsom to stop Gabby's ICE transfer and urge President Biden to stop targeting incarcerated immigrants and refugees for deportation."
- [Student Survivors: Demand the Biden Administration Rescind and Rewrite DeVos' Title IX Rule](#)- "Student survivors need immediate action on Title IX NOW! Too many survivors are being denied the most basic protections by their school, and in turn, are being pushed out of education."
- [#FreeWalterCruz](#) - "Walter Cruz has been imprisoned in ICE detention for over 3 years. Despite winning his case TWICE, the Trump admin ordered a

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"do-over," meaning he would have to take his case through the courts again."

- [#FreeUbaldo](#) - "Ubaldo Ochoa-Lopez sits in an ICE prison - in danger of being deported. He & his son, Fernando came to the US seeking asylum from Guatemala. What awaited them here was a cruel & stunning reality. They were both separated during Trump's Zero Tolerance period in 2018 and remained away from each other for two months. Fernando was only 6 years old when this painful and traumatic experience happened. Now, ICE has separated them again. Ubaldo has been detained at Pearsall Detention Center since October - 4 months - and is in danger of being deported back to Guatemala, leaving his son behind."

Get Support for Organizing

- [Gente Solidarity Internships](#)- "As a predominantly Latinx led organization, Gente is committed to the process of unlearning and continuous education. Over the years, we have identified homophobia and anti-blackness as two of the biggest issues holding back Latinx communities from building movements rooted in love and solidarity. However, we have also been witness to an increase in hate crimes towards our Asian brothers and sisters and the compounded impact the pandemic has had on the indigenous communities across this country. As an organization, we recognize that we must support communities that are looking to build power and currently do not have access to organizing resources. Because of that, we are looking to bring two paid interns into our community to access our resources and people to support their power building vision. These opportunities will have a special focus on building grassroots power for marginalized communities in Pomona. The internship will be a four-month commitment with a flexible schedule that will pay two selected candidates a total of \$1,400 each. APPLICATION WILL BE OPENING SOON!"
- [Riverside All of Us or None Community Organizer Job](#)- "We're SO EXCITED to announce that we're hiring TWO organizers for Riverside All of Us or None! Priority to formerly incarcerated and system impacted applicants, but all are welcome to apply. Applications due by March 31st."
- [Work for the California Immigrant Youth Justice Alliance](#) - Hiring for a Statewide Deportation Defense Coordinator & a Statewide Communications Strategist. "Join the CIYJA Team to fight for abolition in California."



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Please reply to this email [or just email us at immediate_action@pitzer.edu] with any actions or organizing you'd like us to include in the next email.

Have a good week,

The Staff of the CEC