

WASHINGTON IN ACTION

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The ACLU works to protect the constitutional rights of all people. With an office in every state, our nationwide network of staff, volunteers, activists, and supporters take on the toughest civil liberties fights because we protect everyone's rights. In Washington, nearly 50 full-time staff work on issues including student rights, reproductive freedom, immigrant rights, criminal legal system reform, voting rights, transgender rights, privacy and technology, religious discrimination, and more.

From Our Executive Director

Michele Storms

Dear ACLU supporter,

Fall 2020. Every last one of us knew the stakes would be high this year, including an election of huge importance to the future of democracy. We lost John Lewis and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg within weeks of each other. And the events of this year have gone far beyond our wildest imaginations. This coronavirus pandemic is taking lives and livelihoods in unthinkable numbers. Meanwhile, under the pandemic of racism and structural white supremacy, state and vigilante violence ravages Black lives with impunity, while local and federal law enforcement wages war on people protesting their brutality – all against a backdrop of the continued problem of children in cages at our border and surveillance on the rise. Let's not forget the Trump Administration's attempts to unravel the fiber of our democracy, including an all-out assault on the Postal Service.

These are images we cannot unsee. It is time to wake up to a new day, a new reality.

There are other things we also could not have imagined. Progress has been made in the movement to end mass incarceration. In response to the spread of COVID-19 in correctional institutions, we pushed for, and won, significant reductions in jail and prison populations – proof that we need not go back to putting people in cages. Soon King County will close its juvenile jail, and eventually, the county jail. We fought to protect protestors against excessive police force and through their activism, saw advances to the long-standing movement to divest from police and reinvest in our communities. So much pain has come out of the nexus of racism and COVID-19. So much progress has as well.

These pandemics have also forced many of us to zero in on what is most critical, to simplify our routines and make space for what truly matters. I am proud that for so many, this includes a steadfast commitment to the ACLU – the unwavering fight for our rights, for human dignity, and for the soul of our country.

Together, we are resilient. We have not and cannot do this work on our own. We need each other more than ever. We are inspired by our community partners, volunteers, courageous clients, and you. Although we can't rally together in person as we have over the years, I see you attending our virtual Flights & Rights events from every corner of the state. I see you working tirelessly for that new day.

In the meantime, I hope to raise a glass with you at our virtual Centennial Celebration on October 23.

Until we can meet in person again, and ever in Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michele Storms', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Michele Storms

Protestor Rights and Community Resilience

by Molly Tack-Hooper, ACLU-WA Senior Staff Attorney



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In the wake of the murder of George Floyd by police officers in Minneapolis, millions of people across the U.S. gathered in the streets to protest the systemic injustices perpetrated by law enforcement against Black people and other people of color. Many demanded specific reforms, including a defunding of the police and a reinvestment of those funds into communities of color. As peaceful protesters exercised their First Amendment rights, in many places, their calls for an end to police brutality were met with police brutality. In Seattle, police officers indiscriminately launched canisters of tear gas and pepper spray into crowds of peaceful protesters, threw blast balls and flash-bang grenades at them, and fired on them with foam-tipped projectiles.

The ACLU of Washington, along with Perkins Coie and the Korematsu Center at Seattle University, filed suit against the City on behalf of Black Lives Matter Seattle-King County and several individual protesters to enjoin, or stop, the Seattle Police Department's (SPD) use of less-lethal weapons against protesters. On June 12, U.S. District Judge

“the city and nation are at a crisis level” over “generational claims of racism and police brutality in America.”

Richard A. Jones entered a temporary restraining order enjoining the City from indiscriminately using these weapons against protesters. Judge Jones agreed that SPD's use of less-lethal weapons likely constituted excessive force in violation of the Fourth Amendment and unconstitutional retaliation in violation of the First Amendment. Although the court order allowed SPD to continue using less-lethal weapons when “necessary, reasonable, proportional, and targeted” to prevent imminent injury or property damage, it made clear that “indiscriminate” use was off-limits.

As Judge Jones acknowledged in his June order, “the city and nation are at a crisis level” over

“generational claims of racism and police brutality in America.” His prediction in June that “these protests will not be short-lived” and that protesters will continue demonstrating until their vision for reform is realized has proven correct. Protests have continued on a daily basis in Seattle and around the country.

