

## #illwalkwithyou: A Solidarity March & Rally for American Unity



**LOS ANGELES - Sept. 7, 2016 -** <u>*PRLog*</u> -- EVENT: #illwalkwithyou: A Solidarity March & Rally for American Unity

WHAT: Muslims for Progressive Values' next event is a solidarity march and rally in downtown Los Angeles. We will begin in Pershing Square, and march to City Hall. Once at City Hall, we will rally and address the concerns facing our communities, with representatives of different faiths present to give brief speeches of solidarity. We will conclude the event with a candle lighting ceremony to honor the memories of those who sacrificed their lives on 9/11, and all those who have died since as a result of senseless acts of violence.

WHEN : Sunday, September 11th, 2016

2:00 pm - 2:30 pm Assemble at Pershing Square
2:30 pm - 3:10 pm March to City Hall
3:10 pm - 3:30 pm Musical Performances
3:30 pm - 4:25 pm Rally
4:30 pm - 4:45 pm Candle Lighting Ceremony
4:50 pm - 5:00 pm Conclusion

WHERE : Start - Pershing Square, the corner of Olive and 5th Street End - Los Angeles City Hall, South Steps of City Hall

WHO: Ali Sajjad Taj, Mayor of Artesia Kenyatta Bakeer, Professor of Child Development, LACCD, National University Reverend Kevin L. Downer, Metropolitan Community Church Crystal Keshawarz, Director of Communications, MPV Muslims for Progressive Values CodePink Jewish Voice for Peace Temple Aliyah Metropolitan Community Church

## RSVP Here: https://www.facebook.com/events/1668108536849891/

WHY: We at MPV feel that an event that stands for solidarity, unity, and community is exactly what a global city like LA represents, and will be a great example for the rest of the country. With the recent shooting deaths of American Muslims, Americans have responded to the violence with the hashtag,#illwalkwithyou, to send a message to their Muslim friends, neighbors, coworkers, and relatives, that should they fear going to their mosques, they will walk with them.

Muslims for Progressive Values would like to take this sentiment to the next level, and bring people together to say #illwalkwithyou for solidarity, #illwalkwithyou for unity, #illwalkwithyou for community, and #illwalkwithyou for love.

As we march we will sing songs of hope and love to enhance our commitment to unity, and what better way to do that than with the power of music? And just as we committed ourselves to stand united as a nation on 9/11/2001, we will recommit ourselves to that same ideal 15 years later. Will you honor us by standing with us at our rally and declaring #illwalkwithyou?

About Muslims for Progressive Values (MPV):

Established in 2007, Muslims for Progressive Values, is a grassroots, faith based, human rights organization with Consultative Status at the United Nations, working to counter radical fundamentalist narratives on the ground and at the policy level, and ensuring that human rights are upheld and not denied on the basis of culture, theology or theoracy.

MPV is the only American institution that established egalitarian expressions of Islam for women, minorities, and for LGBTQIA+ rights. MPV does this by creating inclusive spaces for religious discourse through the arts, education and social activism, as well as community events.

For more information, visit <u>www.mpvusa.org</u> or follow us on Facebook and Twitter (@mpvusa).

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