

Dear Friends,

The San Diego chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) is what we believe to be an integral part of the struggle for human rights. The use of direct action such as demonstrations, has proven to be both necessary and effective in combating racial segregation and discrimination.

Since your organization is an influential one in this community, we are asking you to support our activities aimed at eliminating racial injuries. It is not an easy task for any of us to stand before this community and demand that social change, in the form of complete freedom and equal opportunity, be afforded to all citizens. Yet we know that someone must assume this responsibility.

The Rev. Martin Luther King, James Farmer, and Roy Wilkins are doing a wonderful job, but obviously they can't go to every city in the United States and correct that city's racial problem. So we will have to stand together and unite our efforts whenever we can, so that Negroes and other minority group persons may enjoy the privileges of this American citizenship.

With these thoughts in mind, CORE proposes that as many organizations as possible plan a march through the downtown area to express to the entire community our urgent desire for bettering the conditions for minority groups. This march would express unity and strength among those who are dedicated to the principle of equal opportunities for all persons regardless of their skin color or religion.

Please contact me at my home or at our office by telephone if you are interested in participating in the planning of such an event. A meeting of all interested organizations is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11th at 8:00 p.m. at the CORE office, 2528 Imperial Ave. Phone: 234-2586. My home telephone is 262-0292.