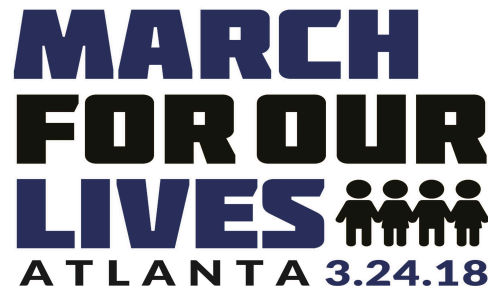


**Revised release:**

**Corrections:**

- In the original release, the name of speaker Carly Novell was misspelled as “Carly Novelle.” This error has now been fixed.
- In the original release, the estimate of 70,000 people was credited to “local officials.” This has been changed to “local organizers” to clarify that the estimation was not made by government officials, but rather made by a team of march organizers with extensive experience working large scale events.



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## **March For Our Lives Atlanta: 70,000 turn out to protest Gun Violence!**

ATLANTA, Georgia -- On Saturday, March 24, 70,000 concerned Georgia students, families and community members gathered together for March for Our Lives Atlanta as part of the national [March for Our Lives](#) movement. March for Our Lives Atlanta, one of hundreds happening around the country, was planned by students from all backgrounds

from across Georgia survivors of gun violence to call for lawmakers to make students' lives and safety a priority and to pass common-sense gun safety legislation.

***“We are never too young, we are never too old to march; to speak out and find a way to do something about gun violence”***

- Congressman John Lewis during his speech for MFOL ATL
- The pre-march program began with a moment of silence in remembrance of those who have lost their lives to gun violence and in recognition of the survivors.
- A variety of speakers and special appearances spoke at the kickoff of the march. The speakers included poetry readings from Kailen Kim and Savannah Nemeth as well as songs from Vienne Borg and Nanseera Wolff.
  - Kickoff speakers at the march included the 60<sup>th</sup> mayor of Atlanta Keisha Lance-Bottoms and Congressman John Lewis.
- Local organizers estimate the crowd and march size at 70,000 people. Among those who walked at the front of the march included Congressman John Lewis, Parkland survivors Carly Novell and Jake and Alec Zaslav, and all the MFOL student organizers.
- The emcees for the march were Paideia High School sophomore Royce Mann and Spelman College junior Jennia Taylor.
- More than 400 people worked as peace marshals, playing a critical role in helping marchers safely navigate their way along the route during the march.
- Videos created by the student organizers of March For Our Lives Atlanta played on screens throughout the march.
- The March kicked off at approximately 11:00 AM (ET) at Center for Civil and Human Rights
- The finale saw marchers rally in Liberty Plaza around 1:30 where speeches from the Director of the National Action Network Mary-Pat Hector, Parkland survivors Jake and Alec Zaslav, local high-schooler Jordan Parker, and author and gun violence survivor Antoinette Tuff capped off MFOL.
- Photos and videos from the march can be found [here](#). Photo credits to Peter Swieter of Everytown.
- Plans for after the march include outreach work and voter registration efforts for the upcoming local, state, and national elections.

For further updates on the March for Our Lives Atlanta, follow the march on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) at @mfolgeorgia and at [March for Our Lives - Atlanta](#) on Facebook. Join the conversation on social media using #WhyIMarch and #WHATIF.

