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RECURSOS PARA INMIGRANTES INDOCUMENTADAS (RESOURCES FOR UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS)

REFRIS CON COMIDA GRATIS EN OAKLAND (FRIDGES WITH FREE FOOD IN OAKLAND) [linker.ee/townfridge/]

- E 15th and Fruitvale
- Bartlett and Deering
- Pro Arts Gallery
- 10th and Oak st
- 14th and Peralta
- 16th and West st
- 59th and Marshall
- 32nd and Linden

DESCENSAS DE ALIMENTOS EN SF (FOOD PANTRIES IN SF) [sfmfoodbank.org/find-food/]

Lunes (Monday)
- Bayview Opera House (9am - 1pm)
- Golden Gate Park Senior Center (9am - 1pm)
- SF Ballet (9am - 1pm)
Martes (Tuesday)
- César Chávez Elementary School (9am - 1pm)
- Mission High School (9am - 1pm)
Miércoles (Wednesday)
- James Denman Middle School (9am - 1pm)
- Kezar Stadium (12pm - 4pm)
Jueves (Thursday)
- Bessie Carmichael Elementary (9am - 1pm)
Viernes (Friday)
- Cow Palace (9am - 1pm)
Sábado (Saturday)
- Minnie & Lovie Ward Rec Center (9am - 1pm)
- Oracle Parking Lot (9am - 1pm, Walk up)
Queer and Undocu-Scholarships

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yHL9GWqRth4ABdmryugTvA03YjulNYOqN_R9zip52k/edit
You’re not alone! -Resources for the community
No estás solo! -Recursos para la comunidad

- **MAF Mission Asset Fund**: Their vision is to create a fair financial marketplace for hardworking people. MAF works to make Lending Circles and other loan products and immigration application loans available for community members.
- Su visión es crear un mercado financiero justo para las personas trabajadoras. MAF trabaja para poner a disposición de los miembros de la comunidad Círculos de préstamos y otros productos de préstamos y préstamos de solicitud de inmigración.
  (888)274-4608
  [https://missionassetfund.org](https://missionassetfund.org)

- **Aguilas**: Creates a supportive environment for gay/bisexual Latinos, fostering knowledge and pride of our diversity, and developing programs that promote health, well-being and community building.
  - Crea un ambiente de apoyo para los latinos homosexuales / bisexuales, fomentando el conocimiento y el orgullo de nuestra diversidad, y desarrollando programas que promueven la salud, el bienestar y la construcción de la comunidad.
  (415) 558-8403
  [https://sfaguilas.org](https://sfaguilas.org)

- **UCSF Alliance Health Project**: The mission of the UCSF Alliance Health Project is to support the mental health and wellness of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) and HIV-affected communities in constructing healthy and meaningful lives.
  - La misión del Proyecto de Salud de la Alianza de UCSF es apoyar la salud mental y el bienestar de las comunidades lesbianas, gays, bisexuales, transgénero y queer (LGBTQ) y afectadas por el VIH en la construcción de vidas saludables y significativas
  (415) 476-3902
  [https://alliancehealthproject.ucsf.edu](https://alliancehealthproject.ucsf.edu)

- **Mission Economic Development Agency**: Housing opportunities & workforce development. Focus on helping community members gain financial education, Obtain credit coaching, & Connect to affordable housing options.
  - Oportunidades de vivienda y desarrollo de la fuerza laboral. Concéntrese en ayudar a los miembros de la comunidad a obtener educación financiera, obtener asesoramiento crediticio y conectarse a opciones de vivienda asequible.
  (415)282-3334
  [https://medasf.org/programs/housing-opportunities/](https://medasf.org/programs/housing-opportunities/)

- **SF Department of Public Health**: Offers a full range of specialty Behavioral health services provided by a culturally diverse network of community Behavioral health programs, clinics and private psychiatrists, psychologists, and therapists. Most people seeking behavioral health services need only basic counseling services. For those who are in need of more extensive treatment, the S.F. Behavioral Health Plan offers an array of...
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services in Mandarin, Spanish, Vietnamese.
-Ofrece una gama completa de servicios especializados de salud conductual proporcionados por una red culturalmente diversa de programas comunitarios de salud conductual, clínicas y psiquiatras, psicólogos y terapeutas privados. La mayoría de las personas que buscan servicios de salud del comportamiento solo necesitan servicios básicos de asesoramiento. Para aquellos que necesitan un tratamiento más extenso, el S.F. Behavioral Health Plan ofrece una variedad de servicios en Mandarin, Español, y vietnamita.
(415) 255-3737
https://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/oservices/mentalHealth/CBHS/default.asp

- SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT-
Provides toolkits for distance learning to support children in all grades in Chinese, and Spanish.
-Proporcionando herramientas para el aprendizaje a distancia para apoyar a los niños en todos los grados en Mandarin y Español.
(415) 695-5505
https://www.sfusd.edu/learning/resources-learning/continuity-learning/families

Hotlines
líneas directas

- THE GBT HOTLINE OF SAN FRANCISCO  (415)-355-0999
- TREVOR PROJECT HOTLINE (QUEER YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION)  (866)-488-7386
- THE SAN FRANCISCO RAPID RESPONSE NETWORK HOTLINE (415) 200-1548, SUPPORTS PEOPLE FACED WITH IMMINENT DEPORTATION OR IMMIGRATION ISSUES
- S.F. SUICIDE PREVENTION  (415) 781-0500
- MOBILE CRISIS TEAM  (415) 970-4000
PROGRAMS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE US CITIZENSHIP OR PERMANENT RESIDENCY (GREEN CARD)
Legend: # - ITIN or SSN needed to receive stipend, HS - High School (Age)

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Other Undocu-Friendly Organizations to Check Out:
- East Oakland Dreamers
- Immigrants Rising: Resources
- Immigrant Legal Resource Center
- California Immigrant Youth Justice Alliance
- ACLU: Immigrants Rights
- CARECEN SF: Programs
Zoom Virtual Backgrounds - Click this link to find more designs and download them from google drive!

Need help with setting up Zoom virtual background? - Check out Canva's instructions!
La Masturbación es normal para personas de todo género y edad, aunque estén o no estén sexualmente activos. Incluso tiene beneficios para la salud, como la reducción del estrés.

Todos tenemos deseos sexuales diferentes. Tu propio deseo sexual puede cambiar y ser afectado por muchas cosas como el estrés, los medicamentos, y cambios hormonales. No hay una cantidad de sexo ni de deseo sexual que sea "normal".

El consentimiento:
- Se brinda cuando uno está informado sobre el proceso.
- Es reversible en cualquier momento.
- Es necesario aunque estés dentro de una relación y aunque ya lo hayas hecho antes.
- Se debe libre, sin presión, y sin la influencia de drogas ni el alcohol.

PrEP es una píldora que puede ayudar a reducir el riesgo de contraer VIH.

PEP es una píldora de emergencia que puede reducir el riesgo de VIH si has sido expuesto en los últimos 3 días.

Evita los lubricantes a base de aceite (inclusive aceite para masajes, loción para manos y vaselina) porque pueden hacer que los condones se rompan.

Una prueba de ITS (infecciones transmitidas sexualmente) es recomendable al menos una vez al año, incluso si estás en una relación monógama. Si tienes más de una pareja, deberías hacerte las pruebas antes de tener relaciones sexuales con una pareja nueva.

El uso de lubricante puede reducir el dolor y aumentar el placer sexual.

Los lubricantes de agua y silicona son totalmente seguros para usar con preservativos de látex. Evita los lubricantes a base de aceite (inclusive aceite para masajes, loción para manos y vaselina) porque pueden hacer que los condones

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Hablar del consentimiento sexo, y salud sexual con tu pareja/s es importante! Puede ser divertido y fortalecer la relación.

Algunas ITS (infecciones transmitidas sexualmente), como la clamidia y la gonorrrea, suelen no tener síntomas. Es posible transmitir tener una infección y transmitirla a tus parejas sin saberlo. Por esa razón, siempre es importante hacer las pruebas aunque no tengas síntomas.

Es importante saber el tiempo de incubación de cada ITS. (Cuánto tiempo deberías esperar entre tener relaciones sexuales y hacer las pruebas).

Es normal usar juguetes y también es normal no usarlos. Es posible transmitir ITS si compartes juguetes sexuales. Se recomienda ponerle condones y lavarlos con jabón y agua después de cada uso.
El género no es binario. No tiene que ser el uno o el otro. En muchos casos es ambos y. Un poco de esto, una pizca de aquello. La siguiente imagen introduce el espectro de género y sexualidad.

**Expresión de Género**
Las formas en que presentas tu género y cómo esas presentaciones son interpretadas en base a las normas de género. Incluye factores como tu ropa, peinado, acciones, y tu comportamiento.

