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## **EI PUEBLO UNIDO! PEOPLE'S MARCH FOR JOBS, JUSTICE AND CLIMATE PLANNED FOR APRIL 29 IN SANTA ROSA**

SANTA ROSA, CA—Dozens of labor, environmental, racial justice and peace-seeking groups, including Comité VIDA, 350 Sonoma, Peace & Justice Center of Sonoma County, Sierra Club Redwood Chapter, North Bay Jobs With Justice, Community Action Coalition and Service Employees International Union, are leading a march and rally April 29 to promote freedom and justice for all and continued action to curb climate change.

The event is a merging of the traditional Sonoma County May Day march for workers' and immigrants' rights and a sister March for Climate, Jobs, and Justice in Washington, D.C. The May Day March, annually organized by the May 1st Coalition, honors International Workers' Day, and this year, with a larger coalition, points to the growing resistance against the Trump administration's increasingly destructive policies on its 100<sup>th</sup> day in office.

The group aims to create a united front to defend immigrant and Native American rights, public lands, environmental and workplace protections, including government action on climate change and workers' rights to unionize. The march will provide an inclusive forum for the community to vocally oppose the alarming threats posed to marginalized populations in America, including the LGBTQ community, women, immigrants, and people of color.

"There is an urgency to peacefully stand together against injustice and a political climate that is hostile to progressive solutions." said Attila Nagy, a lead organizer of the local April 29 event, who represents Comité VIDA and the Peace and Justice Center. "This is not a left vs. right issue. It is a human issue, and we must be vocal to protect our shared values of decency, compassion and justice."

Marchers will gather at 12:00 p.m. at Roseland Plaza by the Dollar Tree, 675 Sebastopol Rd. Beginning at 1 p.m. there will be speakers, music and a ceremony led by traditional Aztec dancers. The march will begin at 2 p.m. and end at Santa Rosa City Hall with a rally.

"North Bay residents are overwhelmingly opposed to regressive policies on racial and gender equality, environmental regulation, immigration, religious freedom and other attacks on civil liberties," said Nagy. "We will not sit idly by and watch our democracy and its safeguards deteriorate."

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Organized by The May 1st Coalition: including Comité VIDA, Peace and Justice Center of Sonoma Co., 350 Sonoma, Alternatives to Violence Project, Left Coast Podcast, Showing Up for Racial Justice, Veterans for Peace, Occupy Sonoma County, North Bay Jobs With Justice, Hubbub Club Street Band, Community Action Coalition, Unitarian Universalist Congregation Santa Rosa, Service Employees International Union, Green Party, Sonoma County Conservation Action, Sonoma Solidarity with Standing Rock, Indivisible Sebastopol, Santa Rosa Democratic Club, Sierra Club Redwood Chapter, It Won't Happen Here, North Coast Coalition for Palestine, Transition Sonoma Valley, Petaluma Progressives, Arlene Francis Center, Sociology Circle SRJC, Media Freedom Foundation, Project Censored, Healdsburg Peace Project, Sonoma County Gazette.

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