Racial Justice Group Notes – 4/17/21

Many of us are inspired to take action in the community and are looking for ideas. Here's what people shared at our last meeting:

- 2021 Othering & Belonging Virtual Summit April 21!

 The summit, hosted by the Othering & Belonging Institute at UC Berkeley, is a space where all will gather to grapple with big questions related to building a bigger "we," honor who and that which we have lost, and where we can strategize for a present and future world where we care for each other and for our living planet.
- Buy anti-racism books from a black-owned bookstore. In its second generation of owners, Marcus Books is a literary and cultural hallmark of Oakland, CA.
- The Good Table (where Adachi used to be in El Sobrante) is a multi-cultural café, spiritual community and organic plant nursery operated by Planting Justice and Mira Vista United Church of Christ. They just received their building permit to begin renovation and they welcome support for to their Saturday work days, 12-3 PM (gardening, trash pickup and other projects.) 5166 Sobrante Avenue, El Sobrante, CA.
- **Voting Rights: Check out <u>Reclaim Our Vote</u>**, empowering under-represented voters to fully participate in elections. Also, support the <u>John Lewis Voting Rights Act.</u>
- Alternatives to policing in Oakland. The <u>Anti Police-Terror Project</u> is a Black-led, multi-racial, intergenerational coalition that seeks to build a replicate and sustainable model to eradicate police terror in communities of color.
- Support <u>Diana Bechton</u>, Contra Costa County District Attorney. "She brings a new, progressive vision to meet the challenges we face in our criminal justice system."
 She is the first woman and first person of color to serve as DA and is running for reelection.
- Restructure your group or workplace: <u>Decolonize Design</u> is a global community
 development organization that delivers effective alternatives to the DEI (diversity,
 equity and inclusion) status quo, centering African and other indigenous approaches.
- Read Transformative Justice practitioner Mia Mingus's blog: Leaving Evidence
- Contact Nancy Burke, a longtime activist and a wealth of information. She
 welcomes you to contact her for info about how to take action with the Voting
 Rights Bill, police unions, and accompanying BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and people of
 color) for errands. nlburke@sbcglobal.net 510-932-9267