Media Advisory: Bringing Resilience and Creativity of Hong Kong to Berkeley

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Citizens bring resilience and creativity of Hong Kong to Berkeley, the birthplace of the free-speech movement

WHAT: Hong Kong’s resilience and creative energy around the democratic movement this summer have reshaped the discourse which continues to impress a global audience. This Sunday, October 20, we are inviting locals in the San Francisco Bay Area to participate in and experience:

* A Lennon Wall of colorful sticky notes as a personal platform for people to voice their support and message
* Protest art carrying a message of defiance, but also of hope
* Interactive booths and virtual reality experience of protests

Participants will be able to show their support of the Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy act. They will be writing postcards to their representatives Congress and helping to fold paper cranes, which is a symbol of the protest. The expo will end with open mic and songs.

WHO:

* Volunteers from the Bay Area with a tie to Hong Kong
* Conversations with the Courageous at San Francisco
* Hong Kong Affairs Association of Berkeley

WHEN: Sunday, Oct 20, from 1-5 pm

WHERE: Channel Church, 2114 Berkeley Way, Berkeley, California 94704 ([Map](https://goo.gl/maps/7u1qhnTyrvdri6AA8)) (This is a non-religious event, and we welcome people of all faith)

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WHY: Three major U.S. businesses — Apple, Blizzard Activision, and the National Basketball Association — angered China this week, and found themselves in hot water over episodes related to the Hong Kong anti-government protests. Freedom of speech, assembly and press is at stake in Hong Kong as well as here in the United States, due to such blatant self-censorship demonstrated by American companies. It is escalating in the global stage, making the current political crisis in Hong Kong important to Americans.

For additional information:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/936815416672692/>

## Parties/People/Organizations to send this to

* Politicians (House Reps In order of relevance by proximity of county district)
  + Diane Feinstein DONE
  + Kamala Harris DONE
  + Ted Lieu DONE
  + Nancy Pelosi DONE
  + Jesse Arreguin DONE
  + Jackie Speier DONE
  + John Garamendi DONE
  + Mike Thompson
  + Jerry McNerny DONE
  + Doris Matsui
  + Ami Bera DONE
  + Josh Harder
  + Libby Schaaf DONE
  + https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1d4hyw4Wp7p1rYePzBgNd\_8y7sajAhEB\_aItYfu8gepg/edit?usp=drivesdk
* Academics (DONE)
  + Kevin O'Brien
    - http[://polisci.berkeley.edu/people/person/kevin-obrien](http://polisci.berkeley.edu/people/person/kevin-obrien)
  + Larry Diamond
  + Roxanna Alholtz
    - <https://www.law.berkeley.edu/our-faculty/faculty-profiles/roxanna-altholz/>
  + Laurel Fletcher
    - https://www.law.berkeley.edu/our-faculty/faculty-profiles/laurel-fletcher/
  + William Dodge
    - <https://www.law.berkeley.edu/our-faculty/faculty-profiles/william-dodge/>
  + Tamara Morgenthau
    - https://www.law.berkeley.edu/our-faculty/faculty-profiles/tamara-morgenthau/
  + STEVEN WEBER
    - https[://polisci.berkeley.edu/people/person/steven-weber](https://polisci.berkeley.edu/people/person/steven-weber)
  + VINOD AGGARWAL
    - https://polisci.berkeley.edu/people/person/vinod-aggarwal
* Event portal
  + SF Fun Cheap - SUBMITTED
  + Kron4 - SUBMITTED
  + Easy Bay Express - SUBMITTED
  + SF Gate - SUBMITTED
  + SF WEEKLY - SUBMITTED
  + ABC7 - SUBMITTED
  + Eventbrite - [DONE](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hong-kong-the-unspoken-expo-tickets-76574338909)
  + Craigslist - [DONE](https://sfbay.craigslist.org/eby/eve/d/berkeley-hong-kong-the-unspoken-expo-on/6998179120.html)
  + SFSTATION - [DONE](https://www.sfstation.com/hong-kong-the-unspoken-expo-e2405446)
  + [https://www.bayareaparent.com](https://www.bayareaparent.com/) - DONE
  + Meetup - Meetup requires having a group and you need to pay to host the group
* Traditional Newspapers
  + San Jose Mercury DONE
  + SF Chronicle DONE
  + East Bay Times DONE
  + The Epoch Times? 🤨
* School Newspapers
  + Daily Californian DONE
  + The Stanford Daily DONE
  + The Aggie DONE
* Reddit
  + r/San Jose
  + r/San Francisco
  + r/sfbayarea