

BAIL OUT WORKING PEOPLE, NOT THE BANKS!

**SATURDAY, MAY 9
TEACH-IN & MASS ACTION
ORGANIZING MEETING**



Initiated by the North Bay Labor Council, San Francisco Labor Council, San Mateo Central Labor Council, South Bay Labor Council, and Workers Emergency Recovery Campaign (WERC)

Join us to build a united fight-back movement in the interests of all working people around the following demands:

- No layoffs. Massive job-creation program.
- Tax the rich — don't bail out the banks.
- Pass the Employee Free Choice Act.
- Single-payer healthcare for all.
- Affordable housing for all. Tenants' rights. Moratorium on foreclosures & evictions.
- Funding for jobs and for social services & infrastructure, not for war.
- Stop the ICE raids and deportations. Legalization for all!

**PLUMBERS HALL
1621 MARKET STREET
(BETWEEN FRANKLIN & GOUGH)
SAN FRANCISCO
1:00 TO 5:00 P.M.
REGISTRATION: 12:30 P.M.**

SPEAKERS:

- **Art Pulaski**
Secretary-Treasurer,
California Federation
of Labor
- **N'tanya Lee**
Executive Director,
Coleman Advocates for
Children and Youth
- **Mark Dudzic**
National Organizer,
Labor for Single Payer
Healthcare Campaign
- **Rosie Martinez**
SEIU Local 721
(Los Angeles)
- **Steve Williams**
Executive Director,
POWER (People
Organized to Win
Employment Rights)
- **Conny Ford**
Vice President,
San Francisco Labor
Council
- **Clarence Thomas**
ILWU Local 10
- **Jack Rasmus**
Professor of economics
St. Mary's College and
Santa Clara Univ.
- **Alan Benjamin**
Executive Committee,
San Francisco Labor
Council and
Workers Emergency
Recovery Campaign
- **Josh Nielsen**
President, Student
Council, City College
of San Francisco

Extended remarks from Bay Area Labor and Community leaders and ample time for dialogue among teach-in participants.

AND

Spoken Word performance by
YOUNG PLAYAZ

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JOIN US AT THE MAY 9 TEACH-IN: BAIL OUT WORKING PEOPLE, NOT THE BANKS!

The severity of the economic crisis we are currently facing is predicted to rival the magnitude of the Great Depression. Some say it could be even worse. Over 6 million jobs have already been eliminated since the current recession began. Millions of working people have lost their homes to foreclosures and evictions, and many more homes are in or near default, while housing remains unaffordable to millions of people. The ranks of those without health insurance continue to grow. But even these statistics fail to reflect the growing insecurity and stress of working people across the country as we wonder when we, too, might be next.

Meanwhile, the federal government has showered billions upon billions of taxpayer dollars on financial institutions in the form of bailouts. In other words, working people, who are bearing the brunt of the crisis, are being required to shoulder an additional burden. Our tax dollars are being funneled to the very financial institutions and wealthy investors whose reckless gambling in pursuit of unbridled profit was responsible for driving the economy over the cliff. They have refused to say what they've done with trillions. Worse still, to emphasize their contempt for public opinion, these priests of high finance have spent some of the bailout money on huge bonuses, office decorations and the purchase of more CEO jets, and so on.

In response to this unprecedented crisis, many organizations have emerged that are addressing specific issues. Some are fighting foreclosures. Others are fighting for a single-payer healthcare system that would guarantee health coverage for everyone. Still others are pressing for the passage of the Employee Free Choice Act, which, if passed, will greatly facilitate the ability to form unions.

Although our problems take many forms, most of them stem from a single source. During the past three decades, the inequality in wealth has surged to historic proportions not seen since the 1920s. The hourly wage of working people has actually declined, forcing many additional family members into the workforce just to make ends meet. Aggressive campaigns by employers have cre-

ated additional barriers to unionizing, resulting in a sharp decline in the percentage of unionized workers. Without unions, workers have not had the means to struggle successfully for higher wages, healthcare coverage, pensions and other benefits.

Given these conditions, can there be any wonder that we have a housing crisis and a healthcare crisis? And during this same period, the taxes on corporations and on the rich in general have dramatically declined, thereby accelerating the accumulation of unprecedented wealth, on the one hand, and the decline of tax dollars for public infrastructure and services, on the other.

In order to have any chance of altering these trends, given the magnitude of the crisis we confront and the forces we're up against, we need to come together, unite all our separate organizations and mount a collective struggle around our common concerns. Without joining together for our common interests, we don't have the strength to change our government's priorities. Only in this way can we begin to build a massive movement that will have the power to impact government policy and give people genuine hope for a better future.

We working people constitute the vast majority of the population. We need to ensure that our society operates in the interests of the majority. But we can only succeed if we stand together in solidarity with each other's demands and struggles.

The goal of the May 9 teach-in is to inspire other teach-ins. It is aimed at organizing massive Solidarity DAYS OF ACTION in support of our common demands. By bringing huge numbers of people together in common actions, people will realize through their own experience that they do not stand alone, and they will gain the confidence that by uniting we can begin to exercise real power.

Join us and help build a movement. Together we can prevail.

An Injury to One Is an Injury to All!

Endorsed by: AFT Local 2121; ANSWER Coalition; Bay Area Labor Committee for Peace and Justice; Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists; Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center; Black&Brown Equitable Drug Policies Collective; California Nurses Association/National Nurses Organizing Committee; Chinese Progressive Association; Code Pink; Council of Community Housing Organizations; Day Labor Program; Dolores Street Community Services; Education Not Incarceration, SF Chapter; El Organizador; Frente de Mexicanos en el Exterior; Gabriela Network; Green Party of California; Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club; Housing Justice, Idriss Stelley Action & Resource Center; International Action Center (LA and San Diego); International Socialist Organization; Labor and Community Studies, City College of San Francisco; LaborFest; LAGAI - Queer Insurrection; May 1st Alliance for Land, Work and Power; Meikeljohn Civil Liberties Institute; Movimiento por una Amnistía Incondicional; Mujeres Unidas y Activas; National Union of Healthcare Workers (NUHW); Oakland Education Association; Office and Professional Employees International Union Local 3; People Organized to Win Employment Rights (POWER); Sacramento LCLAA; Scientists without Borders; SF ACORN; SF Gray Panthers; SF LCLAA; SF Peace and Freedom Party; SF Unitarian Universalists for Peace; SF Web Pressmen & Prepress Workers Local 4N GCC-IBT; SFSU Labor Studies; Single Payer Now; Socialist Action; Socialist Organizer; Solidarity; South of Market Community Action Network; St. Peter's Housing Committee; Tenderloin Neighborhood Housing Development; United Public Workers For Action; US Federation of Scholars and Scientists; Wellstone Democratic Renewal Club; Workers Action (Complete List as of 4/21/2009)

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