



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

March and General Questions

When and where will the Houston Women's March take place?

- The march and rally are Saturday, January 21, 2017.
- 10:45 a.m.: Arrive at Water Works building at Jamail Skate Park no later than 10:45 a.m. Saturday, January 21, 2017. Remember: HPD may re-route us for safety as we march.
- 11:00 a.m.: The March will begin at 11:00 a.m.
- 12:00 p.m.: The destination is City Hall and the rally will begin there at 12 noon or when Marchers arrive.

How do I get there and where should I park?

- Foot, bike, carpool, bus, light rail, ride-sharing, or private car.
- If you drive a personal or group vehicle, find public parking and plan ahead for potential parking fees and travel time from your parking location to either the Jamail Skate Park or City Hall.
- I-10 near downtown is under construction. Check Transtar for road closings.

Is the Woman's March Houston associated with the DC Woman's March?

Yes, the Houston Women's March is an official "sister event" to the national Women's March on Washington. We stand together in solidarity with our partners and children for the protection of our rights, safety, health, and families - recognizing that our vibrant and diverse communities are the strength of our country.

Will there be security specifically to safeguard the marchers?

Yes, Certified Peace Officers are being hired as donations come in.

Will there be medical aid available for the marchers?

No. Any Marchers with known issues should carefully plan their participation. We encourage you to play it safe by wearing your medical alert jewelry, and bringing your medication and emergency contact information.

Is the March route ADA compliant for those with disabilities?

The official route follows stairs, paths, ramps, and designated street crossings.

Will it be safe to bring children to the March?

Our expectations are for a non-violent, family-friendly event.



Tips for staying together:

- **Write phone numbers on the arms of young children** even if you feel they know your number(s). A child separated from a guardian may panic and forget phone numbers.
- **Link arms** with all the members of your party so that you are able to easily stay together.

Should we expect counter protesters?

Our expectations are for a non-violent, family-friendly event. As of this writing, we have not heard of an organized counter protest. Peace Officers have been recruited for March and Rally, and the City may assign additional law enforcement officers.

How should we react if we encounter counter protesters or they try to antagonize our marchers?

Do not engage with counter protesters. This is a peaceful event and we are gathering under protected freedoms of speech and assembly. If you are concerned during the March or Rally, immediately seek a law enforcement officer. If you encounter a serious and immediate threat, dial 911.

Are there any restrictions on bags or backpacks?

HPD recommends small bags and backpacks.

Are there any clothing requirements?

Yes, the Houston March requests that all participants to **wear black** in solidarity. **Pink pussy cat hats** are also welcome!

Are we allowed to bring signs and banners?

Yes, we encourage everyone to bring signs and banners; however, they cannot have any kind of dowel, poles, or other supports. **All signs must be handheld only**. Law enforcement may confiscate any signage that is attached to poles or dowels. Please do not resist should this happen.

What type of signs or banners are appropriate?

Do's: Positive, progressive women's themes.

Don'ts: Avoid signs that are not family-friendly such as the use of foul language or images even if quoting a celebrity.

Tip: Samples of positive signage can be found on our Facebook page or through online search.



Is it legal or permitted to March from the park to City Hall?

Yes, we have the required permits and security officers to rally. However, we must adhere to the following rules:

- We must stay on sidewalks, park pathways, parkland, and obey traffic regulations at street crossings
- We cannot block roads, intersections, or entrances to any private property.
- Please obey the traffic instructions of law enforcement at all times.

Are we allowed to bring our own water?

Yes, please bring a water bottle so you remain hydrated and your voice remains strong! However there will not be restrooms or port-a-potties along the way, so remember to go ahead of time.

TIP: It may be hard to hold onto a water bottle while marching or rallying, so if you have one that attaches to your belt, around your neck, or in a backpack that might be helpful.

Will there be restroom facilities available?

There will not be restrooms or port-a-potties along the marching route; however, **some will be available at City Hall**. Please plan accordingly!

Rally Questions

If I'm unable to march, is there a specific place I should wait at City Hall for the marchers to arrive?

Outside of City Hall in Hermann Square, near the Reflection Pool.

Is it legal or permitted for us to rally in front of City Hall?

Yes, we are guaranteed the right to gather in front of City Hall.

What activities or speakers are planned for the rally?

Chants, music, speakers, and a call to action.

Houston's 2016 Best DJ, Gracie Chavez.

Music Direction by Houston's own Mark Austin.

How long will the rally last?



We estimate an hour to an hour and a half (1:00 – 1:30 pm).

Post January 21st Questions

Will this group stay together after the Houston Women's March?

Yes. The Steering Committee will determine the future structure and help Marchers stay connected to the causes Marchers care about.

How do I stay involved?

Register for the March via the official site and remain “opt-in” for emails.

https://actionnetwork.org/events/houston-womens-march?source=direct_link&referrer=593357a31a432615c0c6b451ed8aeed2063c0e0

Funding Questions

How is the Houston Women's March funded?

Through individual donations from marchers and supporters like you! The Houston Women's March is a grassroots movement, and individuals like you donated to cover the hiring of certified peace officers who protect the marchers, a clean up crew, city permits, and related costs.

How can I contribute to the Houston Women's March?

General Houston Women's March campaign: <https://www.gofundme.com/houston-womens-march>

Are my contributions tax deductible?

Not this first year. After the 2017 March, the Steering Committee will recommend next steps, which may include a plan for future Marches and causes.

What will happen to any funds that remain after the Houston Woman's March is completed?

After we pay the bills, a small portion will go to reserving an online archive and history of the March, and the remainder will be donated to the American Civil Liberties Union, for the continued protection of free speech gatherings like the March.