

PRESS RELEASE

Who: Douglas For Just Immigration Reform—SB1070

What: Peace March and Community Gathering

When: Saturday, May 15, 2010, 10 AM

Where: Southwest corner of Pan American and 5th Street, Douglas, AZ

Douglas for Just Immigration Reform—Stop SB1070 is a non-partisan grass roots organization of Douglas area residents formed to support just immigration reform and protest the recent Arizona immigration law, SB1070, as well as the follow-up law, HB 2162. The group will be holding a peaceful march and rally on Saturday, May 15, at 10 a.m. The seven block march will begin at the corner of Pan American Avenue and 5th Street finishing with a rally at the park one block north of the port of entry at Pan American and Customs Ave. The rally will include informed speakers, music, vendors and information on the group and its purpose.

Douglas for Just Immigration Reform—Stop SB1070 wants the following things:

An Immediate Repeal of or Injunction to Stop SB1070

Respect for the dignity of all persons regardless of ethnicity, language, or socio-economic status: SB 1070 and HB2162 invite racial profiling that does not respect the dignity of all persons and opens the door for civil rights abuses; they create derision, suspicion and division within the community making it harder to work on true immigration reform;

Safe communities: SB 1070 and HB 2162 will require local police to use resources to check documentation of persons who are law-abiding, contributing members to our community instead of using all of their resources to apprehend persons who are harming our communities through felony activities;

Relationship of trust between our community and our local law enforcement: SB 1070 and HB2162 erode trust and make community policing more difficult;

Positive bi-national relationships that provide for mutually beneficial cultural, intellectual and economic exchange: SB 1070 and HB2162 increase fear and damage the US relationship with Agua Prieta, Sonora and all of Mexico;

A community where we can “love our neighbors as ourselves” without risking arrest: SB 1070 and HB2162 would potentially lead to the arrest of family members, friends and other “Good Samaritans” who provide shelter to those in need;

Real immigration reform that provides for a way for our country to live up to its strength of being a nation of immigrants: SB 1070 and HB2162 does not address the root causes of our failed immigration system but rather scapegoats an entire class of people.

The Cochise County Democratic Party is a sponsor of the event. The group is open to receiving sponsorship from any organization which is in agreement with its core values regardless of political affiliation.

For more information on this event, contact Del Cabarga at dcabarga@aol.com or (520) 236-4675.