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Above: ED Jessica Lehman speaks to a reporter at rally against PG&E power shut-offs.

Above: Member Joyce Calagos leading chants at a Mad Mob rally

Right: Action to shut down PG&E headquarters

Below: Cora McCoy reading list of campaigns at a General Meeting



Left: Members and staff at Disability and Aging Capitol Action Day



Special New Year's Issue 2020

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Community Organizing at SDA

SDA is building a movement of seniors and people with disabilities. We are working hard to bring in more members and win major change in San Francisco and beyond! Our members, in coordination with board and staff, voted to make **Mental Health** and **Deeply Affordable Housing** our two Advocacy Agenda issues for 2020. These were last year's issues as well — we made real progress and we have much more to do. Next we need to decide what campaigns we will run on these issues.

- **Mad Mob**, an SDA group of people with mental health conditions, launched with a rally outside the Department of Public Health in January. They want more community mental health services, community NOT police response to mental health crisis, and housing for disabled people. Come to the next meeting: February 14! Contact Raia at raia@sdaction.org or 415-546-1333 ext. 308 for more info.
- Following 2019's victories on Prop A (the Affordable Housing Bond) and Senior Operating Subsidies, SDA needs to work for the money to be used and for deeply affordable housing funding to be expanded. We also must keep SROs from raising rents and kicking out low-income residents or bringing in tourists. To get involved, contact Freddy at freddy@sdaction.org or 415-546-1333 ext. 305.

Other exciting projects...

HAT Campaign for Wheelchair Repair and Battery Replacement

Many San Francisco wheelchair users can't afford to get repairs or replace wheelchair batteries and thus get trapped at home. Our goal is to require city leaders to fund a facility and a mobile unit for repair and battery replacement services for manual and electric wheelchair users.

Come to our meetings and learn more. For more info contact Ligia Montano at ligia@sdaction.org or (415) 546-1333 ext. 302.



Gimme Shelter

It's hard for seniors and disabled people to wait for the bus if there is no seat or shelter from rain or wind – so people stay isolated at home or hurt themselves trying to wait. SDA's Transit Justice Group is pushing the MTA to add bus shelters and we need your help. Contact Pi Ra at srira@sdaction.org or 415-546-1333 x303 to join.

Census Outreach (Job Opportunities!)

The 2020 Census must ensure that seniors and people with disabilities are counted to protect social service programs that we need. SDA is hiring Peer Outreach Specialists who speak Cantonese, Mandarin, Spanish, and other languages. We need everyone to fill out the census and to educate your friends, family and neighbors about it. Contact Bruce to get involved: census@sdaction.org, 415-546-1333.

2019 in Pictures



Clockwise from top left: Betty Traynor, SDA Board President, speaks on City Hall steps, Mad Mob delivers a letter to the Department of Public Health director, Fat and Disabled rally to Close the Camps, SDA members at Budget Justice rally, disability contingent at Reclaim MLK Day march.

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An informational
workshop on
engaging seniors
and people with
disabilities for the
2020 Census

Let's work together to make sure seniors and people with disability get counted in the 2020 Census. This workshop is for groups that work directly with seniors and people with disabilities

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2020, 2:00 TO 4:00 PM BORN AUDITORIUM, 170 Otis Street, SF

Fill out this short form and RSVP here: bit.ly/feb14census

For more information and accessibility requests, contact: valerie.j.coleman@sfgov.org, or at 415.355.3681

Sponsored by the SF Department of Disability and Aging Services, Senior and Disability Action, and the U.S. Census

February 2020 Membership Drive

The entire month of February, SDA is doing a membership drive! And we get an extra day of February this year, too. In March, we'll celebrate all our members new and old with an appreciation!

What is a membership drive?

A membership drive is a push to get more seniors and people with disabilities involved in our work and fully joined as members! Staff and current members will be making a focused effort to reach out to more people that either haven't heard of SDA or just haven't yet gotten involved in SDA.

Why is SDA doing a membership drive?

As part of a member-led organization, we all grow stronger the more members we have. A bigger membership leads to more collective power, broader perspective, and bigger victories. Member dues and member time – your stake in SDA – give us more time to spend fighting for our rights.

