DEMONSTRATION IN SUPPORT OF POLITICAL PRISONERS Friday, December 2nd 12 - 2 pm Oakland Federal Building 1301 Clay Street

INTERNATIONAL DAY IN SOLIDARITY WITH POLITICAL PRISONERS Saturday, December 3, 2005 7 pm First Unitarian Church 14th and Castro, Oakland

EVENTS HELD IN 25 CITIES WORLDWIDE!

Join us in Oakland on Friday, December 2nd for a day of action in support of political prisoners all over the world, and for an evening event on December 3rd.

There are over 8,000 Palestinian political prisoners being held in Israel, and over 1,000 Haitian political prisoners. There are hundreds of American political prisoners in US jails all over the country and abroad. Thousands are being held in Indonesia. In Mexico there are right now over 500 political prisoners, many of whom are indigenous peoples. In Turkey there are more than 8,000 political prisoners. Many are from the Kurdish national struggle, and many leaders and militants from the revolutionary movement are being held in complete isolation, drawing on measures and torture techniques imported from the US, Europe, and Israel. In response to escalating human rights violations, activists from around the world have decided to initiate a Day in Solidarity with Political Prisoners Worldwide. Donato Continente, a recently released political prisoner from the Philippines explained: "It's time we took a united and international approach to the freeing of political activists and freedom fighters – it's essential that we share our experiences and that we mount international campaigns."

Former Black Panther leader and Yale Law School Professor KATHLEEN CLEAVER will headline the Saturday night event. " It's essential to work for the freedom of those still imprisoned because of their contributions to the human rights struggle within the U.S., particularly in these days of intensified government surveillance of and restrictions against dissent...." Ms Cleaver explained. Puerto Rican Independentista ALICIA RODRIGUEZ, who was pardoned by President Clinton after 19 years in prison, will join Ms. Cleaver. The event will also feature representatives from Haiti, Palestine, the Philippines and the Cuban 5.

These events will be preceded by a film festival, **Political Convictions: Liberating Political Prisoners** with showings from Monday, November 28 through Thursday, December 1st at New College, San Francisco, and Laney College, Oakland.

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