



Carmel Valley for Equal Justice protesters on a recent Saturday.

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## Carmel Valley for Equal Justice continues to hold weekly protests

BY LUKE HAROLD

To further the local calls for racial justice, a new grassroots group called Carmel Valley for Equal Justice has been protesting every Saturday morning from 10 a.m.-noon at the corner of Del Mar Heights Road and El Camino Real.

"We're going to keep this up," said Nick Gekakis, who cofounded the group with his wife, Liz. "I think we need to keep up the awareness, we need to continuously remind people that we have this problem and that

we need to take action against it."

Gekakis said his wife wanted to launch a sustained effort to address the societal inequalities underscored earlier this year in Minneapolis, where George Floyd was killed in police custody after an officer knelt on his neck for almost nine minutes.

He added that the news of Rayshard Brooks, who was shot and killed by an Atlanta police officer in mid June, gave him an increased sense of urgency to hold local

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## National Conflict Resolution Center hosts free online conversation about race with top authors

BY LOIS ALTER MARK

San Diego's National Conflict Resolution Center is bringing together some of the country's leading authors, scholars and journalists for an important online conversation about race in America and bridging our political divide.

"A Path Forward," a virtual event that's free and open to the public, will be held on Thursday, Aug. 20 from 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Pacific time.

Wesley Lowery, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist at CBS News and author of *They Can't Kill Us All: The Story of the Struggle for Black Lives*, will moderate a discussion between Ibram X. Kendi, author of *How to Be an Anti-Racist*, and Robin DiAngelo, author of *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*.

Both of these books have become fixtures on *The New York Times* Best Sellers list.

Warwick's in La Jolla, the country's oldest continuously family-owned and operated bookstore, is the event's official bookseller. When you buy the books through them and enter "NCRC2020" in the coupon code field, they will donate a percentage of sales to NCRC.

"Now is the time for all of us as Americans to commit ourselves to dismantling systemic racism and understanding the roots of the injustices people of color face," says Steven Dinkin, president of National Conflict Resolution Center. "Through this virtual event, which will focus on the most urgent issues our



nation faces, we're hoping to pave the way for even more work, tough conversations and reform that will make ours a truly equal, just society."

Although the event is free, registration is required at

[events.handbid.com/auctions/a-path-forward](https://events.handbid.com/auctions/a-path-forward)

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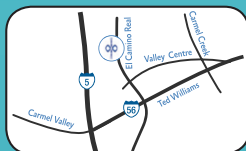


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