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Hear Our Voice! Contra Costa Women March Together Again

Women's March Contra Costa: Community members join to march in solidarity

Nearly one year ago, the Women's March became the largest protest in the history of our country. Five million marchers took to the streets throughout the United States and the world, sending a strong message of solidarity and resistance. This number included approximately 10,000 peaceful marchers in Contra Costa County. The organizers of Women's March Contra Costa are pleased to announce an anniversary march on January 20th, 2018. Other marches will be held simultaneously in San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose, Sacramento, Los Angeles, and many cities across the country.

While each person has their own reasons for marching, the mission of the March is to bring people together to take a stand on issues that deeply impact all of us. The Women's March organization is dedicated to "answering a call to show up and be counted as those who believe in a world that is equitable, tolerant, just and safe for all, one in which the human rights and dignity of each person is protected and our planet is safe from human destruction."

The gathering will begin in Civic Park at 10:30 a.m., with the rally starting at 11:00 a.m. The march will start at approximately 11:30 at Civic Park and will circle downtown Walnut Creek. The event is non-partisan and all are welcome to attend.

Marchers can expect to feel empowered by inspirational speakers, including local citizens committed to protecting the rights, safety, health and freedoms of all families, including those whose rights are under threat. Terri Moss, a local marcher and environmental activist said, "it's time to dust off our pussy hats again!" One of the organizers, Leslie Shafton, explained the decision to hold another march, "Every day it seems a new liberty is under attack-- one day the dreamers, the next day women's rights, healthcare and the environment. We need to continue to show the administration and the world, that we will not sit idly by as our democracy is threatened."

The planning committee, including a team of over 60 volunteers are working tirelessly to ensure that the event will be a safe and unifying family-friendly event.

The Women's March Contra Costa County/Walnut Creek is committed to unifying our community, building new relationships, and creating grassroots change. We work peacefully while recognizing there is no true peace without justice and equity for all. Women's March Contra Costa is part of Women's March California 2018, which, in turn, is part of the national movement to unify and empower everyone who stands for women's rights, human rights, civil liberties and social justice.

WHAT: Women's March Contra Costa County

WHEN: Saturday, January 20th, 2018 beginning at 10:30 am, ending at approximately 12:00 noon

WHERE: Civic Park, Walnut Creek

To learn more about the Women's March Contra Costa County or to RSVP, visit

www.womensmarchcontracosta.org.