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STANISLAUS WOMEN CALL FOR RELEASE OF PRESIDENT TRUMP'S TAX RETURNS
March and Rally Planned for Tax Day, April 15, in Modesto

MODESTO, CA - On this year's traditional "Tax Day," April 15, impatient citizens and taxpayers will gather in Modesto, California to demand that President Donald Trump release his most recent tax returns immediately. [Tax March Modesto](#) will include a march from Five Points to City Hall, followed by a rally with speakers, to highlight a promise the president made in 2014: that he would "absolutely" release his returns if he ran for president, as he told Fox News' Greta Van Susteren.

"By failing to release his tax returns, President Trump has violated two of our country's most fundamental values," said Patty Hughes, Founder and President of the Democratic Women's Club of Stanislaus County, which is organizing Tax March Modesto, along with nearly a dozen community partners. "Those values are transparency and accountability in government," she said. "We believe that public servants are accountable to the people who elect them. The American people have a right to know the financial dealings and potential conflicts of interest of their elected leaders."

Hughes questioned why U.S. Representative Jeff Denham, R-Turlock, voted along with almost all Republicans in Congress [to keep President Trump's tax returns secret](#). "What does Donald Trump have to hide, and why is Congressman Denham trying to help him hide it?" she asked.

In Sacramento, California State Senator Mike McGuire and Senator Scott Wiener have authored legislation to require candidates for President to disclose five years of tax returns before being allowed on the California ballot. Their action came in response to [a new report from ProPublica](#) revealing that President Trump quietly changed his "blind trust" arrangement to allow him to pull money from the trust at any time.

Tax March Modesto (taxmarchmodesto.com), set to begin at 10 a.m. with a gathering and march, is one of more than 100 Tax Marches planned for April 15, 2017 across the United States, supporting the main Tax March in Washington, D.C. (see taxmarch.org). Tax March organizers point out that the majority of Americans—whether Republican or Democrats—agree that President Trump must be transparent with his dealings, for the safety of our country.

- An [ABC/Washington Post poll](#) found that nearly three in four Americans (74 percent) agree that Donald Trump should release his tax returns, including a majority of Republicans (53 percent).
- According to a [Pew Research Center poll](#), 60 percent of Americans believe Trump has a responsibility to release his tax returns.
- Two in three Americans are concerned that Donald Trump is putting his own interests above America's, according to a [CBS News Poll](#).

"Without his tax returns," said Patty Hughes, "we are in the dark about Donald Trump's conflicts of interest, his foreign entanglements, and whether he even pays any taxes at all." Speakers will address these issues in a rally at the Tenth Street Plaza after the march to City Hall.

Tax March organizers also criticize the Trump administration's \$6 trillion tax plan, calling it a massive giveaway to the rich and big corporations. "We are marching to demand that Congress require wealthy people and corporations to pay their fair share of taxes, so we can create good jobs and an economy that works for all of us," said Hughes.

For more information about Tax March Modesto, please see taxmarchmodesto.com or contact Patty Hughes at demwomensclub@gmail.com. For information on the Tax March in Washington, D.C., and a list of local marches around the country, as well as a virtual march worldwide, see taxmarch.org.

The Democratic Women's Club of Stanislaus County (www.demwomensclub.com) previously organized the Women's March on Modesto, attended by more than 1,000 people, on January 21, 2017. A dozen community partners are collaborating to support Tax March Modesto.

Partial List of Community Partners in Tax March Modesto:

Stanislaus Resistance
Turlock Democratic Club
Modesto Progressive Democrats
Our Revolution CA District 10
Indivisible Stanislaus
Our Revolution Turlock
Be the Change Turlock
Democratic Club of Greater Tracy
Manteca Democratic Club
North Valley Labor Federation
Sierra County Democratic Party
AFSCME local 3930/UDW

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