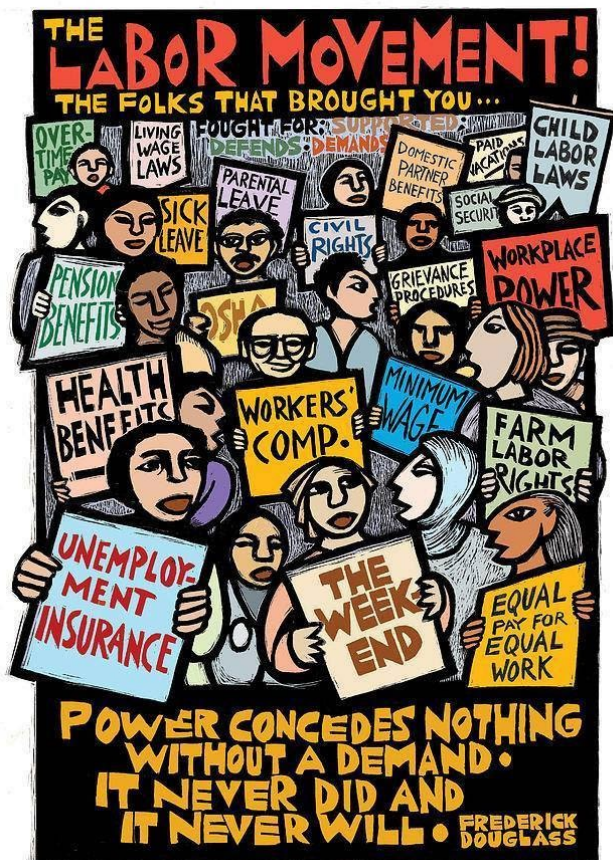


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It is, to say the least, an exciting time for California's labor movement. This weekend you can honor the true spirit of Labor Day with protests supporting hospitality and healthcare workers in the East Bay, L.A. and San Diego. We've also got a recap of the powerful She Speaks event and a moving tribute to one of our own.



Gear up for Labor Day with the Third Reconstruction Resolution

We're approaching Labor Day weekend; what better time to take a look at the [Third Reconstruction Resolution](#) (sponsored by 17 congresspeople, including five from California) and what it says about workers' rights?

Here's just one of many examples of how the Resolution addresses the plight of workers and their families:

Whereas the average hourly wage that a full-time worker requires to afford a modest two-bedroom apartment is over \$25 per hour, Congress commits to heal the Nation, beginning over the next two years, by

- *raising the minimum wage to a living wage and guaranteeing the right to form and join unions for all workers; expanding unemployment insurance and ensuring paid family and medical leave for all workers.*
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Another doc might come in handy as you stand up for workers' rights: The California Department of Industrial Relations and its Labor Enforcement Task Force, with assistance from the Labor Occupational Health Program at UC Berkeley, has produced a helpful booklet with practical examples: [All Workers Have Rights in California](#).

Let's go forward together, fight for all workers and claim the rights they and we deserve. Keep reading to find events where you can stand in solidarity with workers.



Tomorrow! Hotel Workers Labor Day Kick-Off

Friday Sep.1, 7am

Intercontinental Hotel (900 Wilshire Blvd.)

Bring your coffee and earplugs (hospitality protests can get loud) and join us to march through downtown Los Angeles in solidarity with striking hotel workers.



Stand up for healthcare workers

Monday Sep. 4, registration begins at 8am

Oakland, L.A. and San Diego

Support members of SEIU-UHW, a union of more than 100,000 healthcare workers, patients, and healthcare consumers, for a healthcare industry that patients and healthcare workers deserve. Check these links for times and locations.

- [Oakland](#) (Mosswood Park, 3612 Webster St)
- [Los Angeles](#) (Los Feliz Elementary School, 1740 N New Hampshire Ave)
- [San Diego](#) (Harry Griffen Park, 9550 Mildred Street, La Mesa)