**Identidad de Género**
La forma como tú, en tu mente, defines tu género. No es ligada al sexo biológico. Tampoco es necesariamente la forma que expresas tu género.

**Atracción Romántica/Emocional**
Conexión más allá de lo sexual con ciertas personas.

**Atracción Sexual**
El deseo de tener relaciones sexuales de cualquier tipo hacia personas.

**Sexo Asignado al Nacer**
Las características sexuales físicas con las que se nace y se desarrolla, incluyendo los genitales, la forma del cuerpo, el tono de voz, el vello corporal, las hormonas, los cromosomas, y otros factores.

**Recuerda, tienes derecho de ser quien ERES y querer a quien QUIERES.**
Zazu Nova was a black transgender woman at the forefront of the Stonewall riots. She was on Christopher Street when the police raided the Stonewall Inn and fought alongside Marsha P. Johnson and Jackie Hormona; eyewitnesses mention her as one of the people responsible for throwing the first “brick”.

Nova was a sex worker; she self-described as the “Queen of Sex” and held herself like royalty. She was protective of her friends and carried around a heavy chain in her purse for self-defense; once saving her and a friend from getting jumped by five men.

After the riots, she was involved in the Gay Liberation Front and the Street Action Transvestite Revolutionaries, the latter created by Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera. She was also a co-founder of New York Gay Youth.

There is not much information about her online or in writings; most of what is known of her comes from Stonewall: The Riots That Sparked The Gay Revolution by David Carter. The credibility of this account is questionable, as it downplays the role trans women of color had in the riots.

It is important to remember and recognize the role Zazu Nova had for queer liberation.

Picture credit: Zazu Nova, Gay Liberation Front meeting, New York City, c. 1970. Photo by Diana Davies, @nyplpicturecollection
LGBTQ+ THEMES, CHARACTERS, AND AUTHORS
READING LIST

By Natalia Quesada Marshall

All Boys Aren’t Blue by George M. Johnson
Anger is a Gift by Mark Oshiro
Care Work: Dreaming Disability Justice by Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha
Cuéntame! by Juliana Delgado Lopera
Dirty River: A Queer Femme of Color Dreaming Her Way Home by Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha
Disintegrate/Dissociate by Arielle Twist
Fiebre Tropical by Juliana Delgado Lopera
For Black Trans Girls Who Gotta Cuss a Mother F#@%* & Out When Snatching an Edge Ain’t Enough by Dane Figueroa Edidi
Gender Outlaws: The Next Generation by Ryka Aoki
Holy Wild by Gwen Benaway
Like A Love Story by Abdi Nazemian
Long Live the Tribe of Fatherless Girls by T Kira Madden
Mean by Myriam Gurba
No Other World by Rahul Mehta
Not Here by Hieu Minh Nguyen
Quarantine by Rahul Mehta
Quiéreme by Juliana Delgado Lopera
Seasonal Velocities by Ryka Aoki
Soft Science by Franny Choi
Tell Me Again How A Crush Should Feel by Sara Farizan
The Black Flamingo by Dean Atta
This Way to the Sugar by Hieu Minh Nguyen
Train by Danny M. Cohen
What Color Is Your Hoodie? by Jarrett Neal
When the Chant Comes by Kay Ulanaday Barrett
Say Their Names
Resources and Safe Places for Drag Queens, Queer, and/or Undocumented Folx in the Bay Area

- Catholic Charities of The Bay Area provides housing and consults for immigrants, documented or not. They are also LGBTQ+ friendly! https://www.catholiccharitiesssf.org/
- Somos Familia is based in the East Bay, but not limited to all of the Bay Area. They have educational workshops as well as support for Latinx queer youth. Started by two Latina moms it strives for acceptance of all Latinx queer youth in Latinx households. https://www.somosfamiliabay.org/
- El/La Para TransLatinas is an org. in the Bay Area that is for All Latinx, no matter your immigration status. It provides resources against violence, abuse, and illness for Trans Folx. http://ellaparatranslatinas.yolasite.com/mission.php
- Queer Women of Color Media Arts Project is a safe place for all people from different backgrounds distributing artivism and breaking barriers. https://qwocmap.org/

