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**Sex workers To Celebrate Nation's First Public Promise To  
Address The Needs Of Sex Workers**

**WHO:** Sex workers, friends and families of sex workers, academics, and performance artists

**WHAT:**

Multi-city performance and celebration by sex workers adorned with large, red targets, tied up in red rope, and a carrying a message of hope to bring visibility to our nation's first public promise to address the needs of sex workers.

**WHEN:**

**MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**12pm PST/1pmMST/2pm CST/3PM EST**

**WHERE:**

**Chicago, IL**

Primary action at Watertower place, proceeding to Millenium Park  
Secondary action at Tulip 3448 N Halsted  
*Contact: Ni'ja Email: nija.whitson@gmail.com*

**Tucson AZ**

Jacome Plaza, 101 N Stone Ave  
*Contact: Liz Email: hdfemme@gmail.com*

**Austin, TX**

9th St and Congress Ave  
*Contact: Surgeon Email: revolution@gmail.com*

**Denver, CO**

Between the main library and the art museum  
*Contact: Faffs Email: p\_penguine@hotmail.com*

## **San Francisco**

Regular location: UN Plaza

Rain location: Civic Center Bart Station

Contact: *Sadie Lune* Email: *sadielune@gmail.com*

## **New York**

South end of Union Square

Contact: *Rachel* Email: *rgrinstein1@gmail.com*

## **Los Angeles**

location TBD

Contact: *Mariko Passion* Email: *mariko.passion@gmail.com*

## **St. Petersburg, FL**

Location: North Straub Park

500 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL

Contact: *Jill* Email: *jill@swopusa.org*

## **WHY:**

Sex workers have risen up to demand justice in the past several months, and last week they were victorious. Now they want the world to know; and they are willing to expose themselves, to expose the truth.

This year, the United States participated in a Universal Periodic Review (UPR) – a process set up by the Human Rights Council at the United Nations to assess the level of human rights in each country. The U.S. received more than 200 recommendations.

**Recommendation 86** called on the Obama Administration to “...**ensure access to public services paying attention to the special vulnerability of sexual workers to violence and human rights abuses.**” This is the first time the US has been internationally called upon to address its insensitivity to the long-neglected issues faced by sex workers, and marks a rare occasion in which the US has had to address the needs of sex workers as a distinct issue separate from human trafficking .

After an unprecedented uprising of sex worker advocacy and support organizations, the collaborative group *Human Rights for All: Concerned Advocates for Sex Workers and People in the Sex Trade* ([www.humanrightsforall.info](http://www.humanrightsforall.info)) have convinced lawmakers to accept the recommendation. The U.S. released report to the U.N. states last week saying, "We agree that no one should face violence or discrimination in access to public services based on sexual orientation or their status as a person in prostitution".

On Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, in Geneva, the U.S. will formally endorse UN recommendation #86 and, for the first time ever, officially condemn violence and discrimination against sex workers. The demonstrations around the country on Friday are local efforts celebrate the achievements of HRA, and provide a sense of hope that recommendation 86 will finally be a start, to the end of the violence.