

What does social justice look like?

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Chico Peace and Justice Center is in the middle of a contest that's about more than winning. It's a competition designed to make people think.

"Eight organizations have a week to create a window display that answers the question: What does social justice look like?" said Sue Hilderbrand, center director. "We have an ulterior motive, and that is to look at different organizations' visions of social justice with the idea that all these pieces and parts fit within the same vision."

The contest is on week number five, said Hilderbrand. The front window of the center on Broadway is changed each Sunday.

The displays are judged every week by the same three judges — Andy Holcombe, Emily Alma and Joe Person. Hilderbrand explained there is a criteria the judges use that includes content, style, and clarity of expression.

Based on the judges' scoring, the winner will be announced Nov. 12.

"We want people to come by and look at the displays and ask themselves, What is the world that I want? What am I working for?" said Hilderbrand.

The contest is the brainchild of Jim Henson, a member of the center and the driving force behind the fair trade program there.

"This is a very positive thing," said Hilderbrand. "It gets people excited and gets them talking. It moves us into that place of what do we want, versus what do we not want."

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