In Seattle, the court order has constrained but not eliminated police violence against protesters. After a July 25 protest in which SPD again unleashed a torrent of less-lethal weapons against hundreds of peaceful protesters, injuring dozens with blast balls and pepper spray, we asked the court to hold the City in contempt for violating the order. Before a trial on that motion, the City agreed to be bound by an additional injunctive order. The new order clarifies, among other things, that there is no “riot” exception to the court’s injunction and that the order prohibits SPD officers from using less-lethal weapons to re-route protesters and from targeting legal observers, journalists, or medics.

As protesters continue to put their bodies on the line to demand change, the ACLU will continue to protect them and support their calls for the radical transformation of policing in America. The ACLU of Washington is committed to using all of the tools available to us — from legislative advocacy and litigation to public education and Know-Your-Rights training — to ensure that all of our government systems reflect unequivocally that Black lives matter.

These are active, ongoing issues. The ACLU of Washington will continue to hold Seattle police accountable for silencing critics with violence. See the latest at aclu-wa.org, on Twitter @ACLU_WA, and Facebook and Instagram @acluwa

HOW LIFE AND LONG SENTENCES FUEL MASS INCARCERATION

IN WASHINGTON

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Issue Spotlight: Education Equity

School Safety

by Kendrick Washington II,
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Since the 2018 school shooting in Parkland, Florida, states and school districts have spent over a billion dollars on police in schools, commonly known as Community Resource Officers (CROs). There are two things to glean from this massive expenditure of resources: 1) States and school districts are willing to spend whatever it takes to provide for the safety and education of their students; and 2) States and school districts have spent a billion dollars on safety measures that aren’t making their students safer. Washington is no exception, 84 of the 100 largest school districts maintain a police presence and at least one school district spends over two million dollars annually on CROs.

CROs do not necessarily make schools safer. It is a tough and jagged pill to swallow when you consider the myriad ways that the money could have been used to enhance the educational experiences of students. While CROs roaming the halls of your local school might seem like a recipe for safety and good student discipline, the truth is that there is no empirical evidence that demonstrates that CROs make schools safer. One only need look at Columbine and Parkland, both staffed with armed police on the day of their respective tragedies. What the evidence does show is that the presence of CROs leads to increased arrest rates and higher rates of “exclusionary discipline” (any instance in which a child is removed from a classroom) leading to more students being suspended and expelled. The evidence also shows that students are not any more criminal than they were 20 years ago, but that the increased presence of CROs has led to the criminalization of typical youth behaviors. The ACLU found that over the last 20 years more than

800 students have been arrested for the notoriously vague and ambiguous offense of “disturbing school.” When you consider the added harm of incarceration and the fact that students who are arrested are six-to-eight times more likely to drop out of school than their non-arrested peers, it is fairly easy to see CROs are not creating a safe or inclusive environment.

The road to school safety is not complicated or unobtainable, nor does it involve punitive, law enforcement-style discipline and punishment. Research has shown for more than a decade that school counselors, therapists, and nurses are integral in promoting a positive school climate that leads to the necessary reductions in violence, bullying, and harassment that parents envision when they contemplate what a safe school looks like. The recommended student-to-counselor ratio is 250-1. Washington lags woefully behind at 482-1. It is time to divest from CROs and invest in a true and proven safety model.

Indigenous Justice

by Crystal Pardue,

ACLU-WA Equal Justice Works Fellow

Broadly speaking, Indigenous Justice work in America supports and strengthens sovereignty for both Native tribes and Native people. Indigenous Justice work utilizes all available methods of advocacy to ensure that Native tribes and Native people are free to engage in their core Indigenous values, unencumbered by unlawful colonial government oversight. Indigenous Justice at the ACLU encompasses grassroots organizing, policy and legislation activism, and full-scale litigation representation in court. Nearly every civil rights issue is an Indigenous Justice issue, especially given the reality that Native American populations are disproportionately arrested and jailed, and routinely subjected to discrimination in schools and in the workplace.

History and context matter at the intersection of Indigenous Justice and education equity. Throughout the American Indian boarding-school era, which lasted from the mid-1800s to 1978, the American federal government and religious institutions sought to assimilate Native children through the creation of hundreds of boarding schools across the country. The Civilization Fund Act of 1819 tasked these boarding schools with encouraging – and sometimes forcing – Native children to abandon their traditional languages, cultures, and practices. Abuse was common in Indian boarding schools, and many students died from severe punishments and malnourishment. This country’s relationship with education and Native populations was deeply troubled from the beginning.

