

Richmond-Regla, Cuba Friendship Committee
Summary of Activities Hosted and/or Co-sponsored
June 2016 to July 2017

The Richmond-Regla Friendship Committee (RRFC) was enacted via Resolution 147-99 in September of 1999. The last official visit was in December of 2013. The committee regularly meets on a quarterly basis. When preparing for visits or activities, the committee meets on a monthly or bi-weekly basis.

July 11, 2016, Pastors for Peace Caravan- cosponsored the Richmond rally

November 2016, the committee joined the National Network on Cuba (NNOC) and Chair Barouch attended the annual NNOC Conference in Chicago

January 14, 2017, La Pena Celebration of the Cuban Revolution

February 24, 2017, the RRFC co-sponsored a film showing and discussion of “All Guantánamo Is Ours” at the EastSide Arts Alliance and Cultural Center, Oakland.

March 4, 2017, the RRFC hosted a table at the 10th Annual Sisters in Solidarity event in honor of Women’s Day and Women’s History month.

March 19, 2017, Author and historian Jane Franklin presented her recent updated (2016) book: Cuba and the U.S Empire: A Chronological History. Discussion, Q & A and book signing was held at the Madeline Whittlesey Room, Richmond Public Library.

March 26, 2017, the RRFC participated in Wheelhouse Baseball Academy in Richmond – a sendoff for youth traveling to Cuba. (Rita, Natalia)

April 23, 2017, Pastors for Peace Caravan – Manolo de Los Santos, Dr. Abeeku Ricks, film. The event turnout raised \$781, which is reported to go towards the Caravan and IFCO scholarship program for doctors. 145 doctors from the U.S have gone through the program.

May 21, 2017, Helped to publicize the Craving Cuba event.

May 31, 2017, Bay Area Committee Welcomes Oscar Lopez Rivera on a public event. Endorsees were asked to contribute \$50 toward event and travel expenses. The committee approved a donation of \$50 at the May 9 meeting and contributed the donation from the committee raised funds.

June 26, 2017, Cuban farmers visited Urban Tilth in Richmond. Organizers of the event welcomed guests, conducted a tour and held an open discussion. Members of the RRFC

committee attended. The event was held from 11AM-12:30 PM at 323 Brookside Drive, Richmond CA 94801.

June 29, 2017, International Committee for Peace, Justice and Dignity held an event to hear Cuban Union Leader Speak. The guest speaker was Cuban union leader Victor Manuel Lemagne Sánchez, member of the CTC Secretariat, delegate to Cuba's National Assembly and Vice President of the international hotel and Tourism with the World Federation of Trade Union. RRFC members attended the event. The event was held at 2855 telegraph, St., St. 310, Berkeley CA.