

*We meet the first Wednesday of the month*



*Celebrating Our 14th Year!*

**NOT JUST POLITICS AS USUAL**

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**THANK YOU FOR COMING...**



**TODAY is National Freedom Day.** On this day in 1865, President Abraham Lincoln submitted the 13th amendment — which called for abolition of slavery — to the state legislatures.

**Colorado:** Did you know that Frederick Douglass' sons, Lewis and Frederick Jr., both served in the first black regiment of the Civil War, and then migrated to Denver in 1886? They created Denver's first black school, ran a mortuary, a restaurant on California Street and signed the 100 Blacks Petition for the right to vote. The Douglass brothers petitioned for Colorado to not become a state until all men were allowed to vote.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Recognize Electeds

**Thursday, February 2:** Town Hall, State Senator Steve Fenberg (SD18), House Majority Leader KC Becker (State Representative for HD13), and State Rep. Edie Hooton (HD10) 6–8pm, Rayback Collective, 2775 Valmont Rd, Boulder.

**Saturday, February 4:** Boulder County Democratic Party Re-Org Meeting, 8am–1pm, Centennial Middle School, Boulder.

**Monday, February 6:** Making Democracy Work For All — How Can We Eliminate the Electoral College? LWVBC, 5:30–6:30pm St. Vrain Cidery, 350 Terry Street, Longmont.

**Wednesday, February 8:** An Evening with Morgan Carroll, 6–8:30pm, Boulder Elks Club.

**Saturday, February 25:** El Comite Annual Fundraiser, 5:30–8:00pm, First Lutheran Church, 803 3rd Avenue, Longmont.

**Sunday, February 19:** Flashmob in Longmont, 1pm, 6th & Main. Everyone welcome to dance with One Billion Rising in solidarity against exploitation of women

**EVERY SATURDAY:** Longmont Leads with Love Weekly Vigil, 1–2pm, 6th and Main



# TONIGHT'S AGENDA

- Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition, **Sonia Marquez**
- Restorative Justice, **Jessica Goldberg**
- HOPE, **Lisa Searchinger**
- Colorado Foundation for Universal Health Care, **Bill Semple**
- OutBoulder County, **Mardi Moore**
- El Comite de Longmont, **Marta Moreno**
- Responding to Hate
- Ten Ways to Fight Hate (Southern Poverty Law Center)



**Get to know the needs  
of your community.**

**Learn about local groups  
advocating for your community.**

**Speak out for your community.**



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# Ten Ways to Fight Hate

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# 1. ACT

Do something. In the face of hatred, apathy will be interpreted as acceptance — by the perpetrators, the public and, worse, the victims. Decent people must take action; if we don't, hate persists.



## 2. UNITE

Call a friend or co-worker. Organize allies from churches, schools, clubs and other civic groups. Create a diverse coalition. Include children, police and the media. Gather ideas from everyone, and get everyone involved.



# 3. SUPPORT THE VICTIMS

Hate-crime victims are especially vulnerable, fearful and alone. If you're a victim, report every incident — in detail — and ask for help. If you learn about a hate-crime victim in your community, show support. Let victims know you care. Surround them with comfort and protection.





## 4. DO YOUR HOMEWORK

An informed campaign improves its effectiveness. Determine if a hate group is involved, and research its symbols and agenda. Understand the difference between a hate crime and a bias incident.



## **5. CREATE AN ALTERNATIVE**

Do not attend a hate rally. Find another outlet for anger and frustration and for people's desire to do something. Hold a unity rally or parade to draw media attention away from hate.



## 6. SPEAK UP

Hate must be exposed and denounced. Help news organizations achieve balance and depth. Do not debate hate-group members in conflict-driven forums. Instead, speak up in ways that draw attention away from hate, toward unity.



## 7. LOBBY LEADERS

Elected officials and other community leaders can be important allies in the fight against hate. But some must overcome reluctance — and others, their own biases — before they're able to take a stand.



## 8. LOOK LONG RANGE

Promote tolerance and address bias before another hate crime can occur. Expand your community's comfort zones so you can learn and live together.



## 9. TEACH TOLERANCE

Bias is learned early, usually at home. Schools can offer lessons of tolerance and acceptance. Sponsor an "I Have a Dream" contest. Reach out to young people who may be susceptible to hate-group propaganda and prejudice.



# 10. DIG DEEPER

Look inside yourself for prejudices and stereotypes. Build your own cultural competency, then keep working to expose discrimination wherever it happens — in housing, employment, education and more.

(Download the complete resource guide, [google] “Ten Ways to Fight Hate”)



# Our 3 Month Plan for Education, Engagement & Action:

## JANUARY

- Our Platform
- Call to Action
- Our Aspirations
- Education, tools, engagement, communication

## FEBRUARY

- Hearing from our community
- Issues
- Needs
- Legislation
- Local Measures
- Training for responding to hate

## MARCH

- Implications for 2017 —  
Elections:
  - Mayor
  - City Council
  - School Board





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**THANKS!**

