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## ***Against Trafficking in Women***

*Join Us On Thursday, July 8, 2010*

*To Protest Craigslist at their San Francisco Headquarters*

CATW in partnership with Prostitution Research and Education (PRE) and other co-sponsors will be holding a protest in front of Craigslist Headquarters in San Francisco to bring attention to Craigslist's facilitation of and profiting from sex trafficking. "Craigslist continues to cynically profit by functioning as an online pimp," says Norma Ramos, Executive Director of CATW. "Craigslist is the new stroll where pimps traffic, johns buy and Craigslist profits," says Melissa Farley, Executive Director, PRE.

Craigslist is projected to realize a 22% increase in revenue -- an estimated \$36 million in 2010 -- largely attributable to its functioning as a *virtual* red light district for pimps/traffickers and johns. Craigslist displays a reckless disregard for human rights by increasingly becoming a part of the sex industry. Craigslist could act to create a sex trafficking free internet by no longer hosting prostitution ads and thereby setting an industry standard.

We invite you to join CATW, PRE and other co-sponsors at our protest to hold Craigslist accountable for facilitating and profiting from the rank exploitation of others.

***When:*** Thursday, July 8, 2010

***Where:*** Craigslist Headquarters

1381 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Between Judah and Irving Streets)

San Francisco, CA 94122

***Time:*** 12:00 – 2:00PM

**\* Please help get the word out by e-mailing this notice to your contact list.**