Undocudivas

"UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLE CAN BE DRAG QUEENS TOO" - ANITTA GREENCARD

Dragtivists is a new name that is coming up in the Drag Community. Part of being a dragtivist is fighting for immigrant rights. Undocumented folks are everywhere and in the words of Queen Angelina "Many people don't tell me they are undocumented until I say I am." The rise of undocumented drag queens is recent but not stopping for anyone. They express the importance of having drags of color and make the subculture more inclusive. The fight for immigrant rights and LGBTQ+ acceptance is truly a fight for liberation and although they are fighting many battles they expressed in a show they are "UndocuDivas and proud." Muxes are different from Drag Queens as Muxes is a gender from Southern Mexico, and being a Drag Queen is a form of expression through clothing, makeup, and hairstyles.
"IT WAS VERY HARD GROWING UP NOT SEEING REPRESENTATION FOR QUEER BROWN FOLX"

United We Dream recently held an online event called "UndocuSpotlight: The Drag Show!" To help raise for Immigrant Drag Queens! Many of which were undocumented and the two hosts Sicarya and Anitta Greencard were DACA recipients! All of them tell their stories and perform amazing shows. But in their stories, they talk about self-discovery and being a drag queen of color. Moments and videos like this teach that anyone can be a drag queen and they are the ones who carry the movement. They were in a wig and fabulous! To see the full show on youtube click the link below. Also, if you can tip these fabulous drag queens who are struggling because of Covid-19 there payment information is also provided!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6nypJcjtNg&t=214s

In the question talk, they spoke about their dragtivism and spoke on how they change their community. They also speak about how grateful they all were to live in America despite everything. The Drag family of Undocumented Folx also expresses how many of them sometimes get kicked out of their homes and families for doing what they love, who they love and loving who they are (resources and housing above if this happens to you.) They also talked about not having any undocumented drag queens in the mainstream media. They expressed that the community helps you, but they also need to create their own opportunities, even dancing during Covid-19 from a distance. Other sentiments were that being undocumented has taught them to always adapt, no matter what.
COLORISM: HISTORY AND THE MEANING BEHIND “LA RAZA”

WHAT IS COLORISM?
* Prejudice or discrimination against individuals with a dark skin tone
* Colorism is prevalent through Latinx, Black, Brown, Asian and Indigenous communities and it is synonymous with white supremacy.

WHAT IS “LA RAZA”?
* Translated from Spanish it means “The race”
* Through the years the meaning has mutated but the racist sentiment behind it remains unchanged
* Jose Vasconcelos founded the term

WHERE DOES IT STEM FROM?
* Jose Vasconcelos’ “La Raza Cosmica” / “The Cosmic Race” is a philosophical book where Vasconcelos dissects his idea behind the “ideal race”. He incorporates heavy eugenics and racist stereotypes of Asian, Black and indigenous people.
* EXCERPT: “if we do not wish to be overwhelmed by the wave of the Negro, of the Indian, or of the Asiatic, we shall have to see that [they] are raised to higher standards of life, where reproduction becomes regulated and quality predominates over numbers” (p. 110)

HOW IS IT ANTI-BLACK AND ANTI-INDIGENOUS?
* In “La Raza Cosmica”, Vasconcelos aims to erase blackness completely and “tame” natives.
* In present times, “La Raza” sustains the same sentiment and relates directly to race issues in Latin America. Ex:
  * Black Mexicans weren’t counted in the census until 2020
  * Violence against indigenous communities
  * Complete erasure of BIPOC in Latinx media

A PARALLEL TO AMERICAN WHITE SUPREMACY
* Latin America is extremely racist and colorist, this term is merely the verbal expression of its long history of continuous racism.
* “La Raza” coins whiteness as the most desirable trait
* Socioeconomic disparities between white Latinx and Brown/Black/Indigenous Latinx that stems directly from color inequalities. Reminiscent to American white supremacy

“MEJORAR LA RAZA”
* Mejorar la raza directly translates to “better the race”
* Very common term amongst Latinx families and communities. Especially rampant with white and mestizo Latinx.
* This expression tells individuals to marry white or light skinned individuals so when they have children, the children come out lighter and in that way they “better the race”

WHY WE DON’T HAVE THE RIGHT TO RECLAIM “LA RAZA”
* This is quite simple:
  We know of the “Aryan Race”, an extremely offensive racist term coined from nazis that encourages white blonde blue-eyed people to continue having children with those characteristics.
  Sound familiar? It is relatively similar to the concept of “La Raza”. We wouldn’t reclaim such a heinous term as the “Aryan Race” so why should we attempt to reclaim this one? Most people who use this term are light skinned/white and shouldn’t even be the ones trying to reclaim a phrase that thrives off of the erasure of BIPOC communities.
The Unfortunate Truth: Systematic Oppression of Africa

