

## Occupy Torrance Vigil

on the sidewalk in front of Wells Fargo

21323 Hawthorne Boulevard

corner at Village Ct., 1/2 way between Carson St. & Torrance Blvd.

every Wednesday from 4 - 6 PM.

Last week: Attendance increased beyond 65 people last week. Rev. John Morehouse and Julian Burger have made this happen! John Bogert's articles about us in the *Daily Breeze* appeared in hard copy on November 1 and 3 & online as

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Thanks to Reverend John (of the Pacific Unitarian Church) and journalist Tom Rische for encouraging John Bogert to take this issue on.

We set up a little information booth to provide various credit union applications. If you belong to a credit union, staff may provide you with some brochures and applications to hand out at our vigil and elsewhere. A couple of folks in passing traffic parked and took our info!



You can view some of last week's pix online at

<http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=169592083133616&set=a.169592049800286.39877.163582507067907&type=3>

without logging into Facebook. (To see 5 pix, click on Previous or Next above top right corner of the Facebook image linked here.)

This week: For Veterans' Day (Nov. 11), we will add focus on military \$\$ and veterans' issues: Money to military corporations, corporate CEO salaries, no money

for vets, war spending (almost \$1 Trillion/year). Rain considerations: National Weather Service (<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/lox/>) says it should be dry on Wednesday.

Supporting Occupy LA: The website is <http://www.occupylosangeles.org/>. They are requesting supplies and equipment, not money. Current needs are posted at: <http://www.occupylosangeles.org/?q=node/1>. We are talking about collecting donations at our vigil. Our own Rick Matthews has been going to OLA regularly (to help maintain the grounds & pick up trash), and he may be able to ferry stuff there too. Martha Madison and Mary Lou Giesler purchased and brought several hundred \$ of supplies to OLA last week. Maybe we can do some shopping & coordinate delivery.

Ending Money = Speech: If corporations are "persons", then they have the 1st Amendment right of freedom of speech. The Supreme Court equated money and speech, and huge corporations can spend fortunes in controlling our government. Many (most?) of us believe the US Constitution must be amended to take away corporate right of "free speech". Some in the Occupy movement may not agree with this, or they don't want to go through the Constitutional amendment effort. What do you think about this? Move To Amend (<http://movetoamend.org/>; <http://www.facebook.com/Move2Amend>) got the LA City Council to consider a resolution in favor of a Constitutional amendment ending corporate personhood. LA Council votes Wednesday Dec. 7. What should Occupy Torrance do to help? There is a Move To Amend Organizing Meeting and House Party Nov. 9 at 7 pm at 1233 S. Victoria Ave., Los Angeles. Ca. 90019; Pot luck; RSVP Dorothy Reik, [dorothyreik@pdsmm.org](mailto:dorothyreik@pdsmm.org). Maybe a couple of us can attend (leaving the vigil early).

Input: The egalitarian, collaborative spirit of the Occupy Movement is infectious. People's efforts are appreciated. Ideas & suggestions will keep us growing. Our Occupy Torrance Facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/OccupyTorrance>, could facilitate that. At this time there is some trouble with posts from friends (those who Like the page). This is wrong. Elyse Doerflinger who set up our Facebook page ([GenealogistElyse@gmail.com](mailto:GenealogistElyse@gmail.com); <http://www.facebook.com/GenealogistElyse>) and I are trying to get it fixed. Meanwhile, we can use e-mail & this mailing to organize.

In solidarity,

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