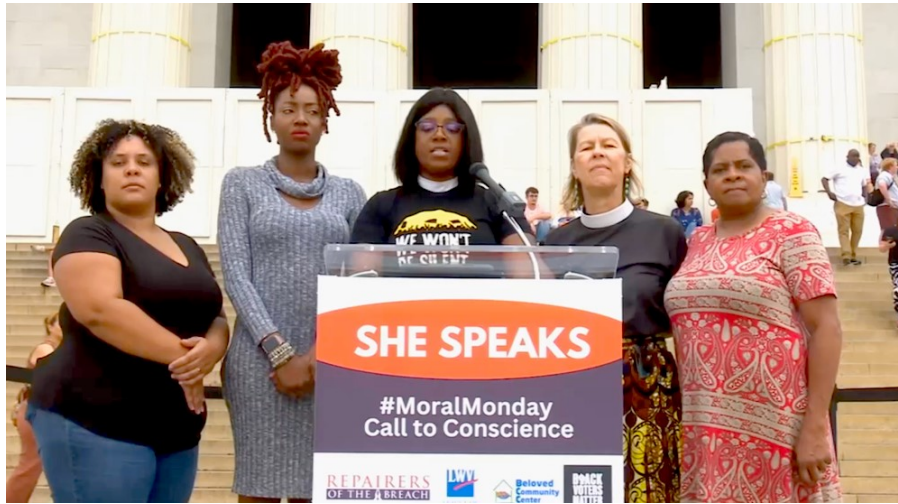
Upcoming meetings

Los Angeles regional meeting

Sunday Sep. 10, 3pm | [RSVP](#)

LA PPC activists: we're gearing up for the fall, forming Moral Action Teams to engage our members of Congress, reaching out to our communities as we prepare to go to Sacramento in February, and learning quick and easy ways to promote our actions on social media. We'll also catch up on local actions. Invite a friend; all are welcome.

Recap



She Speaks: A Moral Monday Call to Conscience

On the 60th anniversary of the March On Washington, more than 30 women leaders from across the country came together [online](#) to speak out about the state of the nation and demand a new policy agenda that includes voting rights, reproductive justice, living wages, environmental justice and an end to poverty.

The purpose of Monday's event was not only to honor those women who helped ignite the Civil Rights Movement—women like Anna Arnold Hedgeman, Diane Nash, Dorothy Height and Mahalia Jackson, who were instrumental in the planning of the March but who were not included in the lineup of speakers—but to also raise our demands for economic justice, which our nation's leaders have yet to deliver.

The evening's roster spanned mass media, labor, indigenous rights and faith leadership, including Rev. Theoharis, Joy Reid, Mary Kay Henry, Ai-Jen Poo, Vanessa Nosie, Pam Garrison and Barbara Arnwine.

You can watch the powerful event in its entirety [here](#).

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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In memoriam



Rest in Power, Eduardo Castro

Eduardo Castro was loved by many for his simple ways. He rarely said no to anyone who asked for his participation or support. He lived a revolutionary life, with its ups and downs and ever-changing turns.

Eduardo was born in the Central Valley town of Reedley. He was a young soldier drafted to fight in Vietnam; after his tour of duty, he studied and earned a Master's Degree in Business Administration at UCLA. He wrote for and supported the bilingual *Tribuno del Pueblo* and *People's Tribune*, both national publications, along with the Zooming to the Border virtual panels that were offered during the pandemic.

He fully supported the Poor People's Campaign and attended the 2022 Moral March on Washington representing the Central Valley. He was a founding member of the California Central Valley Journey for Justice and served as its first elected President. In the early 1980s, he chaired the Central Valley Equal Rights Congress, a precursor to the California Central Valley Journey for Justice. He was a dedicated Brown Beret member who worked security at countless events. He was active in Veterans for Peace and worked with the Deported Veterans group to reunite them with their families.

Ed took his long journey on August 15, 2023, at the age of 78. We will miss him for his compassionate and caring ways. A true and respected community warrior and leader.

Rest in Power Camarada Eduardo! Never to be forgotten, until we meet again.

—Submitted by Gloria Meneses-Sandoval and Salvador Sandoval

PPC in the media



CA PPC and others stand united for hotel workers

Last week, CA PPC shared an update on [Facebook](#) when a group of our members, RevivalCLUE and UNITE HERE Local 11 stood with elected leaders and community allies to tell Sheraton Universal management in Los Angeles to stop the retaliation campaign against striking hotel workers.

“From MLK to today, the March on Washington highlights the evolution of activism by Black churches”

The [Associated Press](#) ran a story on the rich history of activism among Black churches and the broad coalition of faith communities behind the March on Washington in 1963 and the progress made in the decades since.

In the piece, Bishop Barber expresses criticism of people who “water down the March on Washington to one man, one speech. That’s a political strategy to undermine the purpose of mass protest.” He cites the ongoing work of the PPC with active support from people of many different races and faiths. “There are Jews, Quakers, some predominantly white congregations that are pro-civil rights and pro-LGBT community, that care about immigrants and women’s rights and voting rights. Any efforts today that are not engaging all these issues on an everyday basis are not truly moving in the spirit of the March on Washington.”

Read the whole article [here](#).

Thanks for reading. If you have any questions, you are welcome to reply to this newsletter or email california@poorpeoplescampaign.org.