By William Sahney

Eurocentrism and Americanism

The modern European or White American’s perspective on African culture has been obscured by generations of racist stereotypes developed as political leaders fought over the African slave trade. Many pro-slavery leaders and politicians defended the forced labor and desecration of the African continent and its people. Many racist ideas have since been systematically implemented into our government as 18th and 19th century politicians struggled to keep the institution of the slave trade in place. Although the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade has since been (arguably) eradicated, people of African descent in the United States and Europe still suffer the consequences of these foundational racial theories and forms of oppression to this day. Without active movements fighting to reverse years of taught colorism and racist ideologies, African Americans will continue to face forms of discrimination and oppression in the Americas and in Europe.

Heritage: A Poem about Identity

“What is Africa to me?
One three centuries removed
from the lands my fathers loved.
Spicy grove, cinnamon tree, what is africa to me?
All day long, and all night too,
only one thing must I do.
Cool my pride and quench my blood;
Lest they perish in the flood.
Lest a hidden ember set
timber that I thought was wet, burning like the
driest flax,
melting like the merest wax.
Lest the Grave
restore it’s dead.
Not yet, in the
In my heart or head realized
that they and I are civilized.

-Countee Cullen

Colonialism and the Scramble for Africa

The Scramble for Africa was the division of the continent for the occupation and development of European colonies. The Partition of Africa began soon after the Berlin Conference of 1884, where various European nations determined how they would split up the African continent in order to avoid war between the imperial empires of Europe. From 1885 to 1914, European occupation of Africa increased from 10% to nearly 90%. Ethiopia and Somalia are the only two African countries that have not been fully colonized by a foreign power. The impact of the slave trade in Africa directly resulted in the Scramble for Africa, but also evidently resulted in underdevelopment and depopulation within affected countries.

Teaching Racism and Colorism

Edward Long is one example of one of the many white men that helped normalize colorism. During the 18th century, Long wrote books claiming Africans were subhuman, and disregarded the continent as “monstrous in nature”. Many people at the time trusted Long, as he had spent years living in the caribbean. Now, theories that Black peoples are genetically or mentally inferior compared to those of European descent have been proven to be completely irrational. However, the fundamental racist ideologies remain.

Black Lives Matter!
The modern movements aims to reverse years of systematic oppression. Join the fight! Only united can we end systematic colorism!
Hi! My name is Robin and I'm a queer Asian non-binary individual. As one of the founders of the newly formed GSA at my Catholic high school, I hope to help queer, trans, and questioning students in order to form a safer and more accepting community. For my first piece, I wanted to focus on Whom because I barely ever see artwork with Whom. Whom face a lot of erasure and they still don't get proper representation in the media which is why I wanted to create this piece. This year, 26 transgender and gender non-conforming individuals were murdered. This inspired me to create a second piece to honor all the lives that were taken too soon. I drew the power fist because many of the victims were BIPOC. Trans and gender non-conforming BIPOC are disproportionately affected by racial and transphobic violence. Without BIPOC, the LGBTQ+ community wouldn't be where we are at currently. Queer and trans BIPOC paved the way for a safer and more accepting world for future generations of LGBTQ+ ppl which is why I wanted this piece to be a reminder that as members and allies of the LGBTQ+ community, we must stand in solidarity with the BIPOC trans community. Through my art and activism, I want to spark more dialogue about the LGBTQ+ community in order to educate others and create a safer world for future generations of queer people.
My nectared lips turned me from pillar to fly.  
I transformed myself into a butterfly.  
I have gold in my chest, which contains no hate to the border  
even when it turns my life into disorder.

A day I'll never forget,  
my blood bonds were really upset.  
"How can you be so calm"  
who would've thought I'd leave that day?  
Even myself never thought I'd be this far away.

Weeping and tears were falling,  
which made us realize; this moment was impressing.  
How can someone cry for a blessing?  
I guess it was a way of processing.

I just wanted to fly.  
That's why I went through a lot.  
I flew through Guatemala, and Mexico to get a close look at the 50 stars.  
Never thought they will give me scars.

My mind is an ocean made of flashbacks.  
God! When will you send me back  
to the place that gave me birth.  
San Vicente, El Salvador, a special place on this earth.

Three years have passed.  
Now, this moment stays in my past.  
My heart overflows of gratitude for America.  
Yet, I wish I could see my grandma in more than just a camera.

