

# **HUMANIST COMMUNITY**

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### The Fight Isn't Over

Much of what the labor movement has fought for has still not been achieved: a livable minimum wage for all workers, guaranteed sick time and paid family leave for major events and emergencies, medical benefits for all that don't disappear when you lose your job, guaranteed paid vacation, a 40 day workweek and equal pay for equal work.

In additional to the constant pressure to roll back existing gains; changing business conditions like the gig economy, robot assembly lines, and outsourcing jobs to the cheapest location, all present special problems.

"If there is no Struggle, there is no Progress."
- Frederick Douglass

## Guaranteed Workers Rights in the U.S

(in most cases)

Workers not otherwise exempt are entitled to at least the federal minimum wage and overtime pay of one-and-one-half-times the regular rate of pay. Hours for children under 16 are restricted. Jobs deemed too dangerous are forbidden for children under 18.

Workers are entitled to work and a workplace free from recognized, serious hazards. Safety and health conditions in most private industries are regulated by OSHA or OSHA-approved state programs. OSHA also does workplace inspections.

Most labor and public safety laws and many environmental laws mandate whistleblower protections for employees who complain about violations of the law by their employers. Remedies can include job reinstatement and payment of back wages.

Certain persons who serve in the armed forces have a right to reemployment with the employer they were with when they entered service. This includes those called up from the reserves or National Guard.

Employers may use polygraph tests only in very limited circumstances and only with the employee's consent.

Employers of 50 or more employees must give up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave to eligible employees for the birth or adoption of a child or for the serious illness of the employee or a spouse, child or parent.









# **EVENTS**

A Conversation about

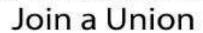
12:30 PM Buffet Lunch

Sex in 2019

Liz Figueroa

# September 2019

Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
I 11:00 AM Sunday Forum Nationalism in the 21st Century video and discussion Led by Carl Angotti  12:30 PM Buffet Lunch	Labour Day	3	4 7:30 PM Freethought Discussion	5 Thursday Video needs a location once a month each A White Wall Will Dol Really!	6	I:00 PM Atheist Abbey Brunch
8   H:00 AM Sunday Forum Energy and the Environment Alex Canarra  12:30 PM Buffet Lunch	9	10	Freethought Discussion Contact Carl for location	12 7:30 PM Academic Video Location Needed	13	BLOW UP Art CreatedWith Airl Bedford Gallery 1601 CiricDr. Walnut Creek 925-295-1417 bedfordgallery.org Humanist Fun Group
15   11:00 AM Sunday Forum Two Heads Better Than One? Arthur Jackson 12:30 PM Buffet Lunch 1:00 Social Action Meeting	6 7:PM Board Meeting Members Welcoma	17 'Sunnyvale Shelter Dinner for Homeless' Led by Humanists Social Action Event Monthly 408-734-2636	18 7:30 PM Inquiring Minds 408-246-3790 Freethought Discussion	19 7:30 PM Academic Video Location Needed	21	2.2
I I:00 AM Sunday Forum Sub-Sahran Africa Humanist Entrepreneur Fund Hank Pellissier 12:30 Festive Arbour Day Lunch	Arbour Day	24	25 7:30 PM Freethought Discussion contact Carl for location	26 6:30 PM Academic Video What Makes a Problem Moral? Medicine and the Vintue of Life Mitchell Park Library Palo Alto	27	AUTUMN POTLUCK AUTUMN POTLUCK AND OCCUPATION at the Pacifica Horne of OCCUPATION M arie Stephens for information contact 600-006-0144 or 600-305-6060
29 11:00 AM Sunday Forum	30			10-0		



Details about many of our events can be found at

Meetup.com. Your RSVP is appreciated for planning

Purposes. www.meetup.com/humanistcommunity