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Opposition Rally to Take Place on Moscow Outskirts

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Opposition leader Alexei Navalny

A political rally on Sept. 20 announced earlier this month by Russian opposition firebrand Alexei Navalny will take place in the Marino district in southeast Moscow instead of the city center, an opposition activist said Tuesday.

“The rally will be held on Sunday at 5 p.m. in Marino (on Ulitsa Pererva)” Navalny's ally from the Anti-Corruption Foundation, Roman Rubanov, wrote on Twitter on Tuesday.

Opposition activists had requested permission from City Hall earlier this month to have a meeting in the city center on Sept. 20, but Moscow officials turned them down and suggested Marino instead, saying too many public events were already being held in downtown Moscow that day, including the Moscow Marathon.

Participants of the rally will demand fair elections and competitiveness in politics, according to Navalny.

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