

May Day Coalition 2021

March, Rally, Car Caravan

Planning Document

Facebook Event Page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/524206831902503>

BACKGROUND

On **Saturday, May 1st**, Los Angeles will honor the contributions of immigrants, workers, and those who fight to create a more just society for all. This year, will mark a new era of possibility in a time of desperately needed change. Our work continues under the new Administration as we enter into what looks to be the winding down of the COVID-19 pandemic. If it was not clear before, it is clear now that the problems that existed before the pandemic have been exacerbated because of it. We need immigration reform, we need to protect workers and take a giant leap forward towards racial justice.

This year's theme will be "**The Work Continues / La Lucha Sigue**" and we will focus on lifting up immigrants, worker rights and fighting against anti-asian hate. We will be organizing a **hybrid march /car caravan and rally**. We want to lift up our solidarity as community, faith, immigrant rights, LGBTQ+, labor and Muslim organizations, who continue to stand strong with one another in the face of our current challenges.

GOALS

- To have a successful, socially distant action with impact that lifts our collective demands.
- To display publicly our collective power and commitment to advance immigrant and worker rights.
- To underscore the need for immigration reform and pro-worker legislation, honor our fallen colleagues and members to COVID-19, and take a stand against white supremacist brutality against Asian and black community members.

ENDORSEMENTS (Endorsement Link: [here](#))

AFSCME 3299, Alliance for Community Transit - Los Angeles (ACT-LA), ANSWER Coalition , CA STATE CLUW (Coalition of Labor Union Women), California Faculty Association - Los Angeles, Central American Resource Center- CARECEN , Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice, Coalition for Community Control Over the Police, Communist Party USA, Community Power Collective, DSA-LA, Equality California, Ford & Wallach, Garment Worker Center, Korean Resource Center, LCLAA LA Chapter, Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, National Union of Healthcare Workers, Promesa Boyle Heights, Rideshare Drivers United, SCOPE LA, SEIU 121RN, SEIU Local 99, SEIU United Service Workers West, Students For Quality Education/ La F.U.E.R.Z.A, The K.W. Lee Center for Leadership, UC-AFT Local 1990, UCLA Labor Center , UFCW Local 770, United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers Local 36, USW Local 675, and Women's March Action.

LOGISTICS

This is a socially distant event. If you are joining the march, wear a mask and make sure you stay at least 3-6 feet apart from one another. For those of you joining by car, please line up your

cars and remain in your vehicles to watch the Facebook livestream of the program on your phones.

Date	Saturday, May 1, 2021
Starting Location	Los Angeles State Historic Park, 1315 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 (adjacent to Chinatown, near Metro Gold Line Chinatown Station Stop)
Time	<p>9:00 a.m. - Preparation/Staging</p> <p>10:00 a.m. - Gathering</p> <p>11:00 a.m. - Music/Cultural Performance</p> <p>11:20 a.m. - Land Acknowledgement</p> <p>11:22 a.m. - Interfaith Benediction/Prayer/Moment of Silence for those who have passed as a result of COVID-19</p> <p>11:30 a.m. - Opening Program Begins</p> <p>11:50 a.m. - Opening Program Ends</p> <p>12:00 p.m. - March / Car Caravan Begins</p>
Ending Location (for marchers)	Grand Park / Los Angeles City Hall Steps on Spring Street.
Time	<p>12:45 p.m. - Arrive at Grand Park / L.A. City Hall</p> <p>12:50 p.m. - Closing Program Begins</p> <p>1:00 p.m. - Closing Program Ends</p>

FOR MARCHERS

The march will begin from Los Angeles State Historic Park. Make sure to look for the flatbed truck, signs and banners.

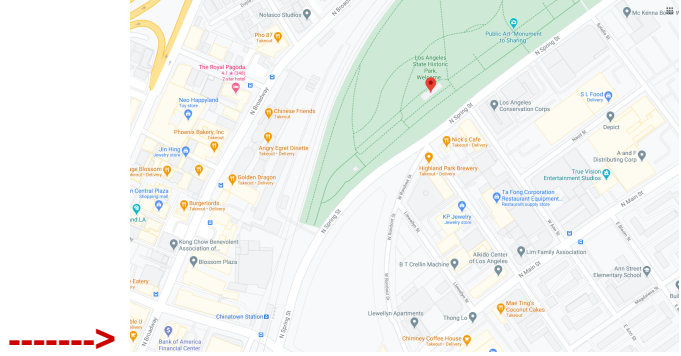
1. We will march down Spring Street (which will turn into Alameda Street).

