

INVITATION

ORGANIZATION

Dear,

I'd like to extend an invitation for your presence and participation in a planning meeting on July 31st, at the University of California, San Diego campus. Similar invitations have been sent to approximately 25 other organizations working here in San Diego. Your particular attendance is being requested because of the efforts and character of your organization and members.

In January of this year, a local summit was held in San Diego to plan for the March 4th Statewide Strike and Day of Action occurring across California and the Nation. As reported, tens of thousands of people statewide, and hundreds of thousands nationally, participated in a massive and admirably coordinated demonstration against the policies undermining the freedom of education¹. The success of the actions on March 4th were directly associated with the collective organizing efforts of the individuals and organizations involved in the movement.

A second *Call to Action*, for October 7th, 2010, has been made statewide and nationally. Thus, an opportunity is before us. Our organizations, and we as individuals, are struggling against social injustices which have stirred us to action. And as diverse as our efforts and fronts may be, we're all united by compassion for the one principal cause of humanity. It is a necessary and honorable duty to organize together if we hope to successfully contest the injustices prevalent today in the world. We should work to develop an open space where the perspectives and the voice of the people can be expressed, developed, and organized to transform society for a better future. We'd like to respectfully request a representative(s) of your esteemed organization to discuss and plan for such a future on July 31st.

The July 31st planning meeting is the initial phase of the organizing efforts leading up to October 7th and beyond. We will be discussing logistics, developing the agenda, and establishing objectives for the summit and the movement. A collective of experienced, sincere, and diligent advocates for justice would be honored by your attendance. Please confirm at your earliest opportunity your desire and ability to participate. If you have any further questions please contact me immediately. Thank you.

-Sincerely,

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¹ Democracy Now – www.democracynow.org/2010/3/5/students

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JULY 31ST PROPOSED AGENDA

Summit Planning Meeting:

1. Introduction, purpose of planning summit meeting, summary of call for day of action on 10/7, reflection and lessons learned from 1/23 summit. Followed by open discussion. -30 minutes
2. What do we want on 10/7? What type of action(s)? Collective action? Open discussion. -50 minutes
3. Setting up structure for summit. -40 minutes

A. Proposed Agenda:

- a) Intro/state of the movement
- b) including a platform, manifesto or demands?
- c) Actions?
- d) Establishing a working citywide committee or coalition?

B. Establishing voting procedures, moderators, proposal methods.

4. Establish a summit planning committee- 20 minutes

5. Art and Resistance. Outreach leading up to 10/7. Ideas include youtube video, banner dropping, fundraiser/ social event with visual artist/ a showcase of artists, flyering, chalking up the campuses, facebook, e-mail blast, text blast, and more... - 40 minutes