

Speak Out Now! at AC Transit 1/19/2026

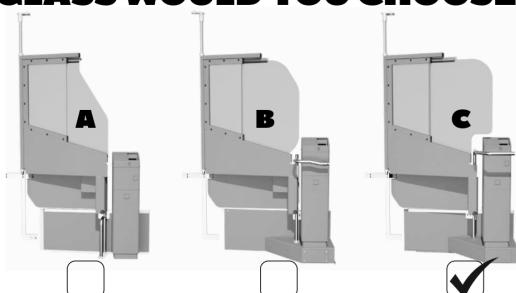
New Year, New Bid ... Still the Same Run

The new bids for the new year have begun. But we all know there is nothing new here. The District has made no improvements to the run times. The new throne bathrooms at a few stops is better than having nothing. But we still barely have enough time to go to them. We still have to choose between taking our breaks or going home late to our families. Just because there's a new bid doesn't mean we're going to pretend anything is new around here.

Driving Into Battle With a Tiny Shield

In 2023 multiple investigations by NBC Bay Area found that AC Transit had the highest rate of assaults on bus drivers in the country. During Covid, the District added a tiny plexi-glass shield to protect drivers. But it is too small to offer any real protection, and attacks on drivers have continued.

IF THE GOAL WAS SAFETY, WHICH GLASS WOULD YOU CHOOSE?



But the shield they ordered comes in three sizes, and the District chose the smallest size! If they just order the larger shield, it would make it much harder for a person to even reach the driver. They should have used that one from the beginning. They still can! The District wants to talk and talk about safety. Why not actually do something that could help!

ICE OUT!

**WE CAN ORGANIZE
TO DEFEND OURSELVES**

We can't wait as ICE continues to invade and terrorize our communities. Come to a discussion about how we can organize to defend ourselves with people who have been involved in organizing in the schools, hospitals, and neighborhoods in the Bay Area.

**SUN. FEB. 1 @ 3pm (doors @ 2:45)
Judge Henry Ramsey Jr. Center
2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley**



Health Care Workers are Under Attack!

The Alameda Health System is the main public healthcare system in the East Bay. It includes Highland Hospital, John George Psychiatric Hospital, and many more facilities that provide healthcare for the uninsured or underinsured residents of Alameda County, and anyone who needs it. Hospital management has announced and already begun layoffs without consulting with workers or the unions. As a result, many essential units are lacking essential staff. Workers in the system have been organizing against this and they need our support. The saying "An Injury to One is an Injury to All" couldn't be more true today!

There needs to be a big turnout at the next board meeting when they discuss the funding of this essential system: Tues, 1/27 at 9:30am at 1221 Oak St # 536, Oakland, CA 94612 (Alameda County Board of Supervisors office). Use QR code to keep updated and share with people you know.

ICE OUT NOW!

ICE has descended on the Minneapolis region and is terrorizing the whole community, attacking people with no limits. We cannot accept this blatant terror on our lives, and we need to continue with our protests and neighborhood responses oppose this. And if the workers in our communities could come together to oppose this, this would have an even bigger impact.

People in Minneapolis-Saint Paul are calling for a Day of Truth and Freedom in the face of the ICE invasion. No one goes to work or school or shopping. All stand together to reclaim their city from the ICE occupation. This call comes from the organizing efforts of unions, community groups, churches, other organizations, and many individuals. This is just the beginning. If they want to send ICE in, then we will have to drive ICE out using the power we have as workers. We make their society run! We can make it stop too!

**It is our work that makes society run!
We have the power to change it!
Get in touch!**



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2026: It's All of Us vs. the Billionaire Class

2026 has begun with the Trump administration escalating their brutality against the population and increasing their threats to the world. They are drawing a line in the sand: it is the tiny class of billionaires and those who protect them on one side, and the rest of us on the other. Which direction things continue to go depends on us.

The administration has sent some 3,000 masked and heavily armed federal agents to Minnesota, mainly to terrorize the people of Minneapolis. They are grabbing people off the streets with no warrants, taking them to unknown locations. People, including pregnant women, have had their car windows smashed, been pulled from their vehicles, slammed to the ground and arrested as ICE agents kneeled on their necks. ICE has battered down doors in the middle of the night and taken people away. ICE has brutally kidnapped people, including children, in schools, workplaces, and restaurants. They have attacked documented and undocumented immigrants and citizens.

On January 7, responding to an ICE presence in their neighborhood, people came outside, blowing whistles. Renee Good, a 37 year-old woman and U.S. citizen, and her wife were in their vehicle as federal agents surrounded them. When Good tried to drive away, an agent shot her three times at pointblank range in the head. Good, a mother of three, was left in her car bleeding out. This was a clear murder, and the officer, known to have far-right views, can be heard saying "F-ing bitch" after he kills her.

Since the killing, Vice President J.D. Vance and the entire Trump administration have defended the officer's blatant murder of Good. They are sending a very clear message that no one is safe, and that federal agents have a clear license to brutalize and even kill those who protest. They want to call ICE protestors "domestic terrorists" for refusing to accept this state-imposed terror. The only terrorists here are the federal agents terrorizing the population and the government that backs them.

Already, on January 14, ICE shot another person in Minneapolis in the leg while trying to arrest him. Once kidnapped by ICE, people are taken to horrific detention camps, crowded into cages, often with no food or water or access to medical care. Officially, there have already been dozens of people who have died in ICE custody in the last year. But the real number of deaths is likely much higher.

These raids have nothing to do with going after criminals or violent people. This is a blatant show of force in order to intimidate people into silence. They are going after immigrants to try and divide the population and target anyone who resists. The Trump administration is even threatening to invoke the Insurrection Act and send military troops to Minneapolis. This is clearly part of their strategy. They want to attack the population, provoke a response, and then use that to send in the military to frighten everyone into submission.

Their show of force here in the U.S. parallels their escalation of violence and threats around the world too. They showed us this when they sent Special Forces into Venezuela to kidnap Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro in early January. They pretend they were doing this to fight drug dealers, but really they just want to open up Venezuela to U.S. oil companies, which they have already begun to do. They are now threatening to take over Greenland too. And they are again threatening to bomb Iran to weaken the regime and get it to bend to U.S. interests since Iran has been a longtime thorn in the side of U.S. imperialism in the region. The U.S. has claimed to be on the side of Iranian protestors, saying they will come to their aid if the regime continues to respond with violence. What hypocrisy! How can this administration pretend to care about protestors in Iran as it brutalizes and even murders protestors against ICE in this country?! And it has been U.S. sanctions on Iran that has helped push their economy into crisis.

We are the only ones who can stop this. There is no one else — not the courts, not the mayors, and certainly not the Democrats, most of whom have voted to expand the budget of ICE and the Department of Homeland Security over the years as they gutted funding for social services.

We cannot be intimidated into silence. Our protests must continue. We need to grow our numbers, bringing more and more people into the streets. And ultimately, we will have to go even further. The power we have is that it is our labor that makes their system run. And as long as their system is able to function, as long as it is business as usual, they will continue their attacks. But if we are organized and determined enough, we can bring their system to a halt. They've made the stakes very clear in 2026: it's all of us versus them!