



Amnesty International Sacramento Group 2020-2021 Activities

- August 2020
- We delivered Amnesty International USA report on police violence against protesters at rallies to our Mayor, City Council, and Police Chief with a letter urging divestment of military equipment.
 - We wrote letters objecting to treatment of asylum-seekers at detention centers.
- September 2020
- We planned, produced, and presented a Webinar that spotlighted Banned Writers around the world and offered letter writing actions to help some of those writers who are charged or jailed.
- November 2020
- Our new Human Rights Book Club started this month, discussing "Just Mercy" by B. Stevenson
 - Members attended online human rights workshops offered by Amnesty International USA.
- December 2020
- We collected and shopped for holiday gifts for an immigrant family of 10 who is struggling during this time of Coronavirus shutdowns.
 - Our Human Rights Book Club met, discussing the book "Half the Sky" by N. Kristof and S. DuWunn
- January 2021
- We participated in the International Day of Action to stop the war in Yemen.
 - Human Rights Book Club met, discussing book The Line Becomes a River: Dispatches from the Border
 - We set our priorities for 2021. Supporting: immigrants and refugees in our community; climate justice; individuals at risk around the world. Working to abolish: the death penalty; police violence
- February 2021
- We tweeted at Turkish officials ahead of the appeal hearing for the conviction of Human Rights Defender Eren Keskin.
 - We sponsored speakers: Susan Lange from Faithful Friends and Javier, a detainee currently detained by ICE at Yuba County Jail (he spoke through Susan's phone).
 - Human Rights Book Club met, discussing book The Displaced: Refugee Writers on Refugee Lives
- March 2021
- Working together with Amnesty groups in Bay Area, we wrote dozens of letters to ICE officials, Yuba County Jail officials, CA governor and President Biden against continuing immigrant detention.
 - We took action to support Turkish Human Rights Defender Eren Keskin with virtual signs, encouraging letters and social media postings.
 - Human Rights Book Club met, discussing Speak Up! Speeches by young people to empower & inspire
 - Some members attended workshops and speakers at a National Amnesty International weekend.
- April 2021
- We partnered with California Collaborative for Immigrant Justice to support immigrants in our community and wrote our support for Dignity for Detained Immigrants Act in Congress.
 - We published a page online to highlight why climate justice is a human right.
 - Human Rights Book Club met, discussing Climate Justice: Hope and the Fight for a Sustainable Future
 - We communicated solidarity with protesters in Myanmar facing lethal police reactions.
 - We helped pack the courts for immigrant detainee hearings, resulting in two releases this month.
- May 2021
- We co-sponsored a film about a WWII U.S. program of kidnapping and indefinite incarceration of over 2,200 citizens of Japanese ancestry from 13 Latin American countries
 - We had a speaker at our monthly meeting about persecution of Uyghur people in China.
 - Human Rights Book Club met, discussing the book This American Muslim Life
- June 2021
- We supported rallies and actions to stop deportations of Vietnamese immigrant Lam Hong Le and Iraqi immigrant Omar Ameen.
 - We presented a webinar for the California community on refugees and human rights with author Jessica Goudeau and California IRC.