Fred T. Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution

Building Resilience in the Fight for Racial Justice:
Learning from the Past to Build a Better Future

The Santa Clara County Superior Court Celebrates the Life and Legacy of
Fred T. Korematsu in a Virtual Event Held on Sunday, January 30, 2022

The Santa Clara County Superior Court and Santa Clara University have partnered with community organizations to offer a virtual event on January 30, 2022, which will explore, honor, and celebrate the life and legacy of Fred T. Korematsu.

This online event will offer videos from the community partners, including from the Santa Clara County Superior Court, Santa Clara University, the Korematsu Institute, the Japanese American Museum of San Jose, the Asian Law Alliance, the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), and the Chief Justice of California, Tani Cantil-Sakauye. The event will also feature remarks by acclaimed artist and Senior Lecturer in the Department of Art and Art History at Santa Clara University, Professor Renee Billingslea. Prof. Billingslea’s work can be seen by visiting: http://www.reneebillingslea.com/#/tenjapaneseconcentrationcamp/

The program’s highlight is a live panel moderated by Adena Ishii of the Santa Clara University School of Law and featuring a panel of esteemed guests, including Dr. Karen Korematsu, Executive Director of The Korematsu Institute; Hon. Johnny Gogo, Santa Clara County Superior Court; and Zahra Billoo, Executive Director, CAIR San Francisco Bay Area.

Almost 80 years ago, President Franklin Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, which resulted in the detention, forced removal, and incarceration of approximately 120,000 men, women, and children, because of their Japanese ancestry. Fred Korematsu, a young man from Northern California, fought against that injustice. The U.S. Supreme Court, in a decision that was later acknowledged to be “gravely wrong,” upheld his conviction in 1944; Mr. Korematsu’s renewed legal challenge in the 1980s was a historic milestone in the fight for justice for all Americans, regardless of race or national origin. Join us on January 30, 2022, as we honor his resilience.

Hon. Roberta Hayashi stated, “Fred Korematsu's life-long fight for justice for all Americans continues to inspire all of us who work for justice today. We honor his resilience, the legacy of our Japanese-American elders who survived the injustices of the past, and look forward to hearing from our community about how we can continue to work together for a better future.”


Register to attend this very special event by visiting: https://bit.ly/3Kb3Npo

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Panelists:
- Dr. Karen Korematsu, The Fred T. Korematsu Institute
- Hon. Johnny Gogo, Santa Clara County Superior Court
- Zahra Billoo, Executive Director of CAIR-SFBA

Moderator: Adena Ishii, Santa Clara University, School of Law

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