

Events & Announcements

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Mothers for Police Accountability

Keynote Speaker Attorney Craig Sims talks with a member of the audience before speaking at the 6th Annual Mothers for Police Accountability Justice Breakfast. Mr. Sims, a former Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, who currently works for The law firm of Bergman, Draper Ladenburg, told a story about his son overcoming disappointment and how his son's example made him reflect on how to work toward justice. Mothers for Police Accountability has fought to eliminate police violence for 26 years.

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collaborative effort between Worksystems, Clackamas Workforce Partnership, Workforce Southwest Washington, the five biggest health care organizations in the Pacific Northwest and labor groups, to prepare local workers for health care jobs.

The NW Promise partnership is designed to directly respond to the high demand for a diverse pool of health care workers and delivery of culturally competent care for patients in Oregon and southwest Washington. The funding will allow for health care career education and training for more than 800 people of color, immigrants and people with disabilities.

Andrew McGough, Executive Director of Worksystems Inc., said the grant award will help NW Promise open more opportunities to workers in Oregon.

Seattle News Briefs**Seattle King County NAACP Hosts Election of Officers Monday**

Between 4 and 8 p.m. Nov. 28, the Seattle King County NAACP will hold an election at their office on 715 23rd Ave. S. All members in good standing of the Seattle King County NAACP who have been members at least 30 days prior to the election are encouraged to attend and vote on officers and at large members of the Executive Committee.

Members should check-in by the door near the parking lot. Please bring valid identification and your membership card with you; after you've been confirmed as a member, you will receive a ballot so that you can cast your vote. DeCharlene Williams is the Chair of the Election Supervisory Committee.

Uptegrove Introduces Ordinance to Prevent County Use of Private Prisons

Metropolitan King County Councilmember Dave Uptegrove today introduced legislation that would prohibit the County from entering in any contracts with private prison companies to house adult or juvenile detainees.

Private facilities have dubious records when it comes to safety.

A 2016 report by the U.S. Department of Justice found that contract prisons had a higher rate of safety and security incidents, including a higher rate of assaults on both staff and inmates.

Earlier this year, the U.S. Department of Justice committed to limit the practice of contracting with non-governmental organizations, though it is unclear whether President-Elect Trump will honor that commitment.

He has previously expressed support for the use of private detention centers.

King County does not currently contract with non-governmental detention facilities, but there is nothing in existing policy that would prevent it in the future.

This ordinance ensures that the current practice of incarcerating inmates at county facilities continues. Other jurisdictions, including the State of Washington and the federal government, contract with private prison companies as a way to alleviate overcrowding.

In 2000, the County Council recognized that increases in criminal justice expenditures were outpacing the county's ability to pay for these increases. Over the last several years, leaders in the King County criminal justice system have engaged in an intensive effort to reduce the use of secure detention through offering alternatives to incarceration where appropriate and programs that lower the likelihood an inmate will re-offend.

As a result of these actions, King County is able to meet the current and projected detention needs.

Office for Civil Rights Invites Public Comments on Housing Ordinance Through Dec. 2

The Seattle Office for Civil Rights (SOCR) has proposed Administrative Rules for the new source of income protections that amended the City of Seattle's Open Housing Ordinance (SMC 14.08, CB118755). Members of the public have until 5 p.m. on Dec. 2 to comment on the proposed Rules.

The Rules provide guidance regarding several provisions of the ordinance, including:

- Alternative source of income;
- Short term subsidies; and
- First-in-time provision.

Please send comments to rulecomment@seattle.gov or in writing by December 2 to:

Seattle Office for Civil Rights
810 Third Ave., Suite 750
Seattle, WA 98104-1627

Attn: Source of Income Protections Rule Comment

The full text of the rules is available at <http://www.seattle.gov/civilrights/civil-rights/fair-housing/source-of-income-protection-ordinance>.

For more information, please call 206-684-4514. This information is available in other formats on request for people with disabilities.

Language assistance services also are available on request.

