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800-Mile Walk to Stop Executions Launches at San Diego Court House *Walkers Ask District Attorney NOT to Seek Death Penalty*

- WHEN:** Saturday, September 15, 2007 – 9 AM
- WHERE:** San Diego Hall of Justice
330 Broadway
Downtown San Diego
- WHAT:** **Press conference and launch for the Walk to Stop Executions.** The Walk will stop in 15 counties along the 800-mile route and will end at the State Capitol in Sacramento on November 30th. Walkers will join to call attention to the death penalty and encourage district attorneys *not* to seek the death penalty.
- WHO:** Walk Leaders: Richard Carlburg and Jeff Ghelardi
Rev. Tony Currin
Calif. People of Faith: Ronnie Friedman-Barone
Amnesty International USA: Tim Spann
ACLU of San Diego and Imperial Counties: Kevin Keenan
Jeff Chinn, California Innocence Project
- WHY:** When District Attorneys pursue death sentences, the lengthy and complex legal proceedings not only perpetuate the suffering of the survivors but also focus all the attention on the accused instead of the victims. Seeking the death penalty also costs far more than seeking the alternative sentence, life without parole. While some district attorneys do not pursue the death penalty, these counties' district attorneys do. As a result, California has the highest rate of death sentencing in the country.

For more information, please visit: <http://walktostopexecutions.blogspot.com/>