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Hundreds of community residents showed up Sunday to support immigrants and refugees who now call Portland home. The event was led by Portland City Commissioner Amanda Fritz (center) and 68 community organizations. Also pictured next to Fritz is business leader Sho Dozono and City Council Candidate JoAnn Hardesty.

Solidarity for Immigrants

March brings support for new Portlanders

Community organizations, including Portland Parks and Recreation and 68 others, banded

together in outer east Portland Sunday to celebrate the Rose City's compassionate, generous and welcoming spirit towards refugees and immigrants, an event held in conjunction with Portland's popular Sunday Parkway series.

Music, fun, food, and a spirit of

solidarity towards our neighbors from other countries overflowed at the newly opened Gateway Discovery Park, East Holladay Park, and Knott Park as participants walked and bicycled with colorful signs of support on the sunny Sunday starting at 11 a.m.

'No one is illegal,' 'Refugees

welcome,' and 'All are welcome here,' were some of the many positive messages on display.

Celebrations included recognizing refugee and immigrant champions, lively local musicians giving traditional world music performances, soccer games and school supply giveaways.