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...Facebook isn't enough. When we're confronted with measures this terrible, we need to create spaces for connecting face-to-face, for serious discussion and joyful resistance. Please drop by whenever, to talk about this bill and everything else that's awful or amazing in this world. Let's build decentralized networks for resisting this bill and to feel more powerful in a world that usually leaves us powerless.

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...especially when lawmakers are discussing a law aimed at creating a legal racial-underclass. Isn't it obscene that we all try to pretend that everything is ok, when it feels like the world is becoming more and more terrifying? A small occupation can begin a process of interrupting this suffocating, isolating normality. Maybe some people will object that occupying a small part of the cafeteria will create discomfort and inconvenience, but isn't it more more uncomfortable to continue acting like nothing horrible - whether SB 590, the proposed ban on gay marriage, the end to funding for Planned Parenthood, or the cuts to teachers - is happening?

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