Jose Antonio Vargas to Speak at Seattle Human Rights Day

To honor Human Rights Day Dec. 8, the Seattle Office for Civil Rights, the Seattle Human Rights Com-

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games. All are invited to attend. Noon - 5 p.m., Alajawan Brown Foundation, 7800 S. 132nd St. Secondary Learning Center.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

HOLIDAY STAR LIGHTING CEREMONY: The Macy's Holiday Star celebrates its diamond anniversary! The star lighting happens in conjunction with the annual lighting of Westlake Center's tree and the Downtown Seattle Assoc. carousel at Westlake Park beginning at 5 p.m. Also included is a firework display (weather permitting). 5 p.m. - 6 p.m., Westlake Plaza, 4th & Pine.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

BLACK ARTS LOVE MIZER AND MARKETPLACE (The Holiday Edition): Join us for a fun & free community event celebrating African American arts and culture just in time for the holidays. Free admission! Noon - 5 p.m., Franklin High School, 3013 S. Mount Baker Rd.

SANTA BREAKFAST: Enjoy pancakes, eggs, bacon or sausage, juice, coffee or tea. Visit with Santa. Every child receives a candy cane, raffle of wreaths and other gift items. Please bring a can of food to donate. Tickets adults \$6, children \$4, children under 12 eat free! 8 a.m. - noon, Port Orchard Marina Park, 707 Sidney Pkwy, Port Orchard.

SATURDAY MOVIE MATINEE: "HUGO." Come and join us for an afternoon showing of "Hugo." Please come early to make sure you get a great seat! This is a free library event. The library will provide all the popcorn! 2 p.m. - 4:05 p.m., Magnolia Branch Library, meeting room, 2801 34th Ave. W.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

PROVIDENCE O' CHRISTMAS TREES & CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL: Spend the evening wrapped in holiday spirit at the FREE Christmas Carnival. Enjoy pictures with Santa, kid's carnival games, exciting live entertainment, refreshments and more. 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., The Westin Seattle, 1900 5th and Stewart St.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

HOLIDAY ON THE BAYAT PORT OF EVERETT: The festive day includes Toys for Tots Toy Dive, family holiday photo opportunities, holiday music & movies, City of Everett Fire Truck rides, hot cocoa, tree lighting and of course Santa will be there! Noon - 6:30 p.m., Waterfront Place of Everett, 503 13th St. (Boxcar Park), Everett.

OLD TOWN TREE LIGHTING & SANTA VISIT: Celebrate the holidays at Tacoma's Birthplace. Refreshments and photos with Santa provided while supplies last. Please bring a donation of non-perishable foods for St. Leo Food Connection. 1 p.m., Job Carr Cabin Museum, 2350 N. 30th St., Tacoma.

mission and our Human Rights Day planning partners, invite the public to join them for an evening celebration featuring guest speaker, Pulitzer-prize winner Jose Antonio Vargas.

The celebration will take place from 7 to 10 p.m. Dec. 8 at Seattle First Baptist Church, 1111 Harvard Ave. Organizers will also pay special tribute to the Four Amigos and deliver Human Rights Awards celebrating Seattle's exceptional leaders.

This year's theme is "embracing the present through honoring the past, and carrying the torch to the future." The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided.

Vargas is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and filmmaker whose work centers on the changing American identity. He is the founder of Define American, a non-profit media and culture organization that seeks to elevate the conversation around immigration and citizenship in America.

Vargas takes audiences deeper into his story, sharing details of his journey to America from the Philippines as a child; his journey through America as an immigration reform activist; and his journey inward as he re-connects with his mother, whom he hadn't seen in person in over 20 years. With anecdotes from both his own story and the struggles of countless other undocumented immigrants in America, Vargas poignantly explores one of the most divisive questions facing the country today: how do you define "American"?

This event is accessible; ASL interpretation provided. To request an accommodation for a disability: (206) 684-4540 or marta.idowu@seattle.gov.