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WOMEN'S MARCH LOS ANGELES PEACE AMBASSADORS

PEACE AMBASSADOR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- The minimum age requirement to serve as a Peace Ambassador is 18. *The minimum age requirement to serve as a Non-Peace Ambassador volunteer is 16 years old, accompanied by an adult.*
- Keep participants safe from traffic (cars, buses, cyclists, etc.) and potentially people.
- Move people safely from one location to another.
- De-escalate potentially tense situations (between marchers, with the public, and onlookers/opponents).
- Help march participants with any issues they have.
- Communicate any major issues (medical conditions, problems with police, and situations that you cannot resolve) to the Lead Volunteer Coordinator.
- Follow the chain of command.

PEACE AMBASSADORS DO NOT

- Negotiate with police
- Make decisions about march routes
- Deal with major emergencies or issues
- Provide medical assistance
- Speak to the press/media
- Officially represent the march to power (elected officials, media, targets, etc.)
- Remember, you are the representative of the march/action that participants see and can identify - your actions will create the mood/atmosphere of the march/action.
- In most situations, you will be the first person that someone will talk to if there is a question or a problem to address - so be open and welcoming to people.
- **ALWAYS** follow the chain of command - safety first, question decisions later. If/when the tactical team makes a call, all captains and marshals must carry out the decision.
- Know all assembly points and route of the rallies and march.
- Be respectful at all times and remember this march represents a variety of communities, constituencies, and organizations. Respect diversity of cultures and backgrounds.
- **Do not touch people** - especially police.

- Ask people not to place stickers/signs on any property except their person.
- De-escalate potential minor problems by maintaining eye contact, using a calm steady voice, and keeping your hands where people can see them.
- Immediately inform your lead/superior of potential bigger issues, e.g.. Individual(s) getting aggressive/drunk person/police causing disruption
- Keep spirits high – encourage chanting and singing

DRESS THE PART!

- Good walking shoes are critical - you will be on your feet for a long time.
- Wear comfortable clothes that you can move in freely, but not so loose that they can get in the way of your work. Stay away from scarves etc. if possible.
- All Peace Ambassadors will be provided a t-shirt. Please make sure to wear the t-shirt where it can be seen. If it is cold, please wear over your jacket or sweater to help be identified. Please wear a coat or jacket that a t-shirt can fit over.
- Keep hair pulled back or under a cap.
- Refrain from wearing jewelry and/or anything that can be pulled by another person or by mistake.

MAKE SURE TO BRING THE FOLLOWING

- It is recommended that you have your ID with you.
- Your cell phone
- Bring any meds you may need in clearly labeled prescription containers.
- Have an emergency/legal number written somewhere on your person or on an item of clothing you won't easily be separated from.
- A bottle of water.

Leave anything at home that the police consider contraband. Let a family member/friend know what you are doing and where you will be.

- Grab and do anything you need to do before your check-in (grab coffee or water, go to the bathroom, etc.). Once you check in, your shift has started.
- Make sure to check in with the volunteer table and provide your contact information - even if you are there with another organization.
- Get a t-shirt and/or any additional materials or supplies you will need.

HAVE FUN AND ENJOY THE MARCH!