Although the boarding school era is four decades behind us, American schools still struggle with creating culturally affirming environments where Native children can learn and thrive. Year after year, Native students experience disproportionately high rates of school discipline and encounters with on-campus police officers. Native students are often pushed into the “school-to-prison pipeline,” which describes the systemic tendency to funnel children from historically disadvantaged backgrounds out of the classroom and into the carceral state. In addition to discipline and policing, many classroom teachers do not incorporate accurate Native American and tribal history within their curriculum. At worst, some classroom teachers teach Native American history in a non-culturally affirming manner that ostracizes Native children. In the remote learning context, many Native children who live on remote tribal lands lack the necessary internet broadband connection to connect to online academic material.

The ACLU of Washington is committed to addressing these issues and affirming Indigenous Justice in the education equity context. We believe that protecting the educational welfare and success of Native children is central to advancing Indigenous Justice.

Advancing Justice in the Legislature

Every year, the ACLU-WA advocates alongside activists and community partners to pass bills that will protect and extend the civil liberties of all Washingtonians. Here are a few highlights from the 2020 legislative session.

Keeping Courts Open to All

Immigrant rights advocates achieved a momentous victory this session with the passage of the Courts Open to All Act. The ACLU-WA worked with partners including the Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network, Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, OneAmerica, and others to pass legislation that prohibits warrantless civil immigration arrests in and around courthouses. This bill was a major feature of the ACLU's Lobby Day, and we were thrilled to celebrate its passage with our many allies in the fight for free and open access to courts for everyone.

Ensuring Access to Critical Health Care Information

The ACLU-WA co-hosted a series of town halls across the state leading up to the legislative session to highlight the critical importance of preventing health care entities from interfering with the information doctors and nurses can share with their patients about, for example, reproductive health and end of life care. Supporters came together to learn and take action in Spokane, Tacoma, Burien, Vancouver, and Woodinville. Together with the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) Washington, End of Life Washington, Legal Voice, NARAL Pro-Choice Washington, Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawai'i, Cedar River Clinics, and others, we successfully passed a bill that ensures patients get the health care information they need to make informed decisions and access care.

Restoring the Right to Vote in Washington

Activists and organizations pushed hard this session to pass a bill that would automatically restore the right to vote after a person leaves Department of Corrections (DOC) confinement and require DOC staff to provide voter registration forms and written instructions for re-registering. The bill died unexpectedly during debate on the Senate floor, despite strong advocacy from many organizations including Columbia Legal Services, Civil Survival, the Brennan Center for Justice, Win/Win, Urban League of Seattle, Faith Action Network, and more. We will continue the fight against disenfranchisement in 2021.

Putting Consumer Digital Privacy First

We fought and successfully stopped a bill that prioritized the ability of corporations to profit from the use and sale of data over consumers' privacy rights. Local community-led organizations like Black Lives Matter Seattle-King County, the Japanese American Citizens League, and the Council on American-Islamic Relations Washington opposed this bill along with the Washington State Attorney General, consumer advocacy groups, and national privacy organizations. We will continue to work together in 2021 to achieve meaningful and enforceable data privacy protections.



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LOOKING FORWARD

WASHINGTON LEGISLATURE: WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2021

This year has shone a spotlight on the deep roots of institutional racism in our country through the dual crises of COVID-19 and police violence. Washington has not been immune from the racially disparate impacts of these pandemics, and the 2021 legislative session is a critical opportunity for lawmakers to demonstrate much-needed leadership. Lawmakers must work to transform public health and public safety systems to ensure they serve everyone.

The state has recently forecasted a multi-billion-dollar deficit over the next four years, which means programs and services will be cut, and history has established that those systemically deprived of political power repeatedly suffer the consequences. Today, communities are calling for lawmakers to rethink the role of police, the scope of their authority, and how they exercise their power. Communities are also calling for greater investment in programs and services proven to help people thrive — education, housing, youth support services, and health care. Equitable access to health and safety is a prerequisite to equal access to civil liberties and civil rights.

As advocates who defend and promote the expansion of civil liberties and civil rights, especially for historically marginalized communities, the ACLU of Washington is preparing for a demanding session and the novel challenges presented by virtual lobbying while COVID-19 continues to require social distancing to protect public health.

