

# *Speak Out Now! at AC Transit 9/16/2024*

## **AC Operator Steps Up To The Plate**

A couple weeks ago, a motorcyclist crashed into an AC Transit bus after running through a red light. The operator stepped up into action, trying to apply first aid to the injured motorcyclist. Unfortunately, he was pronounced dead before the paramedics arrived. In spite of this incident's tragic outcome, it is important to remember that in spite of all of the crazy stuff we deal with, we step up to the plate every single day and this is just one example of it.

## **SamTrans Workers Take A Stand**

It appears that our brothers and sisters on the other side of the bay are having contract issues. At SamTrans, the workers voted down a tentative agreement, even when their union officials supported it. Workers felt that they deserved better. Around one third of the bus operators called out sick on Thursday and Friday, in solidarity of rejecting the contract offer. They are right to stand up! Their fight is our fight!

## **Doing Better From 4 Years Ago?**

One of the questions asked to Kamala Harris that she didn't answer during the debate was, "Did she think that people were doing better now than from 4 years ago?" We can definitely ask ourselves that question. But for the richest people in society, the answer is pretty clear! For Elon Musk, his net worth went from \$24.6 billion to \$195 billion! For Jeff Bezos, his net worth went from \$113 billion to \$194 billion! We know who this economy is benefiting and it's not us!



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To Get A Ticket!**



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## **H2O Gotta Go Somewhere**

In the hot weather, many of us try to drink more water than usual to stay hydrated. But the problem is, where does it go? On many lines, do we have regular access to clean restrooms? If we don't, do we think twice about staying hydrated? Why should we have to choose between either being dehydrated or stuck with a full bladder?

## **They Are Laughing In Our Faces**

You are not imagining it - the price of groceries has gone up! But the thing that they don't want you to know is that big companies are jacking up the prices because they can. Several big meat companies, such as Cargill and Tyson, have been illegally fixing prices to make them artificially high. How much their products cost at the grocery store has less to do with "supply and demand", and more to do with how much these companies think they squeeze out of us!

## **"They're Eating Cats And Dogs" - WTF??**

Whether in the most recent presidential debate or anywhere else, Donald Trump and his buddies make up absurd and dehumanizing lies about migrant communities. Talk about Haitian migrants eating people's pets is a total lie. All of this talk about "migrant crime" is a fiction - study after study finds that immigrants are way less likely to commit crimes than native-born citizens. In fact, it is the 1% that is responsible for the growing violence in the world that we live in. Whether it is talk about eating pets or "migrant crime, for someone like Trump, reality has nothing to do with the things he says. At the core, stirring up division among the working class is a major part of his campaign strategy. Will we fall for the bait?

## **What Other Profession?**

You might have seen that Miami Dolphins football star, Tyreek Hill, recently got into a heated incident with a police officer during a traffic stop on the way to play in a game. If the cop pulled over and harassed anyone else that aren't famous celebrities or athletes, would this even be news? It turns out that the cop has had a history of aggressive behavior that he has even been suspended for 6 times before.

What other profession allows you to be suspended 6 times and still keep your job?

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