2. We will then make a right on 1st Street in Little Tokyo.
3. Next we will make a right on North Spring Street which is between the Los Angeles City Hall Steps and Grand Park.
4. We will march into North Spring Street, set up the flatbed truck and begin the Closing Program. (Total march route distance is **2.1 miles**).



Public Transportation

We highly encourage marchers to take the **Metro Gold Line** and exit the **Chinatown Station** stop. There is a short 0.1 mile walk from the **Chinatown station** to the **Los Angeles State Historic Park**. Look for the flatbed truck, signs and banners for May Day on Spring Street.

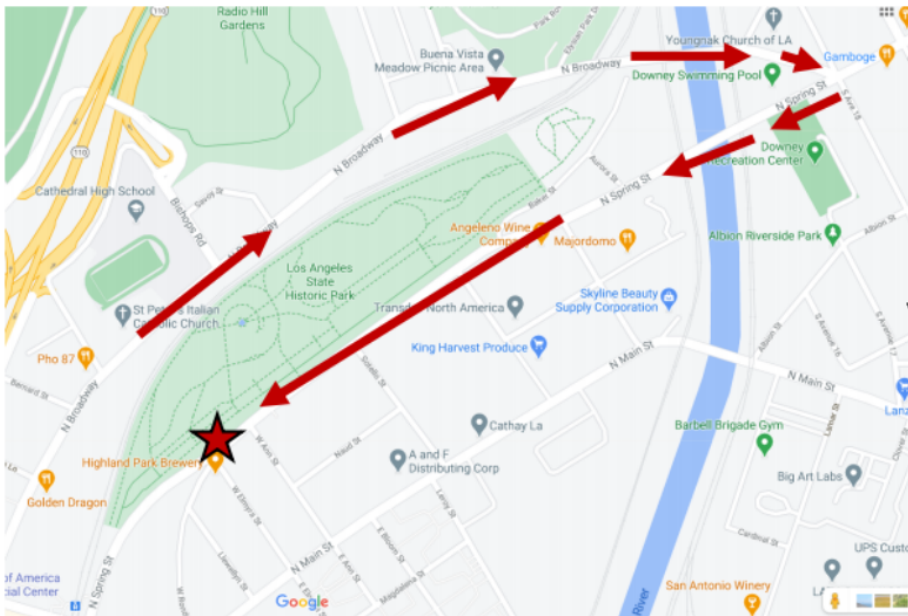


FOR CAR CARAVAN

Arrival to Event

Are you joining the event with your vehicle Caravan?

- Please drive in from Broadway into Spring Street. See map below:



- If you are using a GPS device the address to LA State Historic Park is **1245 N Spring St, Los Angeles, CA 90012**.
- When you arrive at the park **please remain in your vehicle** and follow the marshalls instructions. You will be instructed to line-up (with your vehicle) along Spring Street.
- Cars will line up behind the marchers in an orderly way.

Special Instructions for Car Caravan (Loop Around Twice)

1. Once the march begins, follow slowly south west down North Spring Street. (*Note: North Spring Street will turn into Alameda St*).
2. **Make a right on 1st Street (Little Tokyo)**
3. Right on North Broadway
4. Right on Aliso Street
5. **Right on Alameda Street (1st loop)**
6. Right on 1st Street
7. Right on North Broadway

color and workers especially hard. We mourn their loss, we honor their legacy and reiterate, on their behalf, that #TheWorkContinues, #LaLuchaSigue.

PROPOSED THEME and SLOGAN

#TheWorkContinues (with added hashtags for different groups #Immigrants #Women #AsianAmericans #Workers #COVIDRelief #EssentialWorkers)

#LaLuchaSigue (para diferentes grupos #Inmigrantes #Mujeres #Asiaticos #Trabajadores #ContraCOVID #TrabajadoresEsenciales)

TALKING POINTS

Immigration Reform

- We have fought for years to get to this point, and we continue to demand real immigration and workers' rights reform from Congress. Three important bills have passed the House, but Senate leaders must fight to get them to the President's desk.
- This is the year we move an agenda that says **#YES to Immigrants**. Two bills under it passed in the House: the **American Dream & Promise Act** and the **Farm Workforce Modernization Act**.
- We want a path to citizenship for the 11 million. That means also passing the **U.S. Citizenship Act of 2021** and the **Citizenship for Essential Workers Act**, and getting all four signed by President Biden.

