## Civic/Regional Gathering – February 18, 2019 - Registration open!



## Pomona Reawakening: Celebrating Milestones and Taking It to the Next Level

**Pomona is reawakening**. City leadership has voted to make compassion a core value, and is acting on this commitment. Homeless neighbors will be getting more care and empowerment at the new service center. Immigrants and refugees are finding protection and opportunity. Those who struggle for hope and dignity are increasingly encouraged. We can celebrate such gains.

**Yet, many big challenges remain**. We can use more cooperation from neighboring cities. A civic and regional citizenry that is more informed and engaged will give Pomona's commitment plenty of traction.

**Let's be informed, engaged, and** *inspired*. Azim Khamisa will be one of our speakers, and he inspires all who come in contact with him. He experienced an unjust, random, violent family tragedy. Over time, he learned and lived the life-restoring powers of compassion. His is a story that can change lives, schools, faith groups, the prison system, and other institutions.

**Much will be happening**. Tim Sandoval, Pomona's mayor, will speak. Eight workshops will be featured, led by local change-makers. Also, music, poetry, opportunity for interaction, and **lunch** is included.

**Invited:** Residents of Pomona and the Pomona Valley region. People of all circumstances and ages are welcome. This includes the youth!

Date and Time: Monday, February 18, (Presidents Day), 8:45 – 2:30. Register 8:15 – 8:45. Venue: Temple Beth Israel, 3033 N. Towne Ave., Pomona Admission fee: \$10; After Feb 11: \$15; At the door: \$15 and RSVP required; Students: \$5; Under 18: no charge but RSVP required.

Much more information – workshops, sponsorships, path to registration – through this link: <u>https://pomona\_reawakening.eventbrite.com</u> (You may need to press on your *Ctrl* key as you click on the link.)