



San Antonio Alamo Area Local Legislative Updates



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Women's March 2017

Austin TX was one of over 600 worldwide sister marches to the Women's March on Washington held January 21, 2017 and to be part of a historical movement was an amazing experience. Austin's attendance was close to 50000 people. The march was held in support of women's rights, equality, racism and immigration. There were over 500,000 people who participated in Washington D.C., over 2 million nationwide and more than 3 million worldwide, more than the attendance for the inauguration. It was the largest 1 day protest in U.S. history. It all began with one person one voice Teresa Shook after the presidential election. Discouraged with the results, she got together with friends to create a Facebook event page calling for a march on Washington which became an inspiring and united march in defiance and solidarity. It was a "HUUUGE" event!



Speakers took to the stage at the Austin March to call for equality, to fight against racism, sexism, and encourage political activism, in resistance to Trump's agenda. U.S. Representative Lloyd Doggett who spoke at the event said, "We will not surrender our country to the narrow minded backward looking flat earth busy body view of life. We will never yield to those that will drag us backward into a time that we will never accept, let's never give up and never give in. Former State Senator Wendy Davis, who also spoke at the march, said women now more than ever need to rise up and they need everyone behind them. We are not a special interest group, we are not a subgroup, we are the majority in this country. We won't just be fighting for our right for full equality, we will be fighting like hell to keep it from getting worse.

Lead organizer for the Austin march Melissa Fiero said "It's a message to the incoming administration, to the Trump administration and also to Texas legislators and elected officials, we are a newly activated and motivated group of women who believe strongly that women's rights are human rights.

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