Anxiety feeds me every day.  
I just feel betrayed.  
Working hard is not enough  
And becoming “legal” is rough.

One day this will change.  
Natives Americans and Immigrants will be in the same range.  
Until then, we must just wait and help this nation,  
so it keeps on its function.

- Marielos Carmona
Crystal Castañeda
(she/her)

My name is Crystal and I’m a Brown Queer First generation student at SFSU. I was born and raised in Watsonville, CA. I’m a pisces sun, and taurus rising/moon. In this project, I wanted to share on Queer Ecology and environmental racism. I want to thank my mentors at Hummingbird Farm, Alondra and Xochitl for introducing/teaching me about Queer Ecology. I also want to thank Freddie and Adrienne for teaching me about gender and sexuality.

Queer Ecology: A set of practices that focus on challenging the view of nature, biology and sexuality. It disrupts the binary code of heterosexual norms in nature, drawn from different perspectives. It rejects the idea of human superiority and values living organisms as equal (Isaias Hernandez).

Environmental Racism/Justice

When Looking at historical environmental events we must remember that Queer Trans Black, Indigenous and People of Color have been frontline communities to environmental injustices.

~Example: Studies show Farmworkers are among those at highest risk for Covid-19
~Three quarters of agriculture workers, their families or neighbors in the Pajaro Valley suffer from extreme heat conditions at the workplace (2020 Farmer Survey Analysis done by CSUMB Environmental Studies)
~Monterey County farmworkers are three times more likely to catch COVID-19 than workers in any other industry, a report out of the California Institute for Rural Studies (CIRS) found.

Queer Ecology deconstructs these notions of gender within the plants and insects and sees how nature as free-flowing and does not attach itself to an identity. We look into how nature is connected and interrelated with our bodies. The next time you see nature, I hope you can incorporate concepts of queer ecology and how to see that heteronormativity is rooted in how we view and operate with nature.

“Ladybugs making Love.” Taken at Hummingbird Farm

When lookin at these ladybugs I thought they were engaging in reproduction. Xochitl then said, What if they actually doing it for pleasure? It has never occurred to me that ladybugs might be experiencing pleasure rather than engaging in a sexual act related reproduction.

Watsonville fields. Taken by Carlos Campos

“Beautiful pollinator” Taken at Hummingbird Farm
Help Farmworkers by Donating:

**Campesinex womb care Project:** Womb care kits for farmworker women in Watsonville, CA
Paypal: campesinxwombcare@gmail.com
Venmo: Xirenita-arts1 or Maria-Ramos-130

**Campesino Appreciation Caravan:** Visits farms to show farmworkers they’re gratitude while delivering Covid-19 information. Donations will help buy cleaning products they’ve identified as necessary to keep themselves safe during this pandemic.

**UndocuFund Monterey Bay:** a collaborative effort to assist Monterey Bay Area undocumented immigrant workers impacted by COVID-19. The fund will help individuals and families one-time emergency assistance in this time of crisis.

**Guerilla Gardening 831:** Based in Salinas, folks are raising money to provide food and pain aids to farmworkers. Also aim to show appreciation by distributing a hot meal during their day at work.

Other Resources for Undocumented Folks

**UndocuMentor:** An IG page that creates a space to build community through storytelling and resources.

**UndocuHealing SF:** A space where people can collectively heal and provide emotional support.

Black, Indigenous and POC
Environmental Groups to Support:

**Amah Mutsun Land Trust:** Their mission is to conserve and restore indigenous cultural and natural resources within the traditional territories of indigenous Mutsun and Awaswas peoples.

**Pajaro Valley Climate Action:** Works with community partners to empower everyone the Pajaro Valley to respond locally to the global challenge of a changing climate.

**Protect Juristac:** Juristac lies at the heart of the ancestral lands of Amah Mutsun Tribal near Gilroy California.

**FoodWhat?!** Supporting youth well-being, liberation and empowerment through relationship with food, land and each other.

**Bayview Farm:** Organic farm led by Black Folks in Bayview-Hunters Point, a neighborhood that has long struggled with food scarcity and environmental racism.

**Hummingbird Farm SF:** A food justice and young adult leadership program aimed at bettering the environment, economic and health conditions experienced by working families in Southeast neighborhoods in San Francisco.

**Sogorea Te’ Land Trust:** An urban indigenous women-led land trust based in the San Francisco Bay Area that facilities the return of indigenous land to indigenous people.