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Event: PPRC Friday Rally and March endorse Walk for Peace, Justice and Community, welcome Rachel Corrie's families to Portland.      Contacts: (503) 344-5078  
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Time: 5:00 p.m.

Place: Pioneer Courthouse Square

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The *Portland Peaceful Response Coalition's* Friday rally and march join with the *Rural Organizing Project*, *CAUSA* and *Oregon Action* to endorse the *Walk for Peace, Justice and Community*, a march from Salem to Portland that begins this Sunday, June 12th, from the steps of the State Capitol Building. The week-long walk begins with "The Assembly of Underrepresented People Declare Our State of Emergency Created by the War in Iraq," as rural caravans from around the state gather in Salem to assess the threat level and declare a "People's State of Emergency" with a kickoff rally and march. "We will unite as immigrants and citizens in solidarity to protest the Real ID Act - passed as part of the Iraq War appropriation - which condemns immigrants to carry a special ID - just like in South Africa under apartheid," reads one description of the event. "This is why we say that the war in Iraq is also a war on the people at home." Additional information regarding the week of actions may be found at the *Rural Organizing Project's* website at [www.rop.org](http://www.rop.org)

The PPRC will also be welcoming to Portland the families of Rachel Corrie, the young student of Evergreen State College in Olympia who was crushed by a bulldozer as she was trying to protect a Palestinian home in occupied Gaza. On Thursday, June 16th, at 7:00 PM, Cindy and Craig Corrie, the parents of Rachel Corrie, and Samah and Khaled Nasrallah, whose home Rachel was killed protecting, will speak at the St. Francis Church at SE 12th and Pine in Portland. Their presentation is titled "In Rachel's Name". Co-sponsors for the evening program include *Americans United for Palestinian Human Rights*, *Jews for Global Justice*, the *Rebuilding Alliance*, *Friends of Sabeel*, *St. Francis Church* and the *Portland Peaceful Response Coalition*. "This program is an opportunity for folks to learn more about Rachel's life and work, and how each of us can help build bridges to communities in Gaza and beyond, to show a different face of the American people, and to work for justice and peace in the Middle East," said William Seaman, a volunteer with the PPRC. "We are inviting everyone to take part in this important gathering here in Portland this coming Thursday evening."