

Kent Street's Decision Tree Regarding Specific Protest Events

Our goal is to give people the information they need to make their own best decisions about whether or not to attend a particular event/protest. In deciding if Kent Street will uplift an event and encourage attendance, we consider whether the following criteria are met:

- Commitment to non-violence, no weapons policies
- Alignment with Kent Street mission statement, values and messaging
- Trusted and known partners/individuals organizing
- Transparency re: permitting, police and safety issues
- Presence of peacekeepers, if appropriate to the situation
- Commitment to de-escalation, not confrontation

About Non-Violent Resistance and Civil Disobedience

- At this time, Kent Street does not have the necessary experience or expertise to organize effective civil disobedience, nor is it in our current plan. However, there are situations where protests we support include a secondary component of civil disobedience (e.g. Rev. William Barber's *New Poor People's Campaign*). In such situations we look for:
 - A clear delineation between the protest portion of the event and the civil disobedience portion
 - Transparency about what is planned
 - A clear and defined strategy
 - Legal support
 - A clear opt out such that people are given time to leave before the civil disobedience action begins.

Special Considerations:

Media:

We ask that those attending events (protests or otherwise) not speak on behalf of Kent Street unless authorized to do so.

However, we encourage everyone to come prepared to speak on their own behalf – especially being ready to answer the question “Why did I choose to be here today?”.

If opting to speak to the media, always ask for names and credentials first. Beware of fake “media” (Project Veritas type groups) – they are there to do “gotcha” takes and will often try to provoke people into saying things on camera that they may later regret.

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