

Puerto Rican protesters demand end to austerity measures



San Juan, May 3 (RHC)-- In Puerto Rico, hundreds of activists marched to San Juan's financial district on May Day to protest the federally appointed fiscal control board and the reappointment of its members by U.S. President Donald Trump.

çThe board has been implementing a series of austerity measures, including pension cuts, university tuition hikes and the closing of public schools. Vanessa Contreras of the group Feminist Collective Under Construction, told reporters: "You need to bet on public services, which are needed for the quality of life for all people. We need an increase in salaries, an increase in pensions. We need to give money to public schools, so that they can rise. We need to support the University of Puerto Rico. We demand workers' rights, unionization, and the protection of lands. We want all people to have a safe roof. In moments of financial crisis, the last thing we should be doing is putting people out in the streets."

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