

# LABORFEST

**July 8 (Sunday) 10:00 - 4:00 PM (Free) SEIU United Service Workers West - 1010 Ruff Dr., San Jose**

## Workers Rights, Workers Lives, Organizing in Silicon Valley

Millions of workers have come to the Bay Area and Silicon Valley to work and live. The conference will hear from workers who are fighting for union and worker rights in Silicon valley from service workers to tech workers.

While billionaires are being made every year in Silicon valley the workers who make their money are facing extreme economic hardship, struggling to survive.

The unionization of thousands of contract workers at companies such as Google, Apple, and Facebook has raised their living conditions but the massive housing crisis and inability for workers to live in Silicon Valley forces workers into their cars, spending hours commuting on the road.

At the same time the racist attack on immigrant workers, including in Silicon Valley, is harming not just service workers but immigrants from throughout the world who now work in the Valley. Discrimination against their wives and families is escalating as xenophobia grows.

Is technology being used to benefit workers or further



exploit them? We will look at how the technology is being used to eliminate tech workers, and that tech workers working conditions are deteriorating as they are tethered to the Internet 24 hours a day. We will also look at platforms such as UBER, Lyft and Airbnb have affected workers and the communities we live in. Thousands of workers are forced to drive to Silicon Valley and the Bay Area to get work and end up living with slave labor conditions.

We will hear as well about how tech workers are working with service workers to defend union and immigrant rights, and joining in solidarity.

### Tentative Program

(For more details and changes, please go to [www.laborfest.net](http://www.laborfest.net))

**9:30 AM** Registration

**10:00 AM** Conference Opens

The Struggles For Service Workers In Silicon Valley

**12:00** Lunch

**1:00 PM**

Human Rights And Silicon Valley-The Attack on Immigrant Workers

**2:00 PM**

Tech Workers, Tech Billionaires And The Future of Work

**3:30 PM**

Proposals For Action, Solidarity and Unity

**4:00 PM** Conference Closes

### Initial Speakers:

**Rebeca Armendariz**, SEIU-USWW Senior Community Political Organizer, **Mehmet Bayron**, Software exploitation and automation of tech workers, **Edward Escobar**, The Alliance for Independent Workers, **Bob Emmett**, SEIU-USWW security guard, **Maria Gonzalez**, Tech worker who was sexually assaulted at work, **Karthik Ramanathan**, Immigrant Tech Worker, **Ruth Silver-Taub**, Labor and Human Rights Lawyer, **Silicon Valley Service Workers**

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