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## **Everyone Should Be Heard—Celebrate Law Week and AmeriCorps Week with JusticeCorps**

*Judicial Branch and Libraries Serving Local Communities May 2–7*

**WHAT:** The JusticeCorps program, which is part of AmeriCorps, provides Californians with help navigating the court system by recruiting, training, and inspiring college students to serve as assistants in California’s court-based legal access self-help centers. JusticeCorps members help self-represented litigants in matters involving eviction, divorce, child custody, domestic violence, and small claims.

**WHY:** Law Week honors the role of law in our nation; AmeriCorps Week recognizes AmeriCorps’ impact in communities across the country and acknowledges the contributions of its volunteers and community partners. This year’s theme, “Everyone Should Be Heard,” honors one of the fundamental principles of American law—defending the rights of the accused and everyone getting a chance to tell someone their side of the story.

**WHERE:** Selected libraries in Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, and Santa Clara counties.

**WHEN: Monday, May 2 to Saturday, May 7.** For detailed information see master event calendar at [www.courts.ca.gov/xbcr/cc/Master\\_Calendar\\_of\\_All\\_Events\\_4-19.pdf](http://www.courts.ca.gov/xbcr/cc/Master_Calendar_of_All_Events_4-19.pdf).

**WHO:** Public libraries are partnering with the superior courts’ self-help centers, local bar associations, local law libraries, and the Administrative Office of the Courts this year to celebrate Law Week and AmeriCorps Week.

More about JusticeCorps is on the California Courts website at [www.courts.ca.gov/programs-justicecorps.htm](http://www.courts.ca.gov/programs-justicecorps.htm).

More about the California Court and Library Partnership at [www.calegaladvocates.org/libraries](http://www.calegaladvocates.org/libraries)

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