Workers' Rights Reform

- A federal \$15 minimum wage has to be a priority for Biden and for those in Congress who claim to be on the side of workers. We haven't forgotten that it was stripped from the American Rescue Plan in the Senate. The next must-pass legislation must have it and keep it.
- States that approved a \$15 minimum wage prosper because workers who earn a living wage prosper. On this MayDay, we continue the #Fightfor\$15 because we know it helps us all.
- On this MayDay, we rise against union-busting efforts like the California growers' lawsuit seeking to restrict union organizing in the fields now before the Supreme Court. Workers' right to organize does not constitute trespassing.
- In light of this and other attacks on workers' unions, we urge passage in the Senate of the Protecting the Right to Organize Act of 2021, which will strengthen union membership and keep employers from using immigration status against their workers.

Racial Justice

- This is the year a racist mob overran the Capitol to try to force its will on this nation. We haven't forgotten that. We demand measures, like the For the People Act, that ensure this country stays a democracy.

- Racial violence has also invaded our statehouses, where racists push more than 200 state laws to curtail the vote and voice of people of color. We will not permit the new Jim Crow to flourish.
- Racial violence roams our streets from California to Georgia as anti-Asian hate leaves Asian brothers and sisters dead in workplaces and sidewalks. We rise in solidarity with our Asian neighbors to end this hate.
- We continue to lift the lives of our brothers and sisters of color who have died at the hands of police, even as those officers walk away without acknowledging their responsibility. Rayshard Brooks, George Floyd, Daniel Prude, Breonna Taylor, Atatiana Jefferson, Stephon Clark, Botham Jean and so many others, we say your names and we remember you on this MayDay.

COVID-19 Justice

- On this MayDay, we remember our fathers, brothers, sisters, grandparents and others felled by a COVID-19 pandemic that hit workers of color especially hard. We mourn their loss.
- We especially remember Antonio Bernabé, CHIRLA organizer and community leader who yearly put his heart and soul into the MayDay march and into the struggle for immigrant workers' rights. We dedicate this MayDay to him. Tony, PRESENTE!
- COVID-19 has also targeted women of color, who have been on the front lines of the effort to care for its victims. The nurses, caregivers and teachers who keep this nation going through a pandemic deserve to be at the front of the line for vaccines and post-COVID care, and they should get hazard pay.
- We stand with #EssentialWorkers who left their own homes and families, sometimes for months, to keep the nation fed and safe through this crippling crisis. We demand relief, vaccines and health care for them, without regard to immigration status.
- On this MayDay, we demand relief, vaccines and health care for undocumented immigrants who have so far been left out of every federal rescue package meant to lift the nation out of the pandemic. None of us is safe until all of us are safe.
- LGBTQ+ people of color have been hardest hit by COVID-19 pandemic. Due to existing health disparities, our LGBTQ+ siblings continue to be more vulnerable to adverse health consequences of the virus and we are also disproportionately represented in frontline work.

TWEETS

- We have fought for years to get real immigration and workers' rights reform from Congress. Enough! Pass pro-immigrant and pro-worker laws! #TheWorkContinues #Workers #Immigrants
- On #MayDay, we move the #YEStoImmigrants Agenda to forge a path to citizenship for #immigrant #workers to finally live and work in peace. We demand passage of the #USCitizenshipAct because #TheWorkContinues #Immigrants #Workers
- On this #MayDay, we mourn the loss of fathers, brothers, sisters, grandparents of color and #EssentialWorkers hit especially hard by #COVID-19. We know #theWorkContinues but we look to a day when #Immigrants and #Workers will get justice.

- On this #MayDay, we demand relief, vaccines and health care for undocumented #immigrants left out of every federal COVID relief package. None of us is safe until all of us are safe. #TheWorkContinues #COVIDRelief
- Remember: this year, a racist mob overran the Capitol to try to force its will on the nation. On #MayDay we demand Congress pass the #ForthePeopleAct to keep our democracy. #TheWorkContinues #BlackVotersMatter
- We still wait and we still #Fightfor15 on #MayDay. Congress, if you're on our side, don't strip it. A measure that will #RaisetheWage is must-pass legislation.
- This is the year we move an agenda that says #YESToImmigrants. Two bills down, two to pass the House: #USCitizenshipAct and #CitizenshipforEssentialWorkers Act. Then on to the Senate. #TheWorkContinues #immigrants #workers
- On this #MayDay, we remember @AntonioBernabe, who gave his heart and his life to the fight for #immigrants and #workers. PRESENTE! #TheWorkContinues #COVIDhealthcare
- This #MayDay we demand that BIPOC communities are provided direct relief and a just recovery. It's what our communities deserve after decades of systemic oppression. #TheWorkContinues #BlackLivesMatter

QUESTIONS / ISSUES

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