

Speak Out Now! at AC Transit 4/27/2026

Stop Pointing the Finger at Each Other

The District keeps getting their scary message out about the cuts, warning about a 16% cut to service and 300 layoffs if the ballot to raise the local sales tax doesn't pass.

And their scare tactics are working as some people have started pointing the finger in the wrong direction and believing the hate-filled lies of the politicians. Some have fallen for the idea that too much money goes to immigrant workers. Others think there is too much money going to the homeless population.

In reality, most immigrant workers pay much more into the tax system than they receive in any form of health care or other social services. And the largest portion of the newly homeless population are elderly workers, who just can't afford the skyrocketing rent, many of whom even are retired and receive social security. And funds for the homeless are dwindling, as the unhoused face violent tactics from local police. We can't fall for these lies they use to try to divide us.

We don't need to look far to think of ways to fund transit. The spending on the military and war would provide more than enough. And a tiny tax on the billionaires would solve the shortage as well. Before we look to going after other workers, we should focus on the real waste of money in our society.



Total spending wasted on US war on Iran so far: \$51 billion



Funds needed for Bay Area transit for 5 years: \$2 billion



Run Sheet Ritual is Due May 8!

The ritual is here. We get our new runs. We drive and see that the scheduled run time is a joke and not based on reality. And then we have to fill out the forms during the first two weeks to show when we missed our break or recovery. Then we submit the forms to management to provide them with data they already have from the Clever system. Then instead of changing the run, they pay us for the missed breaks. But if you work the board, then then this whole process doesn't even apply.

Or ... they could just fix the run times...

There Goes the Diesel Price

With the Iran war, we all saw the price of gas go up, but the price of the diesel went up too, roughly 50% since last year! And guess what the majority of our buses run on? That good ol diesel that we get 3-5mpg on. And you know that's going to be another excuse the District will use to tighten up on its pocket book and add to its scare tactics playbook.

There's no way they budgeted for a useless war that was going to choke the global supply of oil, and in the end make the people who depend on and work in transit suffer and carry more of the costs.

May Day • International Workers Day!

MAY DAY

Friday May 1



WORKERS of the WORLD
UNITE!

Look for Speak Out at:
Oakland • Fruitvale Plaza
2pm: Resource Fair
3pm: Rally and March

Join us!

Speak Out Now: May Day Celebration

Sun • May 3 • 3pm
Snacks and Refreshments
Henry Ramsey Jr. Center
2939 Ellis St, Berkeley (Near Ashby BART)
\$5 suggested donation



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All Out for May Day — No Business as Usual!

This Friday, May 1st, working people across the globe will observe May Day, also known as International Workers Day. And in the U.S., there is a national call for mass protest against all the attacks of the Trump administration under the slogan “No Work, No School, No Business as Usual!” There are at least 3,500 different demonstrations planned in over 1,000 cities across the country.

There is no shortage of reasons to take to the streets. Every day, their attacks on working people are intensifying. ICE thugs continue to terrorize immigrants workers across the country. The programs millions rely on are being gutted, from healthcare, education and food assistance to environmental safeguards and scientific research. Our resources are flowing directly into the hands of billionaires through trillions in tax cuts, massive increases to the ICE budget, and to fuel the U.S.-Israeli wars on the people of Palestine, Iran, Lebanon, and the wider Middle East.

May Day emerged from the battles of workers in the U.S. to improve their living and working conditions during the 1880s, when workers began to organize for an eight-hour workday under the slogan “Eight hours for work, eight hours for sleep, eight hours for what we will!” They chose May 1, 1886 as a national day of strikes, which erupted across the country, involving 340,000 workers in 12,000 workplaces, with many strikes clashing with police. In Chicago – the center of the movement at the time – the police killed several workers in demonstrations and injured around 70. But this coast-to-coast movement resulted in many workers securing the eight-hour day. The bosses didn't just give workers the eight-hour workday – workers fought for it and won.

In 1889, in honor of this struggle, May Day was declared a global holiday for working people by an international organization of socialist parties dedicated to overthrowing capitalism – the system we live under which is based on the exploitation of all workers. Since the dawn of the 20th century, workers across the globe have marched through the streets and gathered on May Day to celebrate the achievements of the working class. Today, it continues to be an occasion to honor the working class struggles of the past, and to uplift those happening right now. It also serves as a reminder of the collective power we hold for the

battles that lie ahead, with a tiny class of billionaires on one side and billions of workers around the world on the other.

We don't have to accept a world run by these parasites who exploit working people in order to suck the world dry of its resources. This doesn't have to be our reality. Workers here and across the world can choose to organize and fight back. And May Day is just a small glimpse of the power we have, an expression of the fact that all workers are on the same side, regardless of which country we were born in or which country we happen to live in. An attack on workers anywhere is an attack on workers everywhere.

Not everyone may be able to take the day off work or organize to have their kids take off school, but we have to try to do everything possible to show our opposition to what is happening – there can be no business as usual. We can have discussions with our neighbors and our coworkers, or wear buttons in opposition to the war in Iran or the genocide in Gaza. The most important thing is that we realize it is up to us and our actions to change things – and not hopes that this will just go away if we put our heads in the sand, or that politicians will fix it for us, no matter how many election promises they spew out.

We have an immense amount of power if we choose to use it. Workers internationally are a class that is billions strong. A day without workers is a day without transit, production of goods, healthcare, water treatment, childcare, and so much more. When workers withhold their labor, the world of the billionaires grinds to a halt.

But those who run the corporations and the politicians who serve them run society to advance their interests. They want to hide our collective power from us. They want us to think of ourselves only as individuals competing with one another. They tell us that if we work hard enough and run ourselves into the ground, we can improve things and insulate ourselves from what's happening. It's not true – we do the work, but billionaires enrich themselves.

There is only one path to guaranteeing better conditions for ourselves and for others. And that's by uniting as a worldwide class of workers to fight for a better future. May Day can be a reminder of a different future that is available to us. If we continue to organize and mobilize our forces – the immense forces of the working class – we can forge a different future.