

Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the ACLU-NC

Annual Meeting & Don Edwards Award

Saturday Oct. 3rd, 2009 – First Unitarian Church, San Jose

“75 Years of Service in Northern California – A look behind and ahead”

On Saturday October 3, 2009 from 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm at the First Unitarian Church in downtown San Jose, the Santa Clara Valley chapter of the ACLU-Northern California affiliate will hold its **2009 Annual Meeting** and **Don Edwards Award** presentation

Meet Abdi Soltani, the new Executive Director of the Northern California ACLU affiliate. He will highlight his vision of the main issues facing the ACLU as it celebrates 75 years of service to the cause of freedom in Northern California.

Two additional optional “early bird” sessions will lead off the annual meeting at 1:30 p.m. They will feature discussion of *action steps that you can take* to defend local civil liberties in the areas of **Police Practices** and **Immigrants Rights**.

The ACLU-SCV chapter will also be presenting its annual **Don Edwards Awards Civil Liberties Award** to **Leslie Bulbuk**, currently president of BAYMEC, the Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee, in recognition of her ongoing civil liberties work on behalf of Santa Clara Valley’s Lesbian Gay Bisexual & Transgender community.

This will be followed by the election of up to four directors to the ACLU-SCV Board for two year terms, who will join 11 directors completing the first year of two year terms which commenced in the fall of 2008. A brief chapter report will also be presented.

ACLU chapter members interested in being nominated to the Board or volunteering for committees should communicate with one of the Chapter Co-chairs by leaving a message at the ACLU-SCV voicemail line at 408-327-9357.

Join with other members of our Santa Clara Valley ACLU chapter at this annual event.

Hear ACLU-Northern California’s *NEW* Executive Director Abdi Soltani discuss the priority issues and campaigns now underway at our NC ACLU affiliate, the nation’s largest.

Vote for nominees to the Board of Directors, or nominate someone (or yourself!) for the chapter board.

Stick around for a reception following the business meeting, from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. This is a terrific opportunity to renew old friendships or make new ones, and to talk personally with Abdi Soltani, Leslie Bulbuk, and your chapter board members.

We are the local voice and community network for ACLU members who live and work in the Santa Clara County cities of Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Gatos, Milpitas, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, San Jose, Santa Clara, Saratoga, and Sunnyvale California.

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First Unitarian Church, 160 N. Third St., San Jose (across from St. James Park)**

Want to do more?

All meeting sessions are free for ACLU members & guests. Contributions to defray costs of publicity, refreshments, and meeting facilities will be gratefully accepted. Contributions to the SCV chapter are not tax deductible.

Send a contribution to help defray costs of our annual meeting and our other informational programs and tabling events that the chapter undertakes throughout the year.

Donations to the chapter are NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE, as we use a portion of the proceeds for legislative advocacy purposes.

Our chapter operates under the auspices of the ACLU of Northern California, Inc.

Send contributions to:

Santa Clara Valley ACLU

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Thank you!

More about the Don Edwards Award...

Each year, the Santa Clara Valley chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California, Inc. honors a local individual or association whose activism in the past year has most exemplified the ideals of the ACLU's mission to protect, defend, and extend civil rights and civil liberties in one or more of our local Santa Clara Valley communities.

The Don Edwards Civil Liberties Award is named in honor of Congressman Don Edwards, who served the Santa Clara Valley as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1962 through 1995, taking a leadership role in passing every piece of civil rights legislation which came before Congress during that period.

Last year, our chapter honored San Jose's Independent Police Auditor, Barbara Attard, for her active role in support of greater transparency at the San Jose Police Department. Two years ago our award went to Rick Tulsy, lead writer for the *San Jose Mercury News* series "Tainted Trials, Stolen Justice," which documented serious failures in our county's judicial system, including multiple wrongful convictions in Santa Clara County Superior Court.

This year the Hon. U.S. Rep. Mike Honda will be on hand to help present the Don Edwards Civil Liberties Award to Leslie Bulbuk, currently president of BAYMEC, the South Bay LGBT advocacy group.