Please join Western States Legal Foundation and allies for a virtual rally commemorating the U.S. atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and rededicating ourselves to the global abolition of nuclear weapons.
Watch “live” August 6 and 9, 022 from 9 – 10:30 am PDT at https://enlightenedfilms.com/august-rally/
The recording will be archived at the same link for watching later.

For the third time, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year’s Livermore rally will be virtual. Our theme is Making the Unthinkable Impossible: Abolish Nuclear Weapons! The rally will be broadcast Saturday, August 6, and Tuesday, August 9, from 9:00 am – 10:30 am. The program will feature Daniel Ellsberg, Nagasaki A-bomb survivor, Nobu Hanaoka, Russian peace and democracy activist, Oleg Bodrov, international anti-nuclear power activist, Marie Inoue, Livermore Lab watchdog, Marylia Kelley and more, with music by Emma’s Revolution and Benjamin Mertz.

40 years ago the largest peace demonstration in U.S. history took place in New York City, where one million people rallied in Central Park to demand the elimination of nuclear weapons. That same year, thousands of people surrounded the Livermore Nuclear Weapons Lab here in the Bay Area. More than 1,500 were arrested nonviolently blockading the roads and gates leading to the Lab, saying NO to nuclear weapons, at one of the two locations where every U.S. nuclear warhead has been designed. During the 1980s fear of nuclear war was on most everyone’s mind.

Then, when the Cold War appeared to end, many people breathed a sigh of relief, believing that the danger of nuclear war had vanished. But the U.S. nuclear weapons juggernaut rolled on, substantially unchanged, and the Livermore Lab continues to develop new and modified nuclear warheads to this day. We have continued the tradition of protest at the Lab, organizing rallies and nonviolent direct actions each year around the August 6 and 9 anniversaries of the U.S. atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945.

Now, with Russia’s illegal war of aggression on Ukraine, which could eventually draw the militaries of the U.S., its NATO allies and Russia into direct conflict, and Russia’s repeated threats to use nuclear weapons, the specter of nuclear war has risen to the highest level since the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis, and nuclear weapons are back on the public radar. And, while we celebrate the new Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, we can’t be complacent. It will take action to make nuclear abolition a universal reality!

Planning groups include: Asian Americans for Peace & Justice, Ecumenical Peace Institute, Livermore Conversion Project, No Nukes Action Committee, SF Bay Physicians for Social Responsibility, Tri-Valley CAREs, Western States Legal Foundation, and Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom.