

**SEIU LOCAL 521
AFRAM Fresno Caucus
ACTIVITY REPORT
April 2016 – June 2016**

AFRAM Fresno kept up meeting monthly meetings, SEJ meetings and Budget & Finance and Executive board meetings for April – June 2016.

AFRAM Fresno has been displaying their new banner in the Unity Hall in Fresno's Local 521 office with a sign out/in when taken from/to the Hall.

AFRAM Fresno and San Jose will be working on attending the Western AFRAM meeting being held in Oakland so that we can continue on building a strong relationship among our brothers and sisters in the Western Region. This will also help develop our Leadership skills by working with our International/National/Western AFRAM for building our membership, Immigration Reform and a fair budget with great health coverage for the USA-wide. Fresno AFRAM is working on fundraising for the rest of the year for community organizations and opportunities for us to attend the National Convention in New Orleans next year, so we can pay for all of dues paid members to go and participate. We also have meeting monthly by teleconference with Western Regional leaders and general members are meeting quarterly (June, September & December). We are in the final review of our Bylaws of 2009 by our Bylaws committee. Once they are finished it will be presented to the leadership and then to the general membership for voting in our WRAAC Bylaws.

AFRAM Fresno wasn't able to physically participate in the NAMI Walk May 21, 2016. We donated \$100. There was the 1.5, 3.5 & 5mile walk at Woodward Park and enjoyed the festivities that followed afterwards.

AFRAM Fresno hosted their 8th Annual Juneteenth on June 4, 2016. A total of 77 attended this event. Our theme this year is continued from last year: Our Ancestors' Politics are Still Our Politics. Our music was provided by DJ Sound (Solomon & Bella Barela). The American Indian Veteran's Association presented the flag salute and Invocation. We had a Face Painter: Ayanna Merez who is part of Art Is Fun; Praise Dancers: Chrystal Hale & Leona Holley; Hostess of Juneteenth: Arvelia Via; our Keynote Speaker: Maureen Moore retired Teacher & Principal of FUSD. We raffled off: 3 \$10 Starbucks gift cards; 4 \$25 Regal Cinema gift card; \$15 Burger King gift card; \$15 Wendy's gift card; \$15 Cold Stone Creamery gift card; \$25 Red Lobster gift card; 2 \$25 Chili's, Macaroni Grill, Maggiano's & On The Border gift cards; we also did a 50/50 raffle. Total tickets purchased for the raffle was \$120 and the winner of the \$60 was Roger Medina. We raffled off 8 puzzles to children by them answering questions about Juneteenth History. Food

provided by Anthony Cox. Dessert: cake, were provided by AFRAM. AFRAM Fresno provided the drinks: Lemonade, Fruit Punch and water; Pretzels, Fruit & Vegetable trays as appetizers.

AFRAM Fresno is working on building relationships with other California Caucuses and other AFRAMs to be developed in California so that we can support one another.

AFRAM Fresno is working on doing road trips to further our awareness and sponsor a positive Community-oriented reputation and also to working on a fundraiser to increase our opportunities to work within our Community.

AFRAM Fresno will be purchasing SEIU materials to use in meetings and events as gifts and to raffle off.