

“‘We’re not going back:’ Thousands gather in downtown Grand Rapids for International Women’s Day march”

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Judge’s comments: “This is a nice photo of a protest that shows a lot of emotion. The layered composition reveals many faces showing that emotion seemingly motivated by the main subject. Nice light and a good exposure help communicate the environment at this scene that day.

To make this even better, I suggest the photographer move to their left or wait for the main subject to turn more so that reader can see the face. They could possibly wait for that flag to move that would reveal negative space between it and the megaphone. Also, they could try to get closer to the main subject making them bigger in the frame to help fill in the empty sky; the viewer would still see that beautiful blue behind the subject matter which is what really matters.

Not being there but, having covered many similar fluid events, what I suggest may not have been possible. These are just some suggestions for the future to make stronger and more compelling storytelling images.

Good job!”