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Obama Rally Draws Loud but Peaceful Protests

In spite of Sheriff's Deputies ready in full riot gear, protesters chant and make their voices heard – though not necessarily loud enough for the President to hear.

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With rows of Sheriff's Deputies in full riot gear standing ready – not to mention enough Sheriff's, Culver City Police and California Highway Patrol cars to cast a Bad Boys sequel – protesters chanted and waved signs for numerous different causes as they waited for the presidential motorcade to deliver President Obama to Sony Studios.

Protesters supporting and decrying a variety of issues were tightly gathered at the Madison and Washington entrance to the Sony Studios complex, where Obama would speak at a fundraiser for his re-election. The crowd was noisy, with chanting led on a loudspeaker and drums being banged, but the atmosphere was festive.

If anything, the presidential motorcade went by all too fast, rushing eastbound on Washington Boulevard, turning south on Duquesne Avenue, than westbound on Culver Boulevard.

The protesters dispersed soon afterwards, and were mostly gone by the time President Obama took the stage at the fundraiser.

Law enforcement officers, however, remained on high alert until the President left Sony at approximately 8 p.m.

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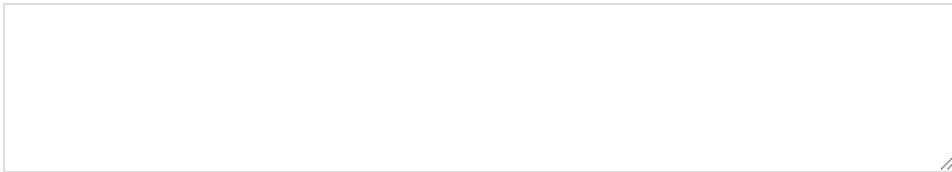
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