

April 25, 2024

Dear City of Boise,

On April 17, 2024, a federal judge in Idaho [ruled](#) that Boise's noise ordinance restricting the use of megaphones for protesters in downtown Boise is **likely unconstitutional**, and granted an injunction protecting Sierra Club from police interference for simply using a megaphone at its protests.

That same protection should be afforded to ALL people exercising their First Amendment rights in Boise.

Idahoans are facing an onslaught of dire and urgent issues that call for active public dialogue, assembly, and civil protest in our state's capital. And yet we've witnessed Boise Police in recent years **using this unconstitutional noise ordinance to threaten and harm participants at those demonstrations**, creating a chilling effect on local protests overall.

Now that a federal court has affirmed that this law is likely unconstitutional, NO protesters in downtown Boise should be subject to its enforcement while the case is ongoing.

We deserve the right to peacefully protest and use megaphones to make our voices heard on critical issues in our communities without fear of unconstitutional intimidation by police.

Will you direct law enforcement not to ticket or arrest ANY protesters in downtown Boise for using megaphones right now?

For justice and democracy,

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