

VIGIL TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST SEX WORKERS

WHEN: Sunday, December 16th - 7:00 to 8:00pm

WHERE: Boston Police Headquarters
1 Schroeder Plaza, Roxbury Crossing

HOW TO GET THERE:

Take the MBTA to the Ruggles or Roxbury Crossing Orange Line Stops. Street parking is also available.

WHO: Organized by the Massachusetts Pirate Party

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WHY:

Throughout the United States and around the world, sex workers continue to face violence and abuse, often with police either neglecting to take such crimes seriously or even engaging in exploitative violence themselves.

Since 2003, sex worker rights organizations have chosen December 17 as the International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers – to commemorate those who have been lost, to remind the public how stigma against sex workers deprives them of safety and human rights, and to renew the commitment to sex workers’ rights and dignity.

This year in Boston, the Massachusetts Pirate Party is organizing a vigil around this time, open to all who support the rights of sex workers. We have chosen the front of Boston Police headquarters as the site of this vigil to emphasize the role of law enforcement, and the criminalization of consensual sex work, in perpetuating the stigma and marginalization of sex workers which fuels the violence they face. We join with this movement in calling for decriminalization and proven harm reduction approaches to break this cycle and strive for sex workers’ safety and dignity in our communities.

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