The Power Is with the People

Last fall, the ACLU-WA launched its inaugural Power Up training series with cohorts in Seattle, Spokane, and online. Over many months, activists strengthened their organizing skills through power mapping, stakeholder analysis, campaign strategy, and lawmaker engagement tactics. Activists of all ages and backgrounds showed up week after week to build power and learn how to be effective advocates. We cannot wait to offer this training again soon!

Many of our Power Up participants were able to put their skills to use at our annual Lobby Day. On January 28, 2020, activists representing 23 legislative districts from across the state traveled to Olympia for a day of advocacy training and meetings with their state legislators. Participants received advocacy and messaging training, attended a Senate hearing, and met with lawmakers from their districts. As a result, legislators from Pacific County to Spokane County heard directly from their constituents about legislation that defends and expands civil rights and civil liberties.

Stay tuned for information about upcoming virtual Power Up trainings and our 2021 Lobby Day!



Client and Legal Updates

Black Lives Matter Seattle-King County et al. v. City of Seattle

The ACLU of Washington has joined with the law firm of Perkins Coie and the Korematsu Center of the Seattle University School of Law to file an emergency lawsuit on behalf of Black Lives Matter Seattle-King County and individual plaintiffs to stop the use of chemical agents and projectiles against peaceful protesters by the City of Seattle and the Seattle Police Department (SPD). SPD used tear gas, flash-bang grenades and other less-lethal weapons against protestors this summer, causing injury and stifling free speech. The Department also targeted journalists, legal observers, and medics with crowd control weapons. As a result of the suit, a federal judge issued a preliminary injunction and additional orders prohibiting SPD from indiscriminately using chemical or projectile weapons against crowds; targeting journalists, legal observers, or medics; and declaring a riot to exempt themselves from the prohibition.

Doe et al. v. Trump and Jewish Family Service of Seattle et al. v. Trump et al.

The ACLU of Washington with the law firm Keller Rohrback, L.L.P. settled two consolidated lawsuits challenging the refugee portion of President Trump's series of Executive Orders banning certain populations from entering the United States, also known as the "Muslim Ban." The ban prevented the immediate family members of refugees (known as "follow-to-join" refugees), as well as refugees from 11 countries, from entering the U.S. The government has agreed to prioritize all the refugee cases that were held up by the Executive Orders. Plaintiffs included Jeffrey Doe, a SeaTac airport worker who had been waiting since 2016 to be reunited with his parents and siblings, who are Somali refugees.



Lin v. PeaceHealth et al.

The ACLU of Washington continued its work defending whistleblowers by filing suit on behalf of Dr. Ming Lin, a physician with over 30 years of emergency room experience, who was fired from his position of more than 17 years after exposing inadequate COVID-19-related safety procedures at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Bellingham, WA. Concerned for the health and safety of both staff and patients, Dr. Lin spoke with management at the hospital about protocols regarding the admission of patients and the safety of staff members. When the hospital did not take his concerns seriously, he shared them publicly on social media and with the press. After expressing displeasure with his social media posts, the hospital fired Dr. Lin. The lawsuit, which is still underway, demands the reinstatement of Dr. Lin and sends a message that hospitals must put public health before public relations.

Godsey v. Sawyer

After an ACLU of Washington lawsuit, the federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) agreed to provide Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) to Melissa Godsey, who has opioid use disorder and has been in active recovery with MAT for over two years. The lawsuit challenged BOP's policy of refusing to provide people with opioid use disorder access to MAT, including Suboxone, even though BOP provides other medically necessary medications to inmates. The lawsuit was one of many ACLU suits across the country to improve access to life-saving medical care in federal correctional facilities.



ROBBINS V. SWEDISH HEALTH SERVICES

The ACLU of Washington sued Swedish Health Services on behalf of Ari Robbins, who was wrongfully turned away from Swedish solely because he is transgender. We settled, with Swedish agreeing to take steps to facilitate transgender patient access to necessary and life-saving healthcare services. The settlement agreement requires Swedish to provide easily accessible information about available transgender health services on its website, including contact information for Swedish employees who will serve as a resource for patients to navigate the healthcare system and insurance requirements. The website must include contact information for the Swedish Patient Rights/Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator. The settlement requires that Swedish provide the employees listed with transgender-specific training.

