

# Commemorate MLK Day By Joining The Picket Line & Speak-out End Racism, Discrimination & Corruption At SF City Hall



**Friday, January 13, 2006 4:00 PM**  
**Polk St. Steps To SF City Hall**

The commemoration of Martin Luther King's birthday is not a happy one for Black, Latino and other workers in San Francisco. Anita Labossiere, who discovered "hanging nooses" being put up at her work location to terrorize Blacks at South East Sewage Plant two years ago is now in the process of being terminated on trumped up charges. When she went public in the San Francisco Bay View, the PUC managers sought to drive her out of her job. Other Black workers have faced similar harassment. No report or investigation has been released to the public about these incidents by the PUC or the City of San Francisco.

<http://www.sfbayview.com/082003/workingforthecity082003.shtml>

At the same time, Black and Latino men and women laborers from SF DPW who are members of LIUNA Local 261 and had many years of service with the city were laid off, and replaced with workers from Hunter's Point at \$11.00 an hour. Their supervisor, DPW Director Mohammed Nuru, had previously been investigated for illegally ordering SLUG workers to campaign for Newsom in the last mayoral election, yet he still has his job.

This same Nuru was involved in the discharges of these DPW laborers, and the most vocal workers who spoke out about them are still without jobs. Mayor Newsom, Nuru and the City have also signed an agreement with the leadership of LIUNA 261 that new workers would be brought in a new classification doing much of the same work of these laid off workers but at 50% less pay. Newsom also signed an agreement that their union initiations and union dues would be paid for by the City of San Francisco.

[http://www.sfexaminer.com/articles/2005/02/23/news/20050223\\_ne05\\_dpw.txt](http://www.sfexaminer.com/articles/2005/02/23/news/20050223_ne05_dpw.txt)

This is a clear ethics violation, and Mayor Newsom has been told personally by these laid off workers about this violation in March and December of 2005. Why is he covering this up and why has he not acted to put these workers back to work? Even the Board of Supervisors passed a supplemental appropriation of \$1.4 million to rectify this situation, yet the workers are still being retaliated against.

**Call Mayor Newsom, and ask him for some answers. Call The SF Board Of Supervisors and demand hearings on the growing corruption and discrimination scandal at the PUC and DPW and at SF City Hall.**

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**Rally initiated by Bay Area Labor Action Coalition (BALAC), Endorsed by SF Bay View**

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