

Hi All,

The Tax the Rich Group agreed that on the first Monday of every month as many of us who are interested will have dinner together. **So after our next Monday rally, which is on March 3, from 4-5, you are all invited to join us for dinner at Cactus, which is a Mexican Restaurant right near where we rally.**

The following **Monday, March 10 is daylight saving time**, which stretches the daylight one hour longer **So beginning on March 10 (two Mondays from now) our rally time will be changed from 5-6pm.**



The main focus now is winning a living wage for working people in Berkeley. We have a very good chance of winning with your help. Until the Berkeley City Council votes, For those who do not have a copy of our leaflet on the issue, information about the proposed ordinance and how to contact members of the City Council is below.

As our leaflet below notes, no matter where you live in Berkeley, please let Mayor Bates know of your support for the living wage ordinance. **And since Council member Capitelli is planning on running for mayor, let him know as well.** Also contact by email or phone your own city Council member. Not least, ask your family members, friends, and anyone else to do the same. You can of course pass this email on to them. If you have any good ideas on how to reach more, please do so.

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Board meeting: 2 p.m., March 12

We ended up selecting Sunday, April 6th for our GP fund raiser.

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ENACT A MINIMUM WAGE THAT IS A LIVING WAGE

*During the 1930s depression President Roosevelt declared "No business which depends for existence on paying less than living wages to its workers has any right to continue in this country".

*Due in part to the considerable increase in low wage jobs, working-age people for the first time now make up the majority in U.S. households that rely on food stamps. The minimum wage would increase purchasing power, which would stimulate the economy and reduce unemployment.

*The Berkeley City Council will be asked to consider a minimum wage proposal that would begin with near \$11 an hour and would continually rise annually to a living wage level. In addition, employees would receive a medical benefit of \$2.22 an hour.

*California's minimum wage will increase to only \$10 an hour in two years. It doesn't even include a cost of living adjustment each year.

***Landlords who own rent controlled apartments in Berkeley receive an annual cost of living adjustment. So why shouldn't working people!**

*Even if the entire cost of the wage increase is passed on to consumers, the impact would be minimal. The cost of grocery shopping would increase on the average to less than \$20 a year.

***It is urgent that you and others support this proposal by contacting Mayor Bates, Councilman Capitelli, who wants to run for mayor, and also your Berkeley City Council representative:**