

Speak Out Now! at AC Transit 3/2/2026

Fully Staffed and Not Standing Still

The District recently announced that it is fully staffed! They say they now have all the staff that they need to run everything fully covered. Since there's no more drivers left to train, they claim they are sending the training staff out riding on the Tempo to assist with defensive driving coaching.

They know most of the collisions happen during the AM peak, when vehicles turn directly in front of buses. Drivers don't need more training! We need more buses and more time! If we weren't always in such a time crunch, we could take our time. That's how we drive defensively!

Hiring Freeze? But Still Understaffed!

The District claims there is full staffing and the hiring freeze is in full effect. If that was the case, then driver's would have enough time to make their runs on time and get all of our breaks, stop at every stop, and not have to leapfrog each other just to try to get out on time. The District doesn't even know what full staffing means.

We don't need every bus to be full. We need more buses so drivers have enough time and riders can expect an accurate schedule.

Paycheck: In the Blind & Stuck Like Chuck

When so many run times are too short, drivers are constantly filling out OT forms. Sometimes they are denied. Other times that have to file a grievance just to get it. But in the end, the District makes the paycheck so complicated that many drivers don't even know if they got paid for the extra time on their run.

The District can't have it both ways. If run times don't mean anything, and so many drivers are going over, then getting paid for that time should be way easier. It shouldn't be that every time we check to see if we got paid we're in the blind and stuck like Chuck.

New Loan ... Same Problems

Governor Newsom just gave Bay Area transit agencies another loan – this time \$590 million. Newsom is clearly planning his run for president in 2028, and he doesn't want to be known as the guy who let Bay Area transit go into a crisis.

But he already has! This loan doesn't address the problem. The agencies still need to pay everything back. And the reason they have the problem in the first place is because the State hasn't increased their funding enough. Throwing a band-aid loan at them drags things out, but it isn't a fix. There's plenty of money in California, and it shouldn't all go to the super rich.

And in the meantime, if AC Transit just got an injection of cash, then why is there a hiring freeze? Why not spend some of that money to actually make things better in the meantime?

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENT

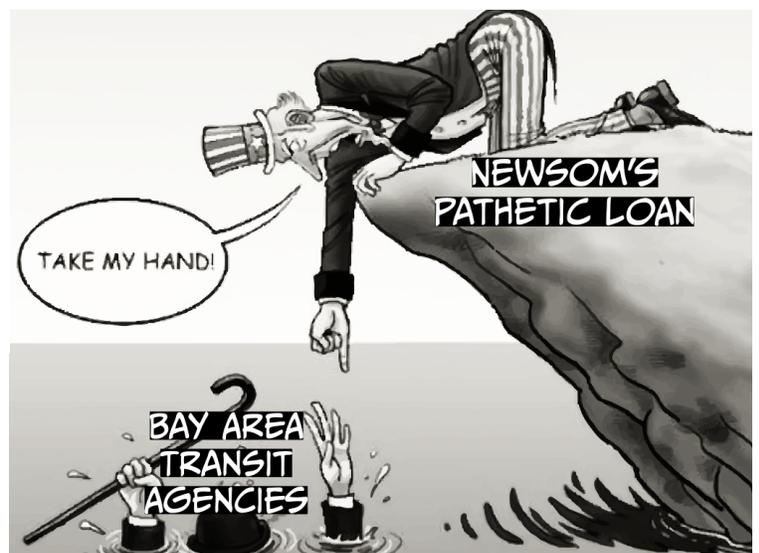
**SUNDAY,
MARCH 8TH
@ 11:30AM**

Ask your Speak Out person for more information and to get tickets to attend!

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No to U.S.-Israel War on the People of Iran!

Together with Israel, the United States began its murderous bombing campaign against the people of Iran. A day after the strikes began, Trump announced that Iran's leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei was killed along with several other key military and political leaders of Iran. Thus far, the U.S. and Israel have bombed over 2,000 targets in Iran, with the promise of many more attacks to come.

For days, the U.S. military was building up its forces in the region, while carrying out its sham negotiations about Iran's nuclear energy program. The U.S. has used this program as the excuse to impose harsh economic sanctions on Iran for years, aimed at weakening the regime. But none of this has worked at stopping the Iranian regime from being a major thorn in the side of U.S. imperialism in the region. And now with Israel, its partner in genocide, the Trump administration has decided to escalate its attacks on Iran in an effort to weaken and possibly remove the leadership in Iran in order to impose U.S. dominance of the people and resources of the region.

The existence of the current regime in Iran has stood as an obstacle to the domination of the U.S. in the Middle East since 1979, when a popular revolution overthrew the dictatorial Shah of Iran. The Shah was put in power in 1953, when the CIA overthrew the government of the democratically elected prime minister, Mohammad Mosaddegh, whose government challenged U.S. and European interests throughout the Middle East after he nationalized the Iranian oil industry.

The right-wing Islamic dictatorship that took power in 1979, and continues to rule, has stood in the way of the U.S. exerting its total control over the region. And with the U.S. wars on Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, Yemen, Libya, and more, Iranian opposition to the U.S. has been an obstacle to the total U.S. domination of the region.

This war is the latest attempt by the U.S. to crush Iran's influence in order to try to assert its control over the Middle East. This is not a war about Iran's nuclear energy facilities. This is a war about U.S. imperial domination in the Middle East. For decades, U.S. administrations, from Bush and Obama to Biden and Trump, have tried to weaken and replace the Iranian regime with one that would bend to U.S. imperial interests. These attacks on Iran represent the latest attempt by the U.S. to achieve this goal.

Already, the initial strikes on Iran have hit two schools, one an elementary school for girls, killing at least 153 people. This is just the beginning, as strikes inside Iran in heavily civilian populated areas continue. In response, Iran is targeting Israel and U.S. military bases in the region. They have also launched attacks into countries in the region that are allied with the U.S. Thus far, three U.S. soldiers have been killed and Trump has already warned that others will be killed by Iran's retaliatory strikes which could last for weeks.

Being opposed to this unjust war on innocent people does not mean we should support the brutal Iranian regime. The regime in Iran is a violent dictatorship that has oppressed the working class and the population of Iran for decades. But that does not give the U.S. or Israel the right to wage war on the people of Iran.

And we can't believe their lies when the Trump administration claims to care about the people of Iran. The U.S. can't pretend to be upset about the mass murder of Iranian protestors by their regime, while the U.S. and Israel bomb Iranian civilians, and the Trump administration murders protestors here. Similar to the Iranian dictatorship, the Trump administration wants to crush all opposition and protest inside the U.S. They use their ICE thugs to go after those who stand up, and call those who resist and speak out against ICE terror and Israel's genocide "domestic terrorists."

There is a direct link between their military aggression abroad in Iran and Venezuela, and their threats against Cuba and Greenland, and their brutal policies of repression here in the U.S. The Trump administration is saying loud and clear that they are prepared to use the violence of the U.S. military to impose U.S. dominance all over the world. And it is building up its ICE terror campaign here in the U.S. to try to crush resistance from the population.

Neither the people of Iran, the U.S., nor the Middle East have anything to gain from this war. Their wars are a threat to us all. Our future is linked with the majority of the people around the world. We must oppose those who wage these wars to increase their domination over the people and the resources of the world. We cannot allow their wars of mass murder to be carried out in our name.