

MEDIA ADVISORY FOR: Tuesday, February 7, 2017

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**TUESDAY AT 3PM: Orange County Demand Town Hall
with Rep. Walters to Address Their Growing Concerns**

Irvine, CA— On Tuesday, February 7, dozens of concerned citizens from the 45th Congressional District will gather at the Irvine office of Representative Mimi Walters to demand that the Congresswoman participate in a town hall to hear and address her constituents' growing concerns regarding the agenda pursued by Donald Trump and the Republican-controlled Congress.

For weeks, Orange County residents worried about the repeal of the Affordable Care Act, Donald Trump's Muslim Ban and a number of other policies have gone to Representative Walters' office in Irvine to express their fears and desires and understand how the Congresswoman intends to address the issues they raise. As the crowds have consistently grown, Representative Walters has been increasingly unwilling to listen to the issues raised by her constituents, culminating in Mimi Walters' staff hiding inside their locked office and willfully ignoring more than 200 local residents who attempted to communicate their needs to the Congresswoman on Tuesday, January 31. Mimi Walters' decision to lock down her office rather than hear the voices of the people she serves has made it abundantly clear that her office is incapable of addressing the growing volume of concern among her constituents. The Congresswoman urgently needs to participate in an open-forum town hall to address her constituents' questions and explain how she plans to protect the people she serves from the disastrous effects of the Republican-driven agenda that threatens to break apart families, eliminate health coverage and cause financial ruin in her district.

WHAT: Constituents petition Mimi Walters to host a town hall to address a variety of pressing issues.

WHERE: Representative Walters' Office 3333 Michelson Drive Suite 230 Irvine, CA 92612

WHEN: Tuesday, February 7, 2017, 3 p.m.

WHO: Dozens of people, representing a broad coalition of concerned, unaffiliated residents of the 45th District, will participate and voice their concerns to Congresswoman Walters.

Organizational support for this meeting is being provided by Indivisible OC, Orange is the New Blue, the Orange County chapter of

the Democratic Socialist of America and Together We Will, as well as a variety of other local organizations.

This action builds upon weeks of phone calls and visits to Mimi Walters' offices attempting to relay constituent concerns to the Congresswoman. Representative Walters has refused requests for meetings, her staff has expressed ignorance as to when the Congresswoman would even return to Orange County, and, as described above, the Walters has even begun locking her office to avoid listening to her constituents. Undeterred by the Congresswoman's obstruction, residents of the 45th District will continue to demand that Mimi Walters hears and serves the people she is supposed to represent.

For more information about this event, please call Jessica Riegert at 760-580-5691 or Acecy Buensuceso at 949-750-6112 or email contact@ocdsa.org or media@45thdistrictvoters.com.

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