

United As One – Three Years Later

Candlelight Walk for Peace

Saturday, September 11, 2004

From San Jose Japantown to the
South Bay Islamic Association

Program 6:30 pm

San Jose Buddhist Church
640 North 5th Street

Walk 7:30 pm

Program 8:15 pm

South Bay Islamic Association
325 North 3rd Street

Refreshments 8:30 pm

Sponsored by:

CAIR (Council on American-Islamic Relations), JACL (Japanese American Citizens League – San Jose), MCA (Muslim Community Association), NOC (Nihonmachi Outreach Committee), and SBIA (South Bay Islamic Association)

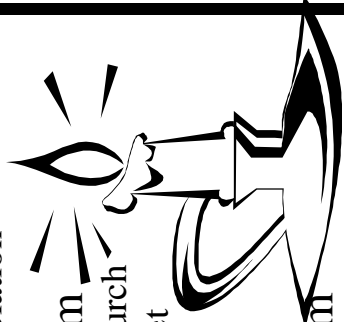
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Following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 thousands of Japanese Americans were arrested and held without trial. During World War II 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry were forced into concentration camps. Forty years later, a government commission concluded that the camps were due to "racism, war hysteria, and a failure of political leadership" which led to an official apology and monetary compensation.

But over the past three years we have again seen the arrests and detentions without trial by the U.S. government. We have seen the selective registration and deportations of thousands of Muslim immigrants. There is a growing government surveillance of our private lives through PATRIOT Act and other laws.

In their annual report, Amnesty International states: "The global security agenda promoted by the US Administration is bankrupt of vision and bereft of principle. Violating rights at home, turning a blind eye to abuses abroad and using pre-emptive military force where and when it chooses has damaged justice and freedom, and made the world a more dangerous place."

On the third anniversary of September 11, 2001, join us in a Candlelight Walk for Peace from Japantown to the South Bay Islamic Association in San Jose. Light a candle in memory of almost three thousand civilians who perished on that day and the tens of thousands of civilians as well as soldiers who have died since then and continue to die in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Take a stand for peace, justice, human rights, and civil liberties for all. Say no to hate, bigotry, and violence. Say no to the tens of billions of dollars spent on wars since 9/11 that could have been spent for education, transportation, and health care. Bring our communities together in the tradition of Martin Luther King, Jr., who spoke out against the War in Vietnam, saying "a time comes when silence is betrayal."