



**Santa Cruz #BringBackOurGirls
Committee**

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**Join the #BRINGBACKOURGIRLS Solidarity Movement!
Rally at Santa Cruz City Hall, Tuesday, July 1 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm**

Santa Cruz, CA—Santa Cruz #BringBackOurGirls Committee and the UCSC Women’s Center will host a “Bring Back Our Girls Rally” at 5:30pm on July 1 at Santa Cruz City Hall. Santa Cruz area women will **wear red** in solidarity for 219 girls still missing after being kidnapped from their school in the Chibok Territory in Northern Nigeria on April 14.

Santa Cruz City Councilmember Cynthia Mathews, Ann Simonton of Media Watch, Akin Babatola, and Co-Chairs Kymberly Lacrosse and Sheila Delaney of the Santa Cruz County Women’s Commission are among the invited speakers for the Santa Cruz rally.



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This event, co-sponsored by the Santa Cruz County Women’s Commission, is free and open to the public and everyone is encouraged to **wear red** and bring signs supporting #BringBackOurGirls. There will be petitions, letters to officials

and other opportunities to get involved.

Over 300 school girls were kidnapped from their dormitory by the terrorist group Boko Haram. These girls were studying for their exams and in the middle of the night armed men ripped them from their beds. As of June 20, 219 girls are still missing and the Nigerian government recently “closed” the investigation into securing their releases. Women across the world continue to experience inequities and violence. All concerned citizens need to renew pressure on the Nigerian government to re-commit to #BringBackOurGirls!

For more information, please visit the Santa Cruz County Women’s Commission Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Santa-Cruz-County-Womens-Commission/191709674180792> , The Bring Back Our Girls Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1446093295645817/>; or contact Brenda Griffin at santacruzbbog@gmail.com or Stephanie Milton at smilton24@gmail.com.

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