

# Alioto

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## Defends

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## Marchers

Mayor Alioto today declared those who take part in tomorrow's peace march "are good, loyal Americans whose allegiance to their country is above question."

"Their cause is just and their voice deserves to be heard. The cry for peace must not be judged an automatic act of treason in this country."

Alioto issued a statement regarding the demonstration after signing a Board of Supervisors' resolution which merely "takes note" of the event and admonishes participants to act peacefully.

The Mayor said leadership of the rally "has shown its willingness to cooperate with police to insure that no small group intent on disruption for ulterior motives will mar this event or detract from the importance of its meaning."

"The police are pledged—and supported fully by me—to making certain that any disruption of this rally will be dealt with promptly and under the fullest provisions of the law and without leniency."

He termed the assembly "not only constitutionally guaranteed but highly desirable."

"We can no longer explain the Vietnam war to our people nor to the world," Alioto said. "We particularly cannot explain it plausibly to those who are being asked to make the supreme sacrifice in a war that no one wants, but no one so far seems capable of ending."

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