

At Canal Alliance, we honor and celebrate our strength, grit, determination, and ancestry every single day. For National Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month (9/15 – 10/15), we celebrate and recognize the impact that Hispanic and Latino Americans have made on American culture and history.

One of the most important ways we can honor that ancestry and heritage is by completing the 2020 Census. Each person counted means more federal funding that can directly benefit our community in the Canal. The 2020 Census closes on September 30th – that’s only 13 more days! Please fill out the 2020 Census online at [My2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov).

Another important civic responsibility is voting. When you vote, you voice your concerns about local and national issues that impact our schools and communities. Canal Alliance is hosting a series of candidate forums focused on issues impacting the Latino Community in San Rafael. This is your chance to get to know the candidates and ask them specific questions. Please see below for more details.

Lastly, Canal Alliance expresses its gratitude to its many donors, supporters, and allies. We recognize and honor the resilience in our community and we appreciate the efforts of our volunteers, staff members, and partners who are dedicated to finding creative and flexible ways to address the new and urgent needs that arise in our community.

Canal Alliance Hosts a Candidate Forum

With just 47 days until the election, now is the chance to get to know the candidates. Please join us next week for a series of candidate forums focused on issues impacting the Latino community in San Rafael. As a non-partisan organization, Canal Alliance neither supports nor opposes any political party or candidate for public office.

Breaking the generational cycle of poverty for Latino immigrants and their family by lifting the barriers to their success begins with civic engagement. This is your opportunity to learn more about the candidates’ positions on the issues that are impacting the Latino community.



On Wednesday September 23 at 6 pm we will meet with San Rafael School Board candidates Samantha Ramirez (Area 1), Gina Daly (Area 1), Linda Jackson (Area 3) and Marina Palma (Area 5).

[Click here for more details to watch this forum >>>](#)

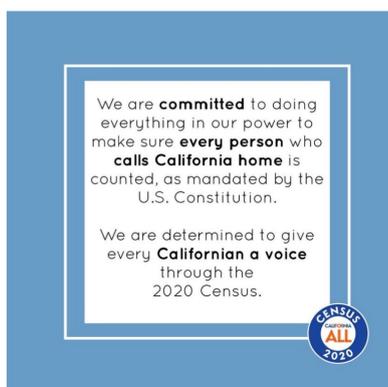
On Thursday September 24 at 6 pm we will meet with San Rafael City Council candidates Maika Llorens Gulati (District 1), John Gamblin (District 4), Rachel Kertz (District 4), and Greg Knell (District 4).

[Click here for more details to watch this forum >>>](#)

On Friday September 25 at 6 pm we will meet with San Rafael Mayoral candidates Kate Colín and Mahmoud Shirazi.

[Click here for more details to watch this forum >>>](#)

13 Days Left to Complete the 2020 Census!!!



We are just 13 DAYS away from the #2020Census deadline! The Census has been cut short. We cannot let this stop our communities from getting the resources we deserve.

For every person who is counted in the Census, that brings \$1000 a year to the state to support programs like Medicaid, school lunches, SNAP, and much more. Fill out your Census NOW to claim your community’s fair share of public resources.

You can fill out the Census at my2020census.gov or by calling at 844-330-2020 in English and 844-468-2020 in Spanish.

Canal Alliance Advocacy



On September 22, celebrate National Voter Registration Day with Canal Alliance. [Register to vote on our website here.](#)

[Watch our Get Out The Vote video >>>](#)



Happy citizenship day! We congratulate and acknowledge all our community members who have made the decision to become US citizens this year.

[Click here for information on how to become a US Citizen >>>](#)

Podcast on the Canal Wi-Fi Network



Community Broadband Bits is a podcast featuring interviews with people building community networks or otherwise involved with Internet policy. This episode features Rebecca Woodbury, San Rafael Director of Digital Services and Open Government, and Air Gallegos, Director of Education & Career at Canal Alliance. Rebecca and Air discuss the coalition of dedicated people building a neighborhood-wide Wi-Fi mesh network in San Rafael’s Canal neighborhood.

[Listen here >>>](#)

Give Canal Alliance a 5 Star Review



Canal Alliance is only 10 reviews away from being verified as a “Great Nonprofit”! If you have ever donated, volunteered, or connected in any way with our work in breaking the generational cycle of poverty for Latino immigrants, please leave us a 4+ star rating by Oct. 31st and help us earn our badge.

[Click here to rate >>>](#)

Slow the Spread of COVID-19



MASKS HELP EVERYONE AROUND YOU.

Cloth face coverings can help slow the spread, including from people who may not know they have the virus.

covid19.ca.gov



This is your daily reminder to WEAR A MASK. Each of us has the power to slow the spread of COVID-19. If we all do the right thing, we can and will beat COVID-19. So remember to wash your hands frequently, stay 6 feet apart and wear a mask when out in public.

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More Ways to Keep in Touch

