

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Santa Cruz Residents Announce General Strike on Inauguration Day: January 20, 2017**

*Santa Cruz, CA - January 12, 2017* - On Friday January 20th, Donald Trump will be inaugurated the 45th President of the United States. **In protest of Trump's inauguration, residents of Santa Cruz and millions of others nationwide call for a general strike: a full day of no work and no school.**

We ask that residents of Santa Cruz join us all day on January 20th for the following activities: a march from UCSC and local schools to Downtown Santa Cruz convening at The Clocktower at noon; a series of workshops and teach-ins regarding resisting a Trump administration and other topics; knocking down a symbolic effigy of Trump's proposed border wall; and a General Assembly discussion of next steps and organizing strategies going forward. Workshops include topics such as post-Snowden privacy, Santa Cruz's status as a sanctuary city, tenants' rights, reproductive justice, and many others. (Full schedule follows below.)

#### **About the General Strike**

Although Trump is the most unpopular candidate ever to win the White House, and although he failed to win the popular vote, the GOP is preparing one of the most right-wing and pro-corporate agendas in modern history. Without a strong public mandate, they have promised to repeal the Affordable Care Act and deprive millions of low-income people and working families of health insurance; to assault women's health by cutting all funding to Planned Parenthood; to deport millions of undocumented immigrants, including those protected by the DACA program; to gut environmental protections, by appointing climate change deniers to the EPA; and to attack unions and the rights of workers to organize. The list goes on, but one thing is clear: nobody can afford to give Trump a chance.

That's why on January 20th, millions of people around the country are launching a general strike: a full day of no work and no school. By collectively refusing to participate in the system, workers, students and their families say NO to Trump, NO to the GOP's agenda, and NO to the domination of the billionaire class. Instead, we will demand a world free from racism, sexism, inequality and environmental catastrophe. We refuse to normalize Trumpism—a disastrous mix of white supremacy, misogyny, xenophobia, militarism, and oligarchic rule. We ask that residents of Santa Cruz join us on January 20th in taking the first steps toward building a better world.

#### **Full Schedule:**

11:00 am: March from UCSC (and other schools) to downtown

12:00 – 1:30 pm: Gather at Clocktower

1:30 – 2:15 pm: Workshop / Teach-in #1

2:15 – 3:00 pm: Workshop / Teach-in #2

3:00 – 3:45 pm: Workshop / Teach-in #3

4:00 – 4:30 pm: Knock down effigy of Trump's proposed border wall

5:00 pm onward: General Assembly at Clock Tower to discuss future plans, organizing actions, and resources for resisting a Trump administration

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# Events for the J20 General strike

## Preliminary event descriptions

### Activities or artistic actions

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#### Wall of peace

**Where:** Pacific Ave  
**When:** Building the wall: 3:30-4:00  
Theatrical performance that culminates in smashing the wall: 4:00-4:30  
**What:** [Description tba](#)  
**Website:** [tba](#)

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#### Santa Cruz Climate Action Network, 350 Santa Cruz

**Where:** Pacific Ave and Soquel - Sidewalk  
**When:** 12:30  
**What:** We will bring 4 "Waves" - cardboard cut outs about 2' x 5' - These will stand up on the side walk. One section at a time will be removed and the public (espec. kids) invited to decorate it with their favorite sea creatures. Meanwhile we'll discuss coming sea level rise and what to do about it  
**Website:** [tba](#)

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#### Peace Mob

##### Moveintuit Dance Activitst

**Where:** Santa Cruz Downtown. This is a flashmob and the exact location will be announced shortly before the event on facebook and website  
**When:** 4 pm  
**What:** "Love. Inclusivity. Equality. Community. Diversity. Rising Up! Calling in ALL PEOPLE for a Unified Love Movement on Friday, Jan. 20th.

Bring your open hearts and unique dance moves to this peaceful, positive protest...an Inauguration Day flash mob! Devote yourself to this diaspora dance party, this spontaneous movement choir, this active stand for human rights & freedom! Your voice, soul and happy feet are needed to help create social change!

Add your personal flavor to the richness that is created when we celebrate our differences. We are gathering with zeal to honor all ages, cultures, classes, and genders. Youth, elder, feminine, masculine, transgender, black, brown, white, yellow, blue, red, elite, anarchist, indigenous, immigrant. We're all in this together. How does YOUR body express?"

"DETAILS ::

This is a traveling, all-inclusive dance party set to a revolutionary soundscape. We will move through town lifting spirits as we go, stopping briefly for a community singing celebration.

Simple, unifying movements can be learned via video (can be found on Moveintuit Dance Activists Group Page).

Please WEAR RED and bring flags, hands-free signs & hugs. Uniting at 4pm to raise the vibe!"

