

Thu, Sep 14, 2023

# CALIFORNIA



*Another big weekend is approaching: Starting tomorrow, you can take your pick of livestreamed and in-person actions that relate directly to the PPC core principles. From events demanding justice for the three people slain in Jacksonville to a lively march for sustainable energy, everyone will have something to stand up for. Details below.*

*Forward together!*

# Announcements



## A Time for Truth and Love: Take Back the Mic & Be Silent No More!

Friday Sep. 15, 9am PT | [Livestream](#) Saturday Sep. 16, 6am PT | [Livestream](#)

In honor of the 60th anniversary of the March on Washington, students from Edward Waters University and other schools across Florida will deliver a “cease-and-desist” letter to the Governor's office in Tallahassee. Their message is clear: "Enough is enough!" We are demanding an end to the culture wars and political lies that harm our society—especially the poor and low-income. You can show your support by signing the [petition](#) to demand that elected officials cease and desist from sowing hate and division.

The next day, there will be a time of centering and prayer at Bethel Baptist Church, followed by a march to Jacksonville City Hall for a Moral Gathering and speakout.

Just as we remember the tragic events of the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing in 1963, we are called to gather and mourn those we have tragically lost in recent years— like the three people senselessly gunned down at a Jacksonville Dollar General last month. Together we will build a movement of life, love and justice to hold elected leaders accountable.



## Affirmative action is no more: Understand the impact

Community United for Higher Education forum

Saturday Sep. 16, 10am | [RSVP](#)

Los Angeles Mission College (13356 Eldridge Ave., Sylmar)

Access to higher education is an essential PPC demand. Why? Learning and creativity at all levels is important to solve real problems, and a more educated society will likely focus on a form of living that is considerate of the environment, improving the quality of life for all. But the recent Supreme Court ruling

on higher education threatens to widen the gap in educational access based on race. That's why the CA PPC is an endorser of this event.

You'll find all the details, including guest speakers and [RSVP](#) info, in the flier above. Please share the flier and attend the event if you can.



### **March to End Fossil Fuels in California**

**Sunday Sep. 17, 11am | [RSVP](#)**

**[1100 Front St, Sacramento, CA 95814](#)**

As thousands head to New York ahead of the United Nations Climate Ambition Summit, climate justice activists will be gathering in Sacramento to demand that Governor Newsom and President Biden declare a climate emergency, stop permitting fossil fuel infrastructure and make a real plan to phase out fossil fuels.

This action will be a street festival with carnival games, speakers and performers, including a giant puppet show, participatory art and a parade to the Tower Bridge. Kayakers will hold signs and banners in the river for all to see.

### **ICYMI: Moral Congress delegate report-back replay and signup form**

The replay of the CA PPC report-back from the Moral Poverty Action Congress delegates is now available on the [CA PPC Youtube channel](#). Watch, be inspired and help us grow our movement. Whether it's joining a Moral Action Team to engage your congress member, posting on social media, speaking to your organization or congregation or tabling at a public event, we all have a role to play in ending poverty!

Please fill out this [form](#) to get involved.



## Labor struggles continue in SoCal

### 1. Hostility toward hospitality workers is unacceptable; your support is appreciated

A powerful fifth wave of hotel strikes, focused on Labor Day weekend, is now wrapping up. The last negotiation meeting took place in July, and since then workers and allies have faced [horrifying violence](#) from hotel security, management and customers at numerous properties. As a result, UNITE HERE Local 11 announced a boycott against three specific hotels: the Fairmont Miramar in Santa Monica, Hotel Maya in Long Beach and Laguna Cliffs Marriott in Dana Point.

Just over two weeks ago, that boycott expanded to include the 60-plus area hotels with expired contracts and a request for all conferences and conventions to stay away from strike-ready hotels—and preferably Southern California itself—until the workers win the contract they deserve.

Want to support these efforts? Here's how:

- [Sign the pledge](#) to boycott the previously-named three hotels
- [Donate](#) to the strike's mutual aid fund for workers

### 2. Meanwhile, in “Hollywood”...take action to support tourism workers

UNITE HERE Local 11 and IATSE Local B192, which represent food-service and theme-park workers, respectively, at Universal Studios Hollywood (which actually sits in an unincorporated “county island” in the Valley) are in a struggle for decent wages and working conditions. A just-released UCLA [survey](#) details the appalling conditions the 6,000-plus workers face.

The two unions have launched a new campaign urging the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to pass a living wage for tourism workers in L.A. County unincorporated areas. Please [use this webpage to send a personalized letter to the Supervisors](#) in support of this policy.

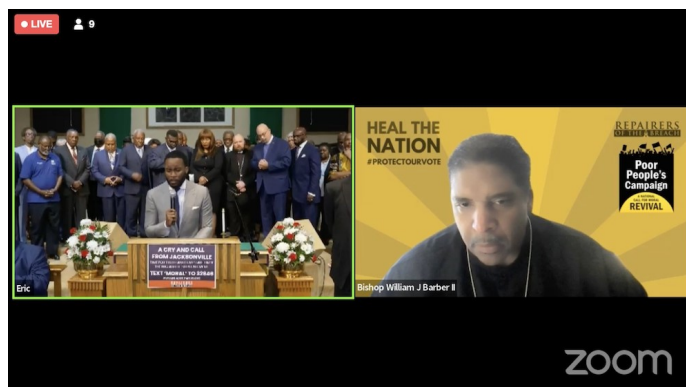
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## Support the California PPC!

*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.*

**DONATE**

## PPC in the media



### “Pastors pledge to ‘take back the mic’ from haters”

Following last week’s announcement from a group of faith leaders, *Jacksonville Today* [reported](#) on their first day of action last Thursday, in which a group of clergy joined together to pray for an end to racial division in the U.S.

“It is time to preach against a culture of violence and death,” said Bishop Barber, during the [broadcast](#) from Saint Paul AME church. “It is time for [lawmakers] to cease and desist, or resign. And we are required to raise up a mighty coalition of love and truth who will speak with our prayers, our voices, and with our votes.... Elected leaders want to spew hate and division, engage in culture wars and divide people rather than creating policies that lift the poor, provide living wages and provide health care.”

Bishop Barber also [tweeted](#) a quote from Dr. James T. Morris, pastor at Carter Tabernacle: “We must all take responsibility and use the power of our collective vote to make sure those who support unbridled gun laws and systematic racism are voted out of office.”

Read the [article](#), watch last Thursday’s [broadcast](#) and join the livestreams this [Friday](#) and [Saturday](#). For more information, refer to our first announcement above.

### Latest census report confirms poverty rose sharply in 2022

Reuters shared a stark [summary](#) of the latest U.S. census [report](#), released this week. The child poverty rate more than doubled, and low-income families suffered from severe inflation and the end of the child tax credit. In total, 41 percent of the population was determined to be poor or low-income in 2022—a number that had decreased significantly in 2021 due to stimulus programs, expanded benefits and credits.

“The 2022 numbers are comparable to pre-pandemic numbers, showing the long-term, ongoing need for policies to address economic insecurity and poverty,” said Shailly GuptaBarnes, Policy Director at Kairos Center and PPC advocate. “Policies (like the child tax credit) were effective in 2021, but were ended too soon. We need them again, immediately, and until we end poverty.” Shailly summarized [findings](#) and explained the numbers in more detail.

To better understand poverty and why the PPC challenges the Official Poverty Measure (OPM) and demands the use of the Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM), revisit the [PPC Moral Agenda - Demands](#), under the second question of “Poverty and Inequality.”

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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).*