



Join us via Zoom on May 18, 2021 from 1 to 3 pm, 2021 with an SF Gray Panthers update on labor organizing and its implications!

There's been an upsurge in labor organizing in the United States.

What's going on nationally and locally?

Why should we care? How does labor organizing relate to other issues we care about? For example:

- What are the implications of the Pro Act and the the American Jobs Act for home health workers?
(More information: <http://bit.ly/GP-notes>)
- And what can the SF Gray Panthers do to support SF and US labor organizing?

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Speakers:

1) Fred Glass on national trends in labor organizing and the Pro Act!

Fred Glass was the communications director for the [California Federation of Teachers](#) for nearly thirty years before retiring in 2017. During that same period he taught labor history at City College of San Francisco, where he is a member of AFT Local 2121. He wrote and directed [Golden Lands, Working Hands](#), a ten-part video series on the history of the California labor movement, which premiered on KQED and was shown on most public television stations in California. His book, [From Mission to Microchip: A History of the California Labor Movement](#), was published by the University of California Press in 2016. A short animated cartoon he wrote and directed, with the voice of Ed Asner and animation by Mike Konopacki, [Tax the Rich: An Animated Fairy Tale](#), received a million YouTube views in 2012 and was the subject of unhappy Fox News commentary. His most recent video is [One Voice: A Century of San Francisco Education Unionism](#). Fred is a member of East Bay DSA.

2) Max Turner on labor organizing going on right now in San Francisco!

Max Turner began his work with labor organizing as a higher education worker-organizer, first as a UAW 4121 steward in Seattle, WA and then as an organizer with University of Washington Postdocs United. He joined DSA in 2017 and now continues organizing as a higher ed worker in the Bay Area and as the co-chair of DSA-SF's Labor Organizing Committee (LOC). DSA-SF's LOC is committed to advancing left wing, rank-and-file worker organizing in San Francisco, and to bringing trade unionists into the movement for socialism. Over the past several years, LOC has worked closely with ILWU Local 6 to organize workers at Anchor Brewing, Tartine Bakery, and most recently, Dandelion Chocolate.

3) Poetry from SF Gray Panther Alice Rogoff!

Alice Elizabeth Rogoff belongs to the Pacific Media Workers Freelance Unit of the Communications Workers of America. She is the author of three poetry books that have sections on labor: Mural, Barge Wood, and Painting the Cat's Vision. A section of a poetry project on women labor organizers in San Francisco that was funded by the San Francisco Arts Commission is in the anthology Giving Voice by the LaborFest Writers Group. Her poems are frequently published in The Blue Collar Review. She was formerly the National Internal Organizer for the National Writers Union and is a Delegate to the San Francisco Labor Council for the Coalition of Labor Union Women and the local chapter's treasurer. She received a Certificate in Labor Studies from San Francisco City College as well as Master Degrees from San Francisco State in Creative Writing and Drama. She is a member of the San Francisco Living Wage Coalition, and former Gary Panther Board Member.

Zoom info:

SF Gray Panthers May Meeting Time: May 18, 2021 01:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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