Student Spotlight:

*Katherine Wijenaike-Bogle
on the ACLU Advocacy Institute*

I'm a rising senior at Forest Ridge High School in Bellevue. This summer, I had the incredible experience of participating in the ACLU Summer Advocacy Institute. My path to the Institute came out of a need to do more—to make change. 2020 is a pivotal year for so many reasons, and I wanted to learn and act as much as I could. This year, I've become focused on local politics, working on a state representative's campaign and engaging with my neighbors. I also wanted to look further than just my state. That's what drew me to the Institute. I wanted to hear what grassroots organizing looked like across the country, what legal advocacy sounded like in the Supreme Court, and what fighting for civil rights nationwide felt like. I felt like it was a unique opportunity to learn about changemaking from an organization who's been making change for 100 years.

Coming into the week, I was admittedly apprehensive about attending the institute online. Amidst a pandemic and a civil rights movement unfolding outside, I worried that a week on Zoom wouldn't mean much. As a 17-year-old living in 2020, I struggled with the feeling of powerlessness (as so many of us have). It feels like history is happening outside, but we can't do anything to shape it.

As it turned out, there was no better time to attend the Institute. It ended up being the perfect antidote to the feeling of powerlessness. Right off the bat, we heard from youth leaders like David Hogg, Gema Quetzal, and Gavin Grimm. Immediately, I felt like I knew them; they felt like real people. While obviously giants like John Lewis and Marsha P. Johnson are valuable role models, they leave huge shoes to

fill. As teens, we tend to idealize our heroes. They become larger than life and we convince ourselves that nothing we do could ever match their legacies. Meeting activists our age (one panelist was younger than I am!) helped humanize the face of activism today.

I was just as empowered by my fellow students. During the week, I had the opportunity to meet with my homeroom, a group of about 15 students from all over the U.S.: Florida, California, and Virginia, to name a few. Although we weren't meeting face-to-face, we kept saying how much we wished we could talk in person. I could feel their passion, commitment, and kindness instantly. All of my classmates had the mindset of, "If not now, when?" and "If not me, who?" I was especially inspired by students whose school or city was hostile to change. For some of my classmates, forming a Black Student Union or protesting police force in schools takes real personal sacrifice. Often, the stories my classmates told didn't end in success. Most of the time, their progress wasn't linear.

It turns out my classmates' experience was similar to those of the ACLU's lawyers. One of the most meaningful experiences from the Institute was a panel featuring lawyers from The Fight. We had the huge privilege of hearing from producer Kerry Washington, lawyers Brigitte Amiri and Lee Gelernt, and director Eli B. Despres. Meanwhile, Dale Ho, who was also featured in the film, was back in the courtroom. The Trump administration had renewed its attempt to add citizenship questions to the census, and the ACLU was called in again to defend our civil liberties. Just like the 17-year-old activists in my homeroom, their victories were mixed with defeats. It's such a perfect example of how, after media attention ends and the cameras stop rolling, the fight continues.

On the first day of the Institute, I wrote down a quote from the late John Lewis in my journal:



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—Katherine Wijenaike-Bogle

"Never, ever, be afraid to make noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble." It just seemed like the perfect way to summarize the ethos of the ACLU Summer Advocacy Institute. As I go back to school as a senior and as I get ready to vote for the first time, I feel more ready than ever to get into good trouble.

Vote like your rights
depend on it.

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current election,
your voting rights,
and voting by mail.*

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Out and About: In and Connected

Civics Day

Civics Day, a daylong course on the criminal justice system for high school students in Kent and Renton, is a new core ACLU-WA program. Twyla Carter, former Misdemeanor Practice Director of King County, started the program in 2017 to bring judges, sheriffs and lawyers together to meet with hundreds of senior high school students. The ACLU of Washington took over the program when Twyla joined the National ACLU office as a senior staff attorney.

Civics Day provides critical information on student legal rights through panel discussions with youth navigating the criminal justice system, dialogue with law enforcement and lawyers, and education around the importance of jury duty. In partnership with the Federal Public Defender Office, Vanessa Pai Thompson facilitates the conversations and trainings while ACLU-WA Youth Policy Counsel Kendrick Washington II and Equal Justice Works Fellow Crystal Pardue lead the Know Your Rights with Police segment. Students are encouraged to ask questions and act out scenarios of interactions with police.

