

Occupy San Diego

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Organizing & Media Groups

Citizens Join Occupy Wall Street at Civic Center Plaza, San Diego

Occupy San Diego Seeks Economic and Social Justice

SAN DIEGO (Oct. 3, 2011) - Standing in solidarity with Occupy Wall Street NYC, hundreds of San Diego citizens will peacefully occupy the Civic Center Plaza in downtown San Diego, adjacent to San Diego City Hall (1200 3rd Ave.), starting on October 7, 2011. This nonviolent occupation is in protest of the global financial corruption currently invading politics, media and corporations, exemplified by the recent financial industry meltdown and following recession.

The occupation will continue indefinitely until a list of demands in solidarity with Occupy Wall Street NYC are met by all levels of government, including the City and County of San Diego, the state of California, the Federal Government, and by private and public banks and corporations.

The long term and overnight occupation will include marches, sit-ins, educational programs, practice of the democratic process, and General Assembly meetings wherein solutions to overlapping issues are identified, to name a few. This diversified group makes decisions via consensus.

Participants are requested to meet at Children's Park (1st Ave. and Island Ave.), by 3:30 p.m. on Friday, October 7. At 4:00 p.m., the group will march to Civic Center Plaza. Children's Park is adjacent to the Convention Center Trolley Station and is two blocks south of Nordstrom Horton Plaza.

"The Occupy Wall Street movement is sweeping across the country. People from all walks of life, political persuasions and occupations are joining together to demand that our economic system become more just," said Ray Lutz of Occupy San Diego. "Join our movement. With you, we can bring about change."

We, the American citizens, must claim our country and put ourselves on the line for peace and justice. It is time for us to discover both who we -- the other 99% -- are and what we believe and want. Now is the time for us to act. Unless we do, we are nothing. When we do, our nation will be restored.

Occupy San Diego is reaching out to existing political groups, active military personnel, veterans, activist groups and labor unions in the San Diego community to participate in the occupation. The United Steelworkers Union (USW, 1.2 million members), the Laborers' International Union of America (LIUNA, 500,000 members), the Transport Workers Union (over 200,000 members), and National Nurses United (NNU, 170,000 members) - have already announced their support for the Occupy Wall Street protests.

The top 1% control nearly a majority of the wealth in this country*. This lopsided distribution of wealth, coupled with outsourcing of jobs, bailouts, secret loans, subsidies, and profiteering in the financial sector have resulted in massive foreclosures, retirement and investment fiduciary failure, job losses, and homelessness.

About Occupy San Diego:

We are the 99%, and we will be quiet about this economic inequality no longer. We will take back for the people what already belongs to the people -- our country. For more information, visit

<http://occupysandiego.org> and for Occupy Wall Street please visit <http://occupywallst.org>. Twitter: @OccupySD; Facebook: OccupySanDiego

FOR PARTICIPANTS

Bring what you need to LIVE -- or nothing, we will take care of each other! Some suggestions:

1. Pack lightly, keep valuables to a minimum, keep compact backpack/tote with you most of the time.
2. Wear layered clothing, prepare for possible rain or hot sun (hats, sunglasses, etc.)
3. Feel free to bring food, water and supplies to share!
4. Tents, compact bedroll / sleeping bag, pad/air mattress, blankets

Participants are advised to check the occupysandiego.org web site for further details, including legal advice and instructions and what to expect and how to behave if arrested.

Transportation:

Occupying participants are advised to get rides to the site or use the Coaster or trolley and park in free station parking lots outside the downtown area.

If you are a company or individual who can donate or loan resources such as food, water, porta potties, power supplies, Internet hotspots, media equipment, or almost anything else, please email occupysd@gmail.com

Notes:

* The top 1% control over 40% of the wealth in the country, and the top 20% control 93% of the wealth.
<http://sociology.ucsc.edu/whorulesamerica/power/wealth.html>

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