

Attention: media correspondents, activists, and citizens of conscience

Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., the Care First Community Coalition will be staging a protest in front of the County Building in Oakland, California. The Alameda County Board of Supervisors will be discussing budget issues as they relate to community programs, as well as resources allocated to the Alameda County Sheriff's Office. With this protest, the Coalition will be drawing attention to the exorbitant funds allocated to Santa Rita Jail. A key point that is being raised is that although millions of dollars have been directed to the jail, we are still observing a horrendous loss of human life. We, Destination Freedom and SRJ Freedom Collective, stand in strong solidarity with the Coalition in their belief that if County funds are diverted toward community-based treatment programs, it would not only save lives but keep our loved ones from being funneled into the prison industrial complex.

Attached are two articles that describe conditions inside the jail which have contributed to the loss of life there. Once again, we ask that you share this information far and wide. IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE, PLEASE SHOW UP AND SHOW OUT TOMORROW MORNING AT THE PROTEST

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