

## WOMEN'S MARCH in RIVERSIDE



On Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, in the radiance of winter sunshine, members and friends of the Riverside County Democratic Party joined with other individuals and organizations to march in solidarity with the Women's March on Washington.

This (what became a planetary march) arose as resistance to President Trump's words and choices over the past year, declarations that have been disrespectful towards women, immigrants, people of minority ethnicity, those with disabilities, and others.



In Riverside, between four and five thousand women, men and children of all ages and ethnicities joined up to honor diversity, freedom and human rights. In America and around the world (on seven continents!) several million people marched with these shared aims.

I was one of the marchers in Riverside. Friends and relatives of ours marched in San Diego, Orange County, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and Washington DC. Though I've rallied for various causes in previous decades, this event was especially exhilarating as it demonstrated--through our chants and signs and upbeat, optimistic "Haven't we met before" smiles—marchers' commitment to helping solve crucial current issues.

- Marchers reminded people that we are all equals who should, by ethics and therefore by law, have equal access to equal opportunity.

- The event showed that men and families are equally concerned that women have all rights equal to men.
- We expressed our concerns about the environment, healthcare, the treatment of immigrants, livable wages, the LGBTQ community, international relations, and more.



So, now WHAT? I urge readers and friends to join this movement to promote and ensure justice, inclusion, and respect for all in our beautiful country. I urge us to call and write our Congress people and CA State Assembly Members and Senators, also our local officials. I urge us to register

more and more voters who will vote only for equality. I urge us to attend meetings of Democrats in Riverside County. I urge us to contribute energy, time and financial help to the best candidates, issues and projects. I urge us to PAY ATTENTION. This is just the beginning! Let's do this TOGETHER!

--- *Suji Fox*