



Ted Dreier, 67, an investigative philosopher from Portland's Maplewood neighborhood, went to Standing Rock, N.D., on a Bunk Bus.

ACLU of Oregon

We trained a team of volunteers to act as neutral observers of police interactions with protesters. We hope the presence of ACLU observers in their blue vests at events around the state puts everyone on notice that the First Amendment has defenders.

"Peaceful assembly and protest is at the heart of our democracy. It may not always be convenient or pretty, but we think it is powerful. Protest is:

- A means of expression when people feel unheard through other methods
- A beacon of solidarity and connection to people who resonate with the message of the protesters
- A way to spark conversations and debate about important issues
- An opportunity to form community and connections, which can lead to further organizing and action."

— Excerpt from a November open letter to Mayor Charlie Hales from ACLU of Oregon

Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters

I am joining my union in the Women's March on Washington because the percentage of unionized workers has plummeted. There are fewer people protected by collective bargaining agreements, and this has created stagnant wages despite the rise of housing costs in Portland. Without collectively bargained wage scales that demand equal pay for equal work — African-Americans and women are the fastest growing populations in the Portland homeless community. This assault on workers' rights means 73 percent of all welfare recipients are working families that can no longer afford to live in Portland. I believe strong worker protection is the best solution to our problems, and I am ready to march for this cause.

— Amber McCoy of Carpenters Local 1503

Oregon Wild

I am joining Oregon Wild in marching because I am not only concerned by the potential loss of women's reproductive rights, but of anti-environmental policies that will harm people and the planet. After the march, I will be continuing my civic duty by meeting with Oregon's lawmakers to share my concerns directly. I hope many others will too. One way to sustain engagement is through advocacy trainings, like those provided by Oregon Wild and other organizations. Demonstrating for what we believe in cannot end here. We will only be successful if we keep making our voices heard long after the marches are over.

— Tara Brown, wilderness coordinator for Oregon Wild

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Portland Jobs with Justice

We are marching because: In times of violence and threat, good-hearted people are seeking connection and release. We march to be in community and physical solidarity with one another. Portland Jobs with Justice is co-sponsoring a concert on Jan. 20 with a goal of organizing the unorganized: to move and direct people who have been called into action after last November into trusted organizations. There's something deeply spiritual about being in a space with music with hundreds of people, and with thousands of people on the street. We will need that kind of spiritual grounding to be effective in the coming months and years as we continue to push back against hate. That's why we march.



Anna Martinez, 44, a hairstylist from Portland's Piedmont neighborhood, will participate in the Women's March on Portland.

January 21

United Front Against Trump

Labor community rally and march
10 a.m.

Begins at Shemanski Park
1010 SW Park Ave., Portland

This march will meet up with Women's March

Women's March family-friendly pre-rally

Native women's opening ceremony, Love 4 Urban Art (hip hop), Blank Like a Girl (empowerment piece) activist songs and chants for children and more
11 a.m.

Tom McCall Waterfront Park at Morrison Bridge*, Portland

Women's March on Portland

Speakers include U.S. Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-Oregon), Gupreet Singh (Sikh Center of Oregon), Erin Ellis (Sexual Assault Resource Center), Rebekah Brewis (PDX Trans Pride) and Kat Salas (Latinx sex worker)

Noon

Tom McCall Waterfront Park at Hawthorne Bridge*, Portland

*Locations subject change, as permits are not yet secured. For up-to-date start points for Women's March events, visit news.streetroots.org.

PROTESTERS, KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

If protesters believe their rights were violated, they can contact the ACLU at 503-227-3186 or visit aclu-or.org/help.

For a training video on the rights of protesters in Oregon, visit the ACLU of Oregon's Facebook page: [facebook.com/ACLUofOregon/videos/](https://www.facebook.com/ACLUofOregon/videos/)

Mobile Justice Oregon, the ACLU app to record police encounters, is free on the App Store or Google Play. User videos and incident reports are automatically uploaded to the ACLU of Oregon for review.

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