We brought this program to over 600 students in person. As schools shift to remote learning, we hope to expand our reach. Civics Day kicks off this month and will be recorded for asynchronous participation in even more schools. This year, we are adding trainings on how demonstrations and riots have been categorized throughout history.

Pride 2020

As people are isolated from friends and family gatherings, it's increasingly important to unify in these uncertain times. We are grateful that Pride celebrations across the state found ways to engage virtually. The ACLU-WA is proud to have supported Seattle Pride, Trans Pride, and Spokane Pride, among others, which brought people together through discussions, virtual "tabling" and film screenings.

One local Pride celebration took a unique approach: We partnered for the first time with volunteer-run Alki Beach Pride, which supported local LGBTQ+ businesses to build unity and create community. Stacy and Jolie Bass-Walden started Alki Beach Pride over 20 years ago as an outlet for LGBTQ+ people to gather at the beach and celebrate. In the past, entertainment included performers, DJs, and dancers. Stacy, undeterred by the pandemic, found a way to bring the community together and the ACLU-WA had the privilege of sponsoring and planning with her.

Alki Beach Pride kicked off with a car parade where people decorated their vehicles and honked their way through West Seattle. People gathered on the sidewalks to cheer them on, banging pots and pans, hollering, and waving. Diners at restaurants left their tables to catch a glimpse of the pure joy rolling down the streets. Local DJ David Newman created a playlist for people to stream so everyone listened to the same music.

Over 17 West Seattle restaurants provided discounts for the celebration. Seven of those were LGBTQ+ and POC-owned, which we had the honor of financially supporting. Businesses proudly hung Pride flags outside to signify that they were offering specials. Celebrators who provided the password "Love Wins" were rewarded with anything from \$2 oysters and \$3 sparkling rosé, \$5 frosé, or all-day happy hour

prices, in addition to swag bags with ACLU-WA and Alki Beach Pride souvenirs and Know Your Rights information. Folks were also entered into a raffle to win prizes from our organizations.

Juneteenth

Commemorating Juneteenth, a holiday to celebrate the day slavery was ended in 1865, we opened tabs at 19 Black-owned businesses around the state. We highlighted them on ACLU-WA social media and encouraged our followers to visit them to receive a discount. We “bought-out” restaurants, coffee shops, a hair supply store, and a flower shop in cities from Vancouver to Bellingham. By mentioning the ACLU, supporters received \$10 off their purchase and a packet of Know Your Rights cards with crucial information on interactions with the police and Immigration and Customs Enforcement, free speech information about demonstrations and protests, and a pocket Bill of Rights. A discount and information about your rights?! What’s not to love?

Flights & Rights

Before we paused our in-person Flights & Rights events due to the pandemic, we hosted many entertaining and informative events. In Spokane and Tri-Cities, we talked about voting rights. We hosted events about Immigration and Customs Enforcement raids and Keep Washington Working in both Ellensburg and Seattle. We held panels on transgender access to health care, community-centric technology policy, and sentencing reform in KEXP’s Community Gathering Space. Since March, we have produced seven virtual Flights & Rights. Thank you to our loyal supporters who continue to watch. You have shown us that even after we are able to gather in person, we should keep hosting digital events for those who cannot join because of distance, work, or family obligations.

We thank our allies and speakers who have joined us on Zoom: *Nick Allen, Columbia Legal Services; DeVitta Briscoe, Collective Justice; Michael Byun, Asian Counseling and Referral Service; Denise Diskin, QLaw Foundation; Sahar Fathi, former ACLU-WA Board Member; Kai Koerber, Societal Reform Corp.; Tana Lin, ACLU-WA Board President; Ebony Miranda, Black Lives Matter Seattle-King County; Gabriel Muñoz, Latino Civic Alliance; Damian Davis NoOneElse, TeamChild; ONotes, KEXP; Brenda Rodriguez, Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network; Abby Scholar, Central Washington Justice for Our Neighbors; Jaelynn Scott, Lavender Rights Project; Sadé Smith, Smith Law, Dismantle; and Elayne Wylie, Gender Justice League.*

UPCOMING ONLINE EVENTS

10/23: ACLU-WA Centennial Celebration

10/26: Last Day to Register to Vote

11/3: Election Day

11/17: ACLU-WA Town Hall on Access to Reproductive Health Services and End of Life Care

11/24: Flights & Rights: Indigenous Youth

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