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WHEN/WHERE: June 4th 2010

- 2 PM- Petition Delivery, Chinese Consulate, San Francisco, 1450 Laguna St., San Francisco
- 3 PM- Laying of Wreath before Goddess of Democracy, Portsmouth Square, Chinatown, San Francisco
- 4 PM- San Francisco Caravan Protest through downtown San Francisco starting at Portsmouth Square
- 7 PM- Candlelight Vigil, Chinese Consulate in San Francisco

San Francisco – Chinese, Tibetans, and supporters are marking the 21st Anniversary of the 1989 Tiananmen Square Massacre with petition delivery at the Consulate of the People's Republic of China in San Francisco, with wreath-laying at the Goddess of Democracy at Chinatown's Portsmouth Square, and a Candlelight Vigil back at the Chinese Consulate.

Feng Congde of the China Truth Foundation, said "We are holding vigils, memorial services, and prayers in honor of the hundreds of thousands of Chinese who bravely stood up in 1989, to mourn the thousands of people massacred then by the Chinese state, and to show the Chinese government authorities that the Chinese people continue to resist the undemocratic, torturous, and abusive state in China that existed and still exists."

Chinese democracy groups have long called for an independent investigation into the events surrounding the Tiananmen Square Massacre and seek retribution and justice for the victims. China's authoritarian government has instituted numerous measures to censor and intimidate the Chinese people and denigrate their democratic aspirations.

Tsering Vassallo, President of the Bay Area Chinese and Tibetan Friendship group, added "We urge our local politicians and world leaders to strengthen their support for China's democracy movement's non-violence resistance and ensure that the Chinese Communist leadership be brought to task for their ongoing human rights violations against Tibetans, Uyghurs, Chinese Christians, Chinese human rights activists and journalists, and Falon Gong believers in China. "

The public is asked to make contributions to support the Tiananmen Mothers, which should be sent to: Humanitarian China, P.O. Box 7265, Fremont, CA 94537. The public is invited to all events.

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