

**"In each society, the low have no recourse but to raise themselves up, even from the dungeons deep, such as Pelican Bay. And while many prisoners may never walk free, their minds can be made free and their humanity....restored."
- Bato Talamantez, California Prison Focus and former political prisoner**

Join United for Drug Policy Reform Aug. 23rd in Sacramento to demand: Human Rights for California SHU Prisoners Now!

From July 1-20, thousands of prisoners in the state of California, composed of all races, went on a hunger strike. They united around five demands raised by Pelican Bay State Prison inmates directed against gross human rights violations.

- 1. End Group Punishment & Administrative Abuse.**
- 2. Abolish the Debriefing Policy, and Modify Active/Inactive Gang Status Criteria.**
- 3. Comply with the US Commission on Safety and Abuse in America's Prisons 2006 Recommendations Regarding an End to Long-Term Solitary Confinement.**
- 4. Provide Adequate and Nutritious Food.**
- 5. Expand and Provide Constructive Programming and Privileges for Indefinite SHU Status Inmates.**

The courageous protest of the prisoners as well as the solidarity of thousands of people around the world have been successful in exposing the illegal and inhuman conditions that tens of thousands of inmates are subjected to at the hands of California's prison system.

The prisoners have vowed to continue the fight until the CDCR (California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation) ends its illegal policies and practices.

Join us on Aug. 23 at the State Capitol to continue the struggle!

11:30am: Rally at the North steps

1:30pm: Public hearing on conditions and policies of the Security Housing Units at Pelican Bay, inside the State Assembly Public Safety Committee meeting room #126

Carpools leaving OASIS Clinic, 520 27th St., Oakland at 9 AM. For more information or to get on the carpool list, please call Lisa Roellig at 415-238-1801.

For carpool information from other Bay Area locations, please call 415-637-8197. From Southern California 714-290-9077 or email prisonerhungerstrikesolidarity@gmail.com.

For more information on the ongoing struggle for human rights for California Security Housing Unit (SHU) prisoners, please visit the Prisoner Hunger Strike Solidarity website [here](#).

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