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## **TREE REVOLT IN BERKELEY TONIGHT!**

### **6 PM GATHERING**

### **DOWNTOWN BERKELEY BART PLAZA**

Trees take the streets of Berkeley tonight, carried and dragged by bicyclists of the Berkeley Critical Mass for the eighth year in a row, as first exposed in the award-winning documentary, *Revolt of the Christmas Trees* (FBI, 2001).

Using their special powers of TREE LOVE, the trees have joined in solidarity with advocates of safer streets to decry the practice of slaughtering them down and tossing them in the gutter as a so-called “sacred sign of life.” One in the streets, they become *de facto* traffic calming, helping to slow traffic and protect the vulnerable and precious lives of pedestrians and bicyclists.

“Humanity is seeing the prophesy come true of economic and environmental collapse to those who abuse their age old friends the trees.”

The video can be watched online at <http://www.treerevolt.org/>

Actions have been building; trees have played a role in many recent protests, including the over 21-month occupation of trees on the UC Berkeley campus to prevent an 800 car tree-killing parking garage.

Members of the ousted tree protests plan to join the trees in the streets.

At a press conference held Wednesday, police expressed concerns: “We hope the trees will not resort to extreme displays of self-immolation as they have sometimes in the past,” extolled Berkeley Police Commander Choppemall.

National Arboreal Rights Guild Director Bob Barker retorted, “Even in Berkeley, where police have been given the explicit right to steal and destroy property and inflict disabling injury to small groups of protesters who happen to use fire in a Constitutionally sanctioned manner, such as in burning an effigy safely in the street, the ultimate right of a tree to protest ecocide cannot be suppressed.”

“Carbon emissions from automobiles far outweigh the effective carbon load of a few trees or flags burned in protest, but it’s still sad. It makes me so sad to see those cute little trees dried out at the side of the road crying for allies in love of life,” said Sally Sorority, an undergrad studying Anthropology at UC Berkeley. “Why can’t people use a potted plant or a community tree in a park?”