

Let's Take Action SF: Meeting to Support Black Lives Matter - July 13, 2016

Thank you for coming! Let's work together to turn enthusiasm into education, resources & action. We're creating a Facebook group to coordinate future efforts & will post the link in the event page tonight.

Let's commit to action

We're asking everyone to commit to at least one thing today, whether it's education, providing resources, or taking action.

1. Send an SMS to **628-227-6098** with the numbers of what you'd like to commit to. If you're not sure, text "not sure".
2. You can text additional comments or thoughts. We're reading all the messages.
3. We'll send a follow-up text and/or email to remind you what you've committed to.

Big steps & small steps both get us closer!

Action items:

Educate myself:

- 1: Participate in a reading & discussion group
- 2: Attend a workshop

Provide resources (or coordinate):

- 3: Monetary donation
- 4: Meeting spaces
- 5: Corporate engagement
- 6: Connections with influential people

Provide skills:

- 7: Legal
- 8: Policy
- 9: Web/Technology
- 10: PR/Media

11: Attend rallies & protests

(For example, to commit to 1 5, and 11, text "1 5 11".)

To start a discussion / reading group:

A regular reading & discussion group with friends is a powerful way to become better equipped to engage with and see the forces of oppression around us. It's a great first action to take.

Today, pick a date & location for your first meeting and designate one person to coordinate the group and reading list. You can start with articles or books. Two excellent options:

- "Uprooting Racism" by Paul Kivel, a primer for white people to start thinking about racial justice work and helping to see the hidden racism all around.
- "The New Jim Crow" by Michelle Alexander, an eye-opening, systematically laid-out book on mass incarceration, the war on drugs, and their enforcement of power structures

Other recommended books: "Between the World and Me", "Just Mercy", "Citizen: An American Lyric", "The Fire Next Time", "Your Blues Ain't Like Mine", "Them", "Towards the Other America", "The Warmth of Other Suns".

Upcoming meetings of other groups:

- **Justice for Mario Woods Coalition weekly meeting** - *Thursdays 6-9pm, SEIU, 350 Rhode Island St*
- **Eyewitness from Baton Rouge & Struggle Against Racist Police Terror** - *Fri July 15 7pm, 2969 Mission St*
- **Open Dialogue on Police Militarization, Urban Shield, Community Responses** - *Mon July 18 6p, by The White Noise Collective*
- **Community Conversation for White Facilitators** - *Wed July 20, 5:30pm, Omni Commons Oakland by Anti-Oppression Resource and Training Alliance*
- **Abolition of Policing Workshop** - *Sat July 23, 11am, Location TBA, by Critical Resistance*
- **Policing the Police: Reforming American Law Enforcement** - *Mon August 1, 6:30pm, Location TBA by Commonwealth Club of California*