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About 1,000 people showed up to demonstrate, and 350 to march, at the No Kings rally in Redding on March 28. Attendees said they came out to protest the Trump administration's policies and actions on immigration, Iran, the economy and other issues. JESSICA SKROPANIC/RECORD SEARCHLIGHT

River Ranch neighbors take their opposition to court

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Neighbors who live near a planned alternative custody campus in south Redding and possible future jail site have stepped up their opposition to the project.

The River Ranch Neighborhood Association has sued the city of Redding and Shasta County, demanding that an environmental impact report and/or CEQA review be done before the project progresses any further.

The lawsuit was filed Feb. 27 in Shasta County Superior Court, a little more than a month after a contentious Redding Planning Commission meeting where one resident told commissioners they had hired an attorney to pursue legal action.

At that meeting, the commission heard from residents near the 91-acre site at 7251 Eastside Road, with boundaries that flank the Sacramento River.

The county is leasing the city-owned property rent-free with a future option to buy it for \$1, per an agreement that was made in 2025 between the Redding City Council and county Board of Supervisors.

In their lawsuit, River Ranch residents argue that "approvals of the Project improperly piecemeal the project and focus on the lease of the property without considering the future use of the land."

The CEQA review is required to address the physical change to the environment that building the entire project would have, "which is not merely the surplus-lease of the lot, but the redevelopment of the lot into a correctional facility campus," the lawsuit alleges.

Attorney Jason Flanders is representing the neighbors in the lawsuit. Reached by phone on March 24, Flanders told a Record Searchlight reporter that he would contact the neighbors to see if they wanted to talk. He had not gotten back to the newspaper as of Thursday, March 26.

Neighbors fear that the campus would make their neighborhood less safe, hurt property values and affect

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No Kings protest takes over Cypress Avenue

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More than 1,000 people gathered on Saturday for the No Kings rally at Redding City Hall to protest President Donald Trump and his administration's actions and policies.

Shasta County residents — including ones who said they were from Shasta Lake, Shingletown, Redding, Palo Cedro and Millville — lined Cypress Avenue from the Anderson Cottonwood Irrigation District Canal to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection office. They waved to passing cars and carried signs with messages criti-

cizing Trump's attack on Iran, his handling of economic and immigration issues, his approval of ICE agents' activities in Minnesota, and what protesters say is the meddling in elections and government overreach of power.

"I'm ... opposed to this ridiculous war, putting our people into harm's way, particularly members of the 82nd Airborne Division of which I was a member once," said Millville resident Jack Rutherford, a veteran and graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Rutherford also said he was unhappy with "the lack of institutional support that we get from this administration, and just the complete erosion of the checks and balances that we see across

the board."

Roughly 350 people also participated in a 12:30 p.m. march from Redding City Hall, said Shasta County democratic activist Frank Treadway, who attended the rally.

Redding's demonstration was one of more than 3,300 planned nationwide on March 28, national organizers reported, with the "flagship" protest at Minnesota's state capitol in Saint Paul.

"I don't like to see what happened in Minnesota," Rutherford said. "ICE agents need to go ... and many other things need to be reformed so that our democracy does not disappear."

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ANALYSIS

No Kings rallies a massive show of political force

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USA TODAY

The demonstration outside the Minnesota State Capitol for the marquee No Kings rally, with Bruce Springsteen and Jane Fonda on the bill, wasn't the most notable development during the day of protests on March 28.

More notable was the No Kings march in Staunton, Virginia. And Salisbury, Maryland. Rockford, Illinois. Beaver, Pennsylvania. Eugene, Oregon. Chillicothe, Ohio. Port Huron, Michigan. Flat-

woods, West Virginia. And more than 3,000 other places across the country, plus a scattering around the world.

"A divine entanglement of democracy," Sarah Elizabeth Greer, 56, called it as she marched in Manhattan, pushing her two tiny dogs in a cart festooned with a pair of handwritten signs: "NO barking" and "BITE the Power!"

The left-leaning protests with the Revolutionary-era call against President Donald Trump as a would-be monarch

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Sarah Elizabeth Greer, called the No Kings march in New York City a "divine entanglement of democracy" as she carted her two dogs with thousands of demonstrators on March 28. EDUARDO CUEVAS/USA TODAY

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