

Media Advisory For Friday April 28, 2017

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# Immigrant Worker Advocates Call for Greater Protections on “Workers’ Memorial Day”

IMMIGRANT WORKERS FEAR REPORTING  
POOR WORK CONDITIONS DUE TO TRUMP IMMIGRATION POLICIES

LOS ANGELES - Worker advocates will gather Friday morning to highlight worker health and safety and the need to protect immigrant workers’ ability to speak up about dangerous working conditions.

Every day, about 13 workers die from workplace injuries with Latino immigrant workers at a particularly high risk. Unions, worker centers, health and safety experts, and other worker advocates have seen a surge in fear from workers given the current anti-immigrant climate from the Trump Administration. They will urge CA agencies to take leadership in declaring publicly that they will not allow the atmosphere of fear created by the Federal Administration to dissuade workers in California from exercising their rights and reporting dangerous health and safety conditions, workplace injuries, or wage theft.

Advocates will also highlight the critical need for trust between immigrant workers and state agencies as spelled out in SB-54 (Sen Pro Tem DeLeon– CA Values Act) – to prevent worker exploitation and to ensure safe jobs for all workers. And they will invite people to gather May 1<sup>st</sup> at MacArthur Park at 11 am in solidarity with worker and immigrant rights groups in the region.

- Who:** Speakers will include:
- Maria Elena Durazo, UNITE HERE
  - Flor Rodriguez, CLEAN Car Wash Campaign
  - Loyda Alvarado, NDLON
  - Maegan Ortiz, IDEPSCA
  - Kevin Riley, UCLA-LOSH
  - Workers injured on the Job, including LA construction worker
  - Los Angeles May Day Coalition

**What:** Safe Jobs Are **Every** Worker’s Right! - Workers’ Memorial Day press conference

**When:** 9:00 AM, April 28<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Los Angeles County Federation of Labor 2130 James M Wood Blvd, LA CA 90006

**Why:** Remember those who have died or been injured at work.  
Call on State agencies to reaffirm all workers’ right to speak up for safe jobs.  
Support the passage of SB 54 (the CA Values Act).  
Invite the public to join the May Day march.

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