



Speak Out Now

December 15, 2025 northcarolina@speakoutsocialists.org speakoutsocialists.org IG:@sontriangle

Join In the Fight In 2026!



The Triangle, North Carolina:

U.S. Capitalism Wants Immigrant Labor, but Terrorizes Immigrants

While the Trump administration is carrying out brutal immigration raids throughout the country in cities like Charlotte, they are quietly making it easier to bring in farmworkers from other countries with seasonal visas. A new ruling will offer 119,000 additional visas compared to previous years.

At the same time, the new policy will drastically cut the wages of farmworkers. In North Carolina, a major agricultural state, the pay rate will be cut from \$16.16 to \$11.09 per hour. Workers who produce food often cannot afford to feed themselves and this will make it even worse! The government and the bosses are trying to play their old game of divide-and-conquer, pitting different groups of migrant workers against each other... and laughing all the way to the bank.

The United Farm Workers union is currently challenging this massive pay cut in the courts, but this won't be enough. We all need to stand together against this massive attack on the working class!

Bay Area, California:

Surveillance Camera Expansion in Oakland

The Oakland Police Department (OPD) is pushing Oakland City Council to accept a \$2.25 million contract that would expand police access to Flock Automated License Plate Reader cameras. Through the Flock cloud database, cops have access to information tracking license plates all over the country without a search warrant. OPD has already been sued for allegedly sharing this information with federal authorities, endangering immigrants and violating people's privacy.

Oakland community members have voiced opposition to this attack in council committee sessions, but the motion has advanced to the full council. This is not about keeping our communities safe. It is another step in expanding surveillance and letting law enforcement agencies violate our rights without accountability. We must keep showing up to say we won't stand for it!

We live in the wealthiest country in the world, and it is our labor that has created all of this wealth. We aren't the ones who benefit from this. The super rich — the bosses of the big corporations and banks — keep the wealth and make all the decisions. Working people do the work that makes society run, and we can organize to unite our forces. When we do, we have enormous power to change things and make a better world.

Baltimore, Maryland:

Workers Want a Union That Fights Back!

On December 6, solid waste worker Stencil McNair won a repeat election to become the president of AFSCME Local 44, the union representing workers at Baltimore's Department of Public Works (DPW). His first election win in August had been voided on a technicality. The workers' votes show that they want a fighting and outspoken coworker to represent them.

Every day, workers at DPW face retaliatory and abusive managers, unsafe working conditions like excessive heat with no A/C, and poverty wages. Two DPW workers died from work-related injuries on the job in 2024. Many workers felt that the union officials ignored their concerns. To many workers, a vote for fellow sanitation worker McNair in the recent election was an obvious choice, as he was running against the union's sitting Vice President who was friends with city government. But it will take an ongoing fight to win decent conditions, pay, and benefits.

Newark, New Jersey:

Number of Detainees in Newark Increases Dramatically

A recent report on victims of Trump's deportation machine shows that the number of prisoners in Newark's Delaney Hall immigration detention center has increased dramatically. When Delaney Hall received its first batch of prisoners in May, it held only about 100. In September it held 234. Now in mid-December, there are about 800 detainees in the facility, and 90% have no criminal record!

This huge increase in detainees, plus the fact that so few have any criminal record, mirrors what is happening nationwide. As ICE gets more agents and more funding, the danger and damage will grow. Repression will increase for immigrants and non-immigrants alike. Thousands of lives are already being destroyed. How long will we let this continue?

