



# FOA VALLEY NEWS

Your community resource hub to increase civic participation through faith-based and civic organizations.



## "PEOPLE ARE STILL HURTING"

Report by Reverend Dr. D. Edward Chaney, Pastor with The Renaissance Fellowship  
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During these times, we are reminded that "God promised never to leave us, nor forsake us". This pandemic has caused many of us to be faced with many challenges, trials and tribulations. Communities across this country consistently feel disrespected, underserved and marginalized. We have witnessed insane levels of social injustices that have us asking the question "Why". Has God Left Us? No he hasn't, but to some it may feel that way.

Faith Organizing Alliance is actively engaged in this current legislative session through its work with Bill Draft Requests (BDR), Clean Energy, and Criminal Justice Reform to name a few. We have collaborated and assisted groups in educating and vaccinating populations of underserved communities. We have asked Clergy to walk with us for accountability and insight as it relates to the direction, discussion, and dissemination of information as well as taking appropriate actions necessary for people in our communities.

In the midst of this pandemic, we must realize people are still hurting, suffering, and we must get engaged and get off the bench!!! During these times it's an excellent opportunity to increase dialogue and engagement.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Input by Gabriele Shields, Community Organizer with Faith Organizing Alliance  
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We are keeping a close eye on a bill that would put additional limits on police use of force, use of restraint chairs for people in police custody, and police dispersal techniques during protests or demonstrations. Thank you, Senator Dallas Harris, for championing [SB 212!](#)

The Outcome: passed the Senate Judiciary on April 2, 2021, by a vote of 12-9. The bill advanced to the Assembly Judiciary on April 23, 2021. Waiting on bated breath for the outcome.

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## WHAT'S NEXT:

### COVID TESTING & VACCINATION SITES

- ONGOING - VACCINATION SITES WITH SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT AND PARTNER VACCINATION CLINICS:  
[HTTPS://COVID.SOUTHERNNEVADAHEALTHDISTRICT.ORG/VACCINE/DISTRIBUTION/](https://COVID.SOUTHERNNEVADAHEALTHDISTRICT.ORG/VACCINE/DISTRIBUTION/)
- ONGOING - COVID-19 TESTING SITES WITH SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT:  
[HTTP://COVID.SOUTHERNNEVADAHEALTHDISTRICT.ORG/TESTING/](http://COVID.SOUTHERNNEVADAHEALTHDISTRICT.ORG/TESTING/)

### FUNERAL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT:

THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY WILL PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR COVID-19-RELATED FUNERAL EXPENSES INCURRED AFTER JANUARY 20, 2020. NEVADANS CAN CALL 844-684-6333 BETWEEN 6 A.M. AND 6 P.M. PACIFIC TIME TO APPLY FOR THIS ASSISTANCE. MORE INFORMATION [CLICK HERE](#).

### RECOGNIZED DATES


- 5/5 CINCO DE MAYO

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 ~ Sojourner Truth

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