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## **Thousands Rally in the Bay Area to Count the Vote and Defend Democracy**

WHO: Thousands of Bay Area residents calling for every vote to be counted in the presidential election.

Speakers to include Carroll Fife and others

WHEN: Saturday, November 7, at 12 p.m.

WHERE: Harry Bridges Plaza, the Embarcadero, San Francisco

VISUALS: Thousands of socially distanced people, wearing masks, with banners, posters, and speakers.

San Francisco — On Saturday, thousands will gather in San Francisco as the final votes are being counted in the presidential election to demand that democracy be respected, that every vote be counted, and that, as we pay attention to the national results, we begin mobilizing in response to the outcomes of local and state elections here in California and the Bay Area.

Bay Area workers and residents are joining nationwide demands that the vote be respected and the true winner of this election be made president, even as calls are made throughout the country to stop the vote counts in crucial battleground states. This election is different from others. Results are coming in later because more people voted by mail in the middle of a pandemic. That's to be expected, and we will push back on any attempts to sow doubt about the results and dismiss votes that arrive after election night, or challenge the results of valid elections in the courts.

Rudy Gonzalez, Executive Director of the San Francisco Labor Council, said, "Working people have always known the power of hearing every voice, not just those of the rich and powerful. Counting every vote is the bedrock of democratic participation, and we are joining together today to demand that this bedrock be honored in every election, local, statewide, and nationwide. When we count every vote and hear every voice, we can make sure the people we elect to serve us will be accountable to the many, not the few."

Counting every vote is crucial to our democracy, and we all stand united in demanding that we know the true winner of this election.

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