How can I participate?

All it takes is sitting down with your friends and neighbors and telling them why you're involved with SDA – and then listening to hear what they think is important. Or, you could do outreach and talk to new people.

Many people get involved because they care about one of our key issues: housing, healthcare, mental health, transit justice. Or perhaps they just want to attend general meetings to learn and be a part of the community. Maybe they want to take their learning a step further and come to a Senior and Disability Survival School to learn about their rights and the system of services in the city. Maybe they're eager to learn community organizing skills at the next Senior and Disability University. Others want to give back to the community as a Peer Advocate. Whatever people are looking to do, there's probably a home for them as an SDA member.

How many new members should I aim to recruit?

You know yourself - set your own goal. If everyone recruits just one person, we double the number of members!

If you ...

... want to help with the membership drive but aren't sure how, give us a call!

... know people you want to introduce to us, give us a call!

... think you don't know anyone who could join SDA, come do outreach with us!

Give us a call at 415-546-1333 and get involved with growing SDA's base!

Community Calendar: Feb/March 2020

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME & PLACE	MORE INFO?
Mon-Fri	Computer Open Lab and Beginning Computer Classes	Tues and Thurs: 10:00 – 1:00 Weds and Fri: 10:00– 4	Pi Ra 415-546-2096
2nd & 4th Fridays February 14 & 28, March 13 and 27	Mad Mob Meeting	2-3:30pm 1360 Mission Street #400	Raia Small 415-546-1333 x308
1st Thursday February 6th/ March 5th	IHSS Task Force Meeting	10:30 AM 1360 Mission Street #400	Jessica Lehman 415-546-1333 x301
1st Thursday February 6th and March 5th	SDA Board Meeting	4:00-6:00 PM 1360 Mission Street #400	Jessica Lehman 415-546-1333 x301
2nd Thursday February 13th and March 12th	SDA General Meeting	10 AM - 12 PM, doors open at 9 Unitarian Universalist Church 1187 Franklin @ Geary	SDA 415-546-1333
2nd Thursday February 13th and March 12th	CARA meeting	1-2:30 PM ILWU Building 1188 Franklin St. #4 @Geary	Jodi Reid 415-550-0828
2nd Tuesday February 11th and March 10th	HealthCare Action Team (HAT)	11:00-1:00 PM ILRC 825 Howard St.	Ligia Montano 415-546-1333 x302
3rd Wednesday February 19th and March 18th	SDA Housing Collaborative	1-3 PM 1360 Mission Street, 4th Floor	Freddy Martin 415-546-1333 x305
3rd Friday February 14th and March 13th	Mayor's Disability Council	1-4 PM City Hall Room 400	Mayor's Office on Disability 415-554-6789

Upcoming SDA Empowerment Classes:

Senior and Disability Survival School

MLK Marcus Garvey Apartments 1680 Eddy Street
Wednesdays February 19th, 26th, March 4, March 11. Contact Dasom to register at (415) 546-1333 x306 or dasom@sdaction.org

Safe Streets Community Training

Join us to build a campaign for safe streets for seniors and people with disabilities.
Bethany Center 580 Capp St.
Tuesdays March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31. All at 1 PM
Contact Pi for more information about the classes at (415) 546-1333 x303 or sri-ra@sdaction.org

Senior and Disability University

We will focus our next community organizing training on Healthcare. Please contact Ligia to get on the list for the class at (415) 546-1333 x302 or ligia@sdaction.org

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We would like to hear from you! Send comments to info@sdaction.org or call (415) 546-1333.

Reminder: Membership renewals for all SDA members are due at the beginning of each year. Please send or bring in as soon as possible!

Become a Member of Senior and Disability Action!!

Dues are \$20/year *OR* according to your means. Pay more or less as you are able.

Name: _____ Renewal

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Home Work

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Email: _____

Interests: Housing Healthcare Long-term care & supports

Community education Computer training Pedestrian safety & transit Other:

How would you like to receive newsletters & postcards? Email Postal mail

Please send dues to: SDA, 1360 Mission St. #400, San Francisco CA 94103