**Website:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MoveintuitDanceActivists/>  
<http://www.moveintuit.com/flash-mobs.html>  
Event Page (must join Group Page to view):  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1189647204454615/>

## Workshops and Teach-ins

Workshop schedule and locations tba

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### Sanctuary Santa Cruz

**Description:** This workshop will introduce ongoing projects related to sanctuary and anti-bullying in the Santa Cruz area and then open it up for discussion of future visions.

**Website:** [tba](#)

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### Yes on Ranked Choice Committee

**Description:** This workshop educates people about a grassroots effort to fix our electoral system so that people like Trump don't end up in office again

**Website:** <https://www.facebook.com/yesonrankedchoice/>

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### Post Snowden Privacy

Ana McTaggart

**Description:** Learn how to protect your online identity, and use PGP to encrypt emails. This is a small scale workshop.

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### Spiritual Activism

Ami Chen Mills-Naim

**Description:** How to maintain grounding and peace of mind while engaging in effective activism in 2017 and beyond

**Website:** [www.AmiChen.com](http://www.AmiChen.com)

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### Why Anti-Capitalism Now!?

Radical System Change Santa Cruz (Tj Demos, Michael Gasser, Joy Schendledecker)

**Description:** This workshop will open discussion about anti-capitalism as forming the necessary basis of political opposition today. We view such opposition as building solidarities around both the negation of the economic and sociopolitical exploitation and inequality that Trump and his allies stand to exacerbate, and the positive creation of alternative ways of being and relating to others founded on sharing, generosity,

love, and mutual support, rather than on competitive individualism, limitless wealth accumulation, and corporate rule. Focusing on economy doesn't exclude identity politics—instead we need to cultivate an intersectionalist socialism built upon diversity, inclusivity, and radical democracy. As Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor, author of *From #BlackLivesMatter to Black Liberation* (2016), writes: “A better world is possible. It's called socialism and it will require a multiracial working-class rebellion organized on the principles of solidarity and with anti-racism at its core. We have to fight like we've never fought before. Our lives and the planet depend on it.” We hope to have an open conversation about this position, respectful and welcoming of all participants' views.

**Website:** <https://scej.wordpress.com/rscsc/>

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## Tenants' rights workshop

Santa Cruz Tenants Organizing Committee

**Description:** Abbreviated tenants' rights workshop to give renters present an idea about laws protecting them they may not have known about.

**Website:** <facebook.com/sctoc>

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## Political Change and Emerging Technologies: Mass Surveillance, Neuromarketing, Mind Control

Chris Hables Gray, Fellow and Continuing Lecturer, Crown College, UCSC  
Faculty Organizing Group (UCSC), Local 2199 UCSC-AFT

**Description:** tba

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## Unions, Revolution, and Other Social Change

David Lau, Lecturer UCSC  
Faculty Organizing Group (UCSC), Local 2199 UCSC-AFT

Description: tba

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## Reproductive Justice

Chelsea Blackmore, Asst. Professor Anthropology  
Faculty Organizing Group (UCSC), Local 2199 UCSC-AFT

Description: tba

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## Children's music workshop (?)

Shifra's partner Peter

Description: tba

## Other events on and around J20

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### J18 UCSC Teach-ins

**Description:** *Teach! Organize! Resist!* is a series of nine workshops and panels designed to build alliances for social justice in anticipation of the presidency of Donald Trump. The all-day teach-in will address topics including economic inequality, LGBTQ resistance, how to talk about climate-change science, how to combat Islamophobia, what to do at a protest, and how students, immigrants, and workers can engage in democracy.

**Website:** <http://news.ucsc.edu/2017/01/teach-in.html>

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### J20 Women's strike and shabbat day

**Description:** On this "Strike and Shabbat" Day, we do not work--and this may include a walk-out.

We do not purchase goods, we are not materially "productive." We seek to rest and find Presence. We may connect around issues of spirit and matters of love ... across religions and cultures. We seek our fulfillment within.

We strike for the planet and its people. Because we are indeed all connected, and when we hurt one another, we hurt ourselves. We ask you to join us, MEN AND WOMEN and across all parties, religions, nationalities. It is time for women to lead, from wisdom.

Shabbat Shalom, Salaam, Suhl, Pax, Peace

**Website:** [https://www.facebook.com/events/969566203176504/?active\\_tab=about](https://www.facebook.com/events/969566203176504/?active_tab=about)

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### J21 Women's March on Washington DC - Santa Cruz County

**Description:** This march is in solidarity with the Women's March on Washington DC and everywhere else, for the preservation of human rights.

Rally in Watsonville: J21 11 AM Plaza Watsonville

March in Santa Cruz: J21 1:30 PM City Hall

**Website:** [https://www.facebook.com/groups/1791872174370830/?ref=aymt\\_homepage\\_panel](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1791872174370830/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel)