

**THE
PEOPLE'S PITZER
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

TPP Newsletter 3/22/2022-3/25/2022

Weekly Spotlight: Public Citizen



PUBLICCITIZEN

Information below from the Public Citizen [website](#).

Public Citizen is a nonprofit consumer advocacy organization that champions the public interest in the halls of power. We defend democracy, resist corporate power and work to ensure that government works for the people – not for big corporations. Founded in 1971, we now have 500,000 members and supporters throughout the country.

We don't participate in partisan political activities or endorse any candidates for elected office. We take no government or corporate money, which enables us to remain fiercely independent and call out bad actors – no matter who they are or how much power and money they have.

We use every tool at our disposal to take on big fights – and win . We mobilize activists to grow democratic movements, watchdog Congress, sue the government when it fails to do its job, petition regulatory agencies to safeguard the public and engage in cutting-edge research that effects change.

Volunteers Needed

Public Citizen

Interested in gaining internship experience with an organization that fights for a more equitable government? Public Citizen is currently looking for candidates for Summer 2022 paid and unpaid internships. Open positions include Advocacy Internship, Legal Internship, Communications Internship, Democracy Fellow, Global Trade Watch – Legal Research Internship, Medicare for All Organizing Internship, and Environmental Policy and Advocacy Internships. Check out their [website](#) for more information.

Ontario for Agriculture Organizing

Many individuals and community-led organizations in the Inland Empire have formed a coalition fighting against the destruction of over 200 acres of prime farmland in Ontario to make way for more polluting warehouses. The coalition includes the Robert Redford Conservancy for Southern California Sustainability, the Southern California Agricultural Land Foundation, American Farmland Trust, and the League of United Latin American Citizens, among others. They need to collect 10,000 signatures by April 8th for a referendum in the city of Ontario to prevent farmland destruction. If interested in helping out collecting signatures and community organizing, email ontario4ag@gmail.com.

The People's Pitzer

Interested in TPP's work? We are looking for two more student interns! If interested, contact aneuburg@students.pitzer.edu. Work-study preferred.

Other Opportunities

Looking for a summer internship? TPP has compiled a list of [volunteer and internship opportunities](#) relating to government, public policy, and civic action. See some internships highlighted below and be sure to check out our website for more information!

[A Collaborative Study of Social/Political Psychology of Online Communities](#) |

University of Michigan

Deadline | March 31st, 2022

Location | Remote

[Legal Assistant Intern](#) | Orange County Public Defender's Office

Deadline | April 28th, 2022

Location | Fullerton, CA

[Public Policy Internship](#) | Tesla

Deadline | May 2nd, 2022

Location | Washington, D.C., Palo Alto, CA, Remote

[Policy & Legislative Affairs Intern](#) | Orange County Board of Supervisors

Deadline | May 5th, 2022

Location | Santa Ana, CA

[Associate Social Justice & Activism Podcaster](#) | The Creative Process

Deadline | May 27th, 2022

Location | Los Angeles, CA

[Development Intern – Grant Writing](#) | Mother and Child Education Center

Deadline | September 1st, 2022

Location | Portland, OR

Upcoming Events

TODAY! Legal Observer Training with the National Lawyers Guild of Los Angeles

March 22 @ 5:30 pm

[Virtual Event](#)

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NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD


LEGAL OBSERVER TRAINING

WHEN: 03/22 @5:30PM


WHERE: ZOOM

"NLG-LA works to ensure the legal and practical access to demonstrations in Southern California by regularly providing legal observers at demonstrations to observe and document potentially unlawful or unjustified interference with demonstrators' rights by law enforcement." **Join the CEC and National Lawyer's Guild of LA for a training to be certified as a legal observer.**

SIGN UP



tinyurl.com/NLGLegalObserverSignUp



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Interested in collaborating with TPP? Contact TPP Program Assistant aneuburg@students.pitzer.edu or CEC Managing Director tricia_morgan@pitzer.edu. Check our [website](#) for additional information and updates.

Cesar Chavez Day

March 31, colleges observe March 25



Information below from [Wikipedia](#).

Cesar Chavez was an American labor leader and civil rights activist. Along with Dolores Huerta, he co-founded the National Farm Workers Association

(NFWA), which later merged with the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee (AWOC) to become the United Farm Workers (UFW) labor union.

Cesar Chavez practiced leftist community organizing tactics to advocate for Mexican-American farmworkers. In the 1960s, he began organizing strikes among farmworkers, most notably the successful Delano grape strike of 1965–1970. Influenced by the Indian independence leader Mahatma Gandhi, Chavez emphasized direct but nonviolent tactics, including pickets and boycotts, to pressure farm owners into granting strikers' demands.

He became an icon for organized labor and leftist groups in the U.S. His birthday is a federal commemorative holiday in several U.S. states. In 1994 he posthumously received the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

The 18th Annual Cesar Chavez Breakfast with Latino and Latina Roundtable

Friday March 25 @ 9 - 10:30 am

[Virtual Event](#)



The Latino and Latina Roundtable invites you to the 18th Annual Cesar Chavez Breakfast honoring individuals who are living out the core values of the late civil rights activist and labor leader. This is also a fundraiser for our organization. In the

spirit of Cesar Chavez, we continue to organize and build leadership through our collective power and unity.

Connect with Us

Want to hear more from The People's Pitzer? Join our email list [here](#). Want to get involved in the Community Engagement Center in other ways? Fill out our volunteer interest form [here](#).

Follow our [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) (@ThePeoplesPitzer) for updates, and be sure to check out our [website](#) to see all our resources. Keep an eye out for future newsletters as well!

Further questions? Comments? Concerns? For more information about The People's Pitzer, as well as how to get involved in our team, contact Alaina Neuburger at aneuburg@students.pitzer.edu.