

PEACEFUL PROTEST PROTOCOL

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO PROTEST

- Stay on sidewalks unless crossing at a signal or if the event has a permit to block traffic.
- Leave space for pedestrians or move with them.
- If stopped: stay calm. Ask, “Am I free to go?” If not, say, “I’m remaining silent.” Don’t consent to searches. You may record police if not interfering.
- If arrested: ask for a lawyer. Don’t speak or sign anything without one. You have the right to a local phone call.

RESPECTFUL ENGAGEMENT

- Stay peaceful – Our power is in solidarity, calm, and long-term commitment to organizing, educating, and resisting.
- Avoid confrontations – Don’t yell or debate counter-protesters. Stay grounded, focus on your message, walk away if needed.
- Communicate with care – Avoid personal attacks or divisive language (e.g., “Deport Elon”). Speak to unite, not divide.
- Respect differences – Honor others’ backgrounds. Assume good intentions. Make space for learning and imperfection.
- Avoid misinformation – Don’t share false or misleading information.

COMMUNITY & SOLIDARITY

- Have each other’s backs – Support, check in, and de-escalate.
- Center marginalized voices – Step back, listen, uplift. No one knows everything; together we know a lot.
- Celebrate joy – Chant, dance, sing. Joy is resistance.
- Mālama ‘āina – Care for the land. Leave no trace.

OPERATIONAL SECURITY (OPSEC)

- Protect identity – Avoid full names in organizing spaces.
- Watch what you post – Blur faces, avoid real-time locations.
- Mask up – For privacy, safety, and health.
- Minimize digital trails – Use Signal, turn off location settings, avoid public online planning.

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