

Stand Up & Shout Out!

A Forum to Protect & Restore our First Amendment Rights

March 24, 2012 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Eureka Women's Club 1531 J Street, Eureka

<u>Bit-by-bit, piece-by-piece, our precious civil liberties</u> are being whittled away

Warrantless Wiretapping • USA PATRIOT Act • National Security Entry/Exit Registration System (NSEERS) • Real ID Act • Military Commissions Act • No Fly and Selectee lists • Abuse of Material Witness Statute • National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) • Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act • Attacks on academic freedom • Monitoring of peaceful groups • Militarization of our police by the Department of Homeland Security • Coordinated nationwide crackdown on Occupy protests • Unrestrained excesses of local law enforcement • HR347-Federal Restricted Buildings Act • and much, much more....

Although these changes have been almost imperceptible, taken as a whole they put some of our most cherished freedoms in jeopardy. The cumulative effects of these actions has resulted in an America very different than the one we experienced a decade ago.

And now, here in Humboldt County, we are threatened with another assault on our First Amendment protections of freedom of speech, assembly, and the right to petition our government for redress of grievances. A new County protest ordinance is currently under development, which, if left unchallenged, will further restrict and criminalize our basic freedoms.

It is urgent that we form a coalition of local organizations and individuals who rely upon the First Amendment, and we need you to join us to stand up and shout out: enough!

Stand Up & Shout Out! -- A Forum to Protect and Restore our First Amendments Rights will be held on March 24, and is an important first step. The forum will include informational presentations by local experts and activists, followed by an opportunity to work with friends and neighbors to take concrete actions to protect and restore our precious freedoms.

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Moderator

Dan Faulk, Humboldt State University

Featured Panelists

Jeffrey Schwartz. Attorney
James Decker, Occupy Eureka
John Hockett, Civil Liberties Monitoring Project
Verbena Lea, Redwood Curtain Cop Watch
Tracy Rain, Attorney & Homeless Advocate
Marcy Burstiner, Humboldt State University

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