

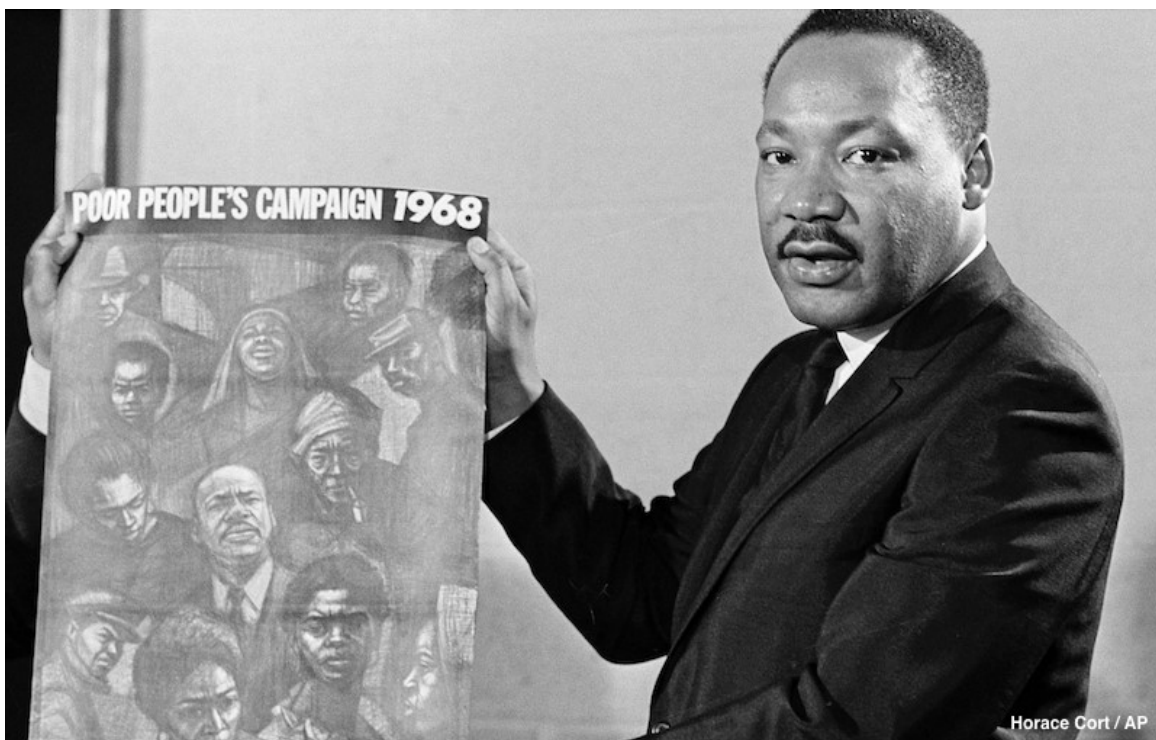
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# CALIFORNIA



*For many of us, next Monday will be a welcome break from our jobs. But if you've been wondering how to make the day meaningful—even powerful—we have a range of actions for you; just fill out the form linked below. You'll also find recaps of two recent events that marked the anniversary of the January 6 insurrection, offering prayers, tears and ideas on protecting our democracy.*

## Announcements



### **Next Monday, join a reading of the Third Reconstruction Agenda**

On January 16, MLK Day, we will be reclaiming the radical legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by hosting readings and discussions of the PPC [3rd Reconstruction Agenda](#)—a document loaded with actionable ideas on ending poverty from the bottom up. As you might recall, the original Poor People's Campaign was cofounded by Dr. King in 1967.

[Fill out this form](#) to let us know how you'd like to be involved. We'll send you more information about events you can attend as well as tools to help you organize your own reading.

**We'll also be holding an online statewide reading of the Agenda on Monday at 3pm; register [here](#).**

We will share stories about the impact of the wealth gap on our lives and communities. Our theme: Having the political will to adopt and implement the comprehensive campaign demands will make a profound difference, *for all of us*.

### **Not sure what the Third Reconstruction Agenda is? Read up!**

Drawing on the transformational history of the First Reconstruction following the Civil War and the Second Reconstruction of the civil rights struggles of the 20th century, the Third Reconstruction is a revival of our constitutional commitment to establish justice, provide for the general welfare, end decades of austerity and recognize that policies that center the 140 million poor and low-income people in the country are also good economic policies that can heal and transform the nation.

Learn more by [checking out the Agenda](#), which is presented as a series of provocative questions like this: “Did you know that billionaire wealth surged by over \$2 trillion during the pandemic, but under current tax law, these gains will go largely untaxed?”

## Recaps



**Bay Area PPC turns out for “Our Freedoms, Our Vote” January 6 Rallies** As part of a nationwide weekend of action to mark the January 6 attack on the nation’s capital, over 50 people braved the stormy weather and gathered under the Lake Merritt pergola for #Jan6Justice: Our Freedoms, Our Vote, hosted by Indivisible East Bay. This was one of over 100 related events taking place across the country. They came as Trump and extreme Republican politicians prepare to launch a [sham investigation](#) into the January 6 committee while continuing to spread [false claims about the 2020](#) election results and undermine our Constitution.

Nancy Latham, Bay Area PPC member who took part in last year’s Moral March on Washington and helped organize an MLK reading last April, was one of the speakers. “We’re out here because we know that we can’t take democracy for granted,” she said. “We’ve seen over the last six years how fragile and precious it is.”

The rally also featured a speech by newly elected Oakland Councilmember Janani Ramachandran, who spoke about how our freedoms are at risk at both the federal and local levels, and how we must all make our voices heard. Attendees made commitments to call for the Department of Justice to indict former President Trump and others who planned to overthrow a free and fair election, and to ask Secretaries of State to bar Trump from appearing on any future ballot.

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## Support the California PPC!

*When over 140 million Americans are poor or living with low-wages, it's time for systemic change. We are building a movement led by poor and impacted folks, building across all lines of division, in order to topple the interlocking pillars of racism, poverty, militarism, environmental destruction and this country's distorted moral narrative. Please help us achieve this goal by clicking below and chipping in whatever you can.*

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### **Candlelight service honors those who lost their lives in the siege**

On Wednesday, January 4, the Los Angeles Faith Working Group held a candlelit vigil to honor the lives lost in the January 6 insurrection. Members of the community gathered in a solemn service at St. John's Cathedral in downtown Los Angeles to lament the use of Christian symbols in service of hate and white nationalism. They were joined by members of the Urban Voices Project, a community empowerment and wellness organization rooted in Skid Row.

You can watch the vigil on [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#). [Religion News](#) ran a poignant and in-depth article about the event and the forces that prompted it.

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*Thanks for reading. If you have any questions, you are welcome to reply to this newsletter or email [california@poorpeoplescampaign.org](mailto:california@poorpeoplescampaign.org).*