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### TAKING TO THE STREETS



# MAY DAY IN L.A.

**Resisting Trump:** Some 30,000 march downtown, with many people spurred on by the president's immigration policies

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A call to unite those affected by President Donald Trump's rhetoric on immigration and deportation policies drew a sea of people to downtown Los Angeles on Monday for a diverse May Day march and rally.

Dubbed Resist May Day, the march was one of the largest May 1 events in the nation, with organizers saying 30,000 people gathered at MacArthur Park and marched 2½ miles through closed streets to City Hall downtown.

Participants from a network of 100 labor and civic groups hoisted signs and banners, as well as a giant American flag, to speak in favor of workers' rights and better wages, as well as against Trump's proposed border wall, his hard stance on illegal immigration and his policies that temporarily ban refugees from some Middle Eastern countries.

Marvin Ortiz, a member of Progreso Legal Group, told the crowd through a megaphone that the march should be peaceful and should show the country that immigrants, legal or not, should be grateful to the United States for many opportunities. But it was important, he added, to speak for the voiceless.

"We respect this flag, this country," Ortiz said to applause. "We respect this

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**Supporting Trump:** Backers respond with rally of their own, but tensions escalate with masked counterprotesters

By Denise Quan  
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A rally at the federal building in downtown Los Angeles on Monday in response to the city's massive May Day march descended into a chaotic back-and-forth between Trump supporters and a group of counterprotesters clad in black, with masks and handkerchiefs covering their faces.

Several of the pro-Trump activists claimed their opponents, who waved a flag emblazoned with the words "Anti-

fascist Action," were part of the radical Antifa group that many believe were involved with the mayhem that broke out at a rally in Berkeley two weeks ago. They did not appear to be aligned with the larger May Day march that was originating from MacArthur Park a few miles away.

As tensions escalated, at least one counterprotester was arrested and taken away in a police cruiser. Los Angeles Police Department officers on the scene said the man was arrested for arson after burning a small American flag.

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### LOS ANGELES

## Griffith heirs join Hollywood sign fight

Move made to intervene in suit that closed trail entrance to landmark

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The heirs of Griffith J. Griffith, the silver-mining magnate who donated the plot of open space that became Griffith Park, joined other groups Monday in a fight to reopen a popular Beachwood Drive trail entrance that leads up to the Hollywood sign.

A private family trust that represents the estate of Griffith J. Griffith was among the parties that filed a motion Monday in Los Angeles County Superior Court to "intervene" in a lawsuit that led to last month's closure of the trailhead.

Van Griffith, the great-great-grandson, is one of the family members involved in the charitable trust, said Rachel Schwartz, a spokeswoman for Friends of Griffith Park, another party in the motion. The nonprofit advocates for public access to parks.

The Beachwood entrance had been one of the easiest and quickest ways for tourists who wanted

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### WEST HILLS

## Lawsuit filed over teen sucker punch attack

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The attorney for a 14-year-old West Hills student who suffered a fractured skull and other injuries after he was brutally sucker punched has filed a lawsuit over the December attack that was captured on video and posted on Snapchat.



Jordan Peisner

The lawsuit, filed Monday in Los Angeles Superior Court on behalf of Jordan Peisner, represented in the suit by his father, Ed Peisner, names a slew of defendants, including three minors the suit alleges were involved in the parent company of

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At top: Demonstrators march Monday up Broadway Street in Los Angeles during May Day demonstrations.

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Above: A man is taken into police custody Monday after he burned an American flag in front of a pro-Trump rally in Los Angeles.

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