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SANTA CLARITA VALLEY - MARCH FOR OUR LIVES RALLY FOR SCHOOL SAFETY ON MARCH 24

*Sibling March in Santa Clarita Unites With Hundreds of Other Marches
Commemorating the Shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School*

Santa Clarita, California - On Saturday, March 24, community members from Santa Clarita, California, will gather for a “sibling march” as part of the March for Our Lives movement. The march is one of hundreds taking place around the country. These marches have been planned by students and survivors of gun violence in communities big and small in all fifty states. This national day of action will focus on petitioning lawmakers to make students’ lives and safety a priority.

On Saturday, March 24, the kids and families of March for Our Lives will take to the streets of Santa Clarita Valley to demand that their lives and safety become a priority and that we end gun violence and mass shootings in our schools today.

On March 24, the collective voices of the March for Our Lives movement will be heard.



The theme of the Santa Clarita Valley event is Demand Safe Schools. When we work together as a united, nonpartisan force in a common quest to engender safety in our schools, we will be unstoppable. The Santa Clarita Valley March for Our Lives team is determined to provide a platform that allows our community to form their own demands about how to keep our schools safe and voice those demands as a united group.

WHEN:

The event will take place on Saturday, March 24, at Marketplace Park - City of Santa Clarita. The event begins at 10 a.m. with a memorial. Next is a rally where students and prominent leaders will speak. Then we will march for our lives.

LOCATION:

Marketplace Park - City of Santa Clarita

23811 Newhall Ranch Road

Santa Clarita, CA 91354

DIRECTIONS TO EVENT:

We will meet at Marketplace Park - City of Santa Clarita on 23811 Newhall Ranch Road (Newhall Ranch Road and Grandview Drive). Parking is available at five locations: the Real Life Church parking lot, Bridgeport Park, Bridgeport Elementary School, Grandview Drive, and Hillsborough Parkway. Lyft is generously offering free rides to those attending March for Our Lives rallies across the country.

“This march is important to me, because our peers are losing their lives. Kids all across the nation are scared to go to school every day. This is not okay and



it cannot be considered a 'new normal,'" said Ally Sagardia, Valencia High School senior and event host. "I'm looking forward to the march because this event is bigger than us. It's for those who feel defenseless and need their voices heard".

WHO:

Student leaders for each of the local private and public high schools. We are still recruiting volunteers. If interested in volunteering contact info@demandsafeschools.com

Ally Sagardia, Valencia High School senior
Matthew Sagliocco, Valencia High School senior
Kayla Amara, Valencia High School senior

WHY THEY ARE ORGANIZING AND MARCHING:

Julianna Lozada, a Valencia High School sophomore says, "It's time for students' voices to be listened to and acknowledged not only by our teachers and parents but also by people in positions of political power. I am looking forward to the march because civic engagement is something I am very passionate about and want to encourage other students to pursue, to remind those around us that our ideas are valid and deserve to be heard."

Matthew Sagliocco, a Valencia High School senior says, "This march is important to me because we've waited far too long for those in positions of power to do the right thing. This march will afford us the opportunity to inform students about how to create political change. I'm looking forward to the march because I want to stand in solidarity with the students from Parkland and with everyone who has been impacted by gun violence. I believe in political activism and want to encourage my generation and other generations who have been apathetic on the subject of gun violence."

Hayley Powell, a Valencia High School senior says, “Politicians are choosing party over people and it's time for students to take their own lives into their hands.”

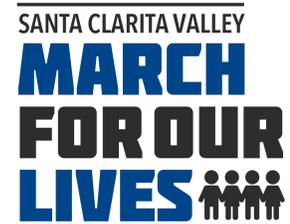
Olivia Hurst, a Saugus High School sophomore says, “This march is important to me because increased gun control is long overdue. I’m so sick and tired of seeing students die because politicians and people in positions of power won’t do anything.”

Emma Knight, a Valencia High School freshman says, “This march is important to me because I do not want my future children to grow up believing that a person’s right to own a gun is more important than my own life.”

Joe Defreitas, a Valencia High School senior says, “I have three younger siblings, two of whom are in elementary school. When I was that age, I didn't worry about losing my life at school. I was taught that school was a safe environment for learning and growth. But it's different for my younger siblings. In recent years, I've seen my parents struggle to explain the threat of gun violence, not wanting to scare my siblings but needing them to be prepared. I'll be marching not only because my peers and I deserve to feel safe, but because I want future generations to enjoy school without worrying for their lives.”

Dylynn Abbey, a Valencia High School senior says, “I’m looking forward to this march because I want the ones who have been forgotten by most to know that they have not been forgotten by us. I want the people who are standing up to know that we are standing up with them. I'm looking forward to having my voice heard and hopefully, inspiring others to do the same. Education is vital, and it will no longer be threatened.”

Justina Lee, a Valencia High School senior says, “Gun violence has increased immensely, not only just in schools but everywhere. Our generation and younger generations are growing up with the idea that these shootings are normal. We are continuously taught to duck, run, or be prepared to fight in



concerts, markets, schools, and public places. We are at risk everywhere we go. Older generations have seen this as a need to allow more guns for "protection," but that ideology has failed us. It is time to be heard, which is why I am particularly passionate about this cause and this march. This is our message and our voice to advocate for a better future. The time for change is now."

Ashley Pagsibigan, West Ranch High School sophomore says, "I want to march because I think it's important that every student can come to school knowing they will be safe. Too many lives have been lost too early due to ignorance of firearms. I'm marching for all the students whose lives were taken away and I'm marching for our right to express our opinions on gun control laws. Change will only come if we raise our voices."

To arrange media interviews in advance of, or after the march, please contact:
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