

March for jobs set April 16 in Portland

To demand "Jobs, Not Cuts!" Portland Jobs with Justice is organizing a mass rally and march, backed by 49 labor organizations and faith and community activist groups. The event, "Portland Rising: March and Rally for Jobs and Benefits, Not Cuts," will take place at noon, Saturday, April 16, at Pioneer Courthouse Square in Portland.

Along the lines of the mass demonstrations in Wisconsin, the event is intended to be family friendly and strong in spirit.

The rally will call for a national public works program to put people back to work, rebuild crumbling infrastructure, reduce reliance on fossil fuels, expand public transportation systems, and strengthen education. It will also call for maintaining and strengthening safety net programs. It

will oppose cuts to Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, and say no to new trade agreements. And it will call on Congress to tax the super-rich fairly and to redirect the money be-

ing spent in military occupations in the Middle East.

The full list of endorsers, and more information about the event, is available online at jwjpx.org.

...Union solidarity crucial

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conservative majority. But that outcome could rest on the results of an April 5 Supreme Court election, which pits a conservative incumbent against a more progressive challenger.

Meanwhile, opponents of the new law are busy working to recall eight Republican state senators, and have vowed to begin a recall of Walker next January.

If you ever thought solidarity was

charity for the other guy, think again. Solidarity is collective self-preservation. It's a group survival ethic, and working people as a class are going to need it.

Anti-union forces are feeling their oats. If they succeed in turning private sector workers against public sector workers, in pitting parents against teachers, teachers against the teachers union, it won't be long before they come after the stragglers.

Now would be the time to lend a hand and get involved.

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PORTLAND RISING

Rally & March for JOBS and benefits, *not cuts!*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 16th at NOON
Pioneer Courthouse Square**

EIGHT MILLION JOBS were lost in the 2008 meltdown. Today there are more than five job seekers for every job. *Congress should focus on creating jobs, not cutting the safety net!*

Let's stand up for community values!

- Create good jobs now—stop job-killing trade agreements.
- Protect and strengthen the safety net.
- Support collective bargaining as 15,000 workers launch campaign for fairness at work in Portland.
- Wall Street should pay for the economic crisis, not working people!

Please bring non-perishable food items for the Oregon Food Bank.

For more info, please call JwJ at 503-236-5573. www.jwjpx.org

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