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April 4: National Day of Action in solidarity with Wisconsin workers

Across the country, 16 states are considering new laws to restrict or abolish collective bargaining rights for public employees. Wisconsin was first up and the workers there showed the way, occupying the state Capitol for three weeks, demonstrating in massive numbers and inspiring a nation. Eventually, Republican legislators had to resort to a parliamentary trick to pass the bill with all the Democrats absent.

Wisconsin public workers lost the legislative vote, but they have not lost the battle. They are still fighting. They are suing, claiming the vote was done illegally, and a judge has issued an injunction against enforcing the law until the case is heard. Other lawsuits are pending. In the meantime, the labor movement is gathering signatures to recall enough of the Republican state senators to erase their majority. Plans are forming to recall Governor Scott Walker, who spearheaded the move against the workers, as soon as it is legally possible.
April 4: National Day of Action

To show support for the Wisconsin workers and public employees everywhere, the American labor movement is organizing demonstrations across the country for a National Day of Action on Monday, April 4 -- the 43rd anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination. King was assassinated while in Memphis supporting a strike by city sanitation workers.

SEIU 1021 is joining in the actions as its members did in Wisconsin. Visit the official event website (links below) to learn more about the action nearest you and share it on Facebook.

**Oakland**
11:45a-1p - City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza

**Sacramento**
5-7p - Cesar Chavez Plaza Park - Sponsored by Sacramento Central Labor Council

**San Francisco** (NEW TIME & LOCATION! FLYER IS INCORRECT!)
4:45p - Bank of America, 555 California, march to Federal Reserve Bank, 101 Market.
Along the way we will stop at financial institutions to emphasize who really is to blame for the economic crisis, unemployment, foreclosures and government deficits.

**Stockton**
4-6p - Cesar Chavez Library, 605 North El Dorado - Sponsored by Central Labor Council and all local unions

**Vallejo**
11a-1p - Rally and March on the Alfred Zampa Memorial (Carquinez) Bridge. Marching from both the Solano County side and the Contra Costa County side. Sponsored by Napa/Solano Central Labor Council, Napa/Solano Building Trades & North Bay Central Labor Council.

**Official Event Website/Updates**

**UFCW Video:** "Why We Fight: Join us April 4th!"

**Truthout:** "Assault on Collective Bargaining Illegal, Says International Labor Rights Group"

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**Contracts & Campaigns**

**Run on the Bank: SEIU 1021 & partners march to demand bank accountability on foreclosures**

SEIU 1021 and dozens of our community partners, acting together as the RE-Fund California Coalition, descended on a Chase Bank branch office at Market and 8th in San Francisco on March 16 to demand the bank's support for a package of state legislation aimed at stopping the flood of home foreclosures drowning the state in red ink.

They marched into the quiet office with signs and banners, chanting "Main Street, not Wall Street" and completely discombobulated the branch managers. Richard Hopson of ACCE (Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment) approached them and requested they fax a letter to the Chase CEO asking his support for the
California foreclosures reform bills as the crowd changed the chant to "Fax the letter!" Then, as orderly as they had marched in, the demonstrators marched out, setting up a lively and noisy picket line in front of the bank's doors, chanting "Blame the banksters, not the workers."

About 1.2 million Californians have lost their homes since 2008 and another 700,000 are caught in the foreclosure process now. Homeowners have lost hundreds of billions of dollars in home values, the state has lost billions more in property tax revenues and local governments are losing many billions more due to the costs of foreclosures, such as loss of property tax revenues and blight remediation. These losses are to blame for most of the budget deficits that are leading to the cuts to education, public safety, public health and other services.

The banks must be held accountable and that is what the proposed legislation will do. AB 395 will require lenders to pay a $20,000 fee per foreclosed home to help local governments pay for the costs they cause, and direct a portion of those fees to public education, public safety, and cities and counties most deeply impacted by foreclosures. SB 729 requires lenders to complete efforts to modify loans before they can foreclose on a home. And AB 1321 requires mortgages, deeds of trust and assignments of loans to be recorded with the county so homeowners know who to approach to modify their loans.

SEIU 1021 member Ed Kinchley, who works in the Emergency Room at San Francisco General Hospital, told the assembly the banks are ironically providing him job security. People end up in the ER sick because they have lost their jobs, health care and homes.

"We are asking the banks to start paying their moral debt," Kinchley said.

Actions to reform bank foreclosure regulations are part of a nationwide SEIU campaign for a fair economy that seeks to make the Wall Street interests that crashed the economy in 2008 pay for the damage they created -- not public workers.

SEIU Infographic: "Decade of inequality: Workers fell behind, wealthy continued to rise"

**SEIU Oregon finds a better way to balance the budget**

Some inspiration from our brothers and sisters north of the border:

OregonLive.com: "Oregon union workers say they've found a way state government could save nearly $1 billion"

"Research undertaken by Oregon's largest state workers union has pointed lawmakers toward $1 billion in new savings and enhanced revenue -- a third of it in efficiencies suggested by frontline workers -- that can help the state cover a $3.5 billion budget gap so children and seniors will be spared some of the deepest cuts in the Governor's proposed "all cuts" budget.

"Moving Oregon Forward: A Better Way," a 60-page research report issued on behalf of members of Local 503 of the Services Employees International Union, is subtitled "A Roadmap to a Balanced Solution to Our Budget Crisis Drawn from the Suggestions of Frontline State Workers."

"It cites numerous examples of inefficiency, opportunities to save and places to optimize income leading to $332.5 million in budget relief and says the state should recoup $140 million more by not renewing corporate tax breaks that have not been shown to serve the purposes they were instituted to achieve. The report also calls for "means-testing" tax deductions for the state's 41,000 highest earners to raise about $500 million more that could be applied to lessen the deepest cuts proposed for schools, seniors and public safety."
One hundred years ago on March 25, a huge fire swept through the cramped Triangle Shirtwaist Company garment factory in lower Manhattan. Locked doors gave workers on the burning 8th, 9th and 10th floors little time or chance to escape. Many jumped from windows to their deaths. The charred bodies of 30 young women were found in the elevator shaft, some still clinging to each other. In the end, 146 workers were killed by the fire -- mostly young immigrant women and children, some as young as 11.

It was the deadliest workplace accident in New York City's history, and it galvanized a movement for social justice and workplace safety that spread across the country and improved working conditions for millions of people. It led to the birth of the garment unions that today are the heritage of Workers United, an SEIU affiliate.

In 1911, the young women employed by Triangle worked six days a week, nine hours a day (only seven on Saturdays) for a large employer whose profits-before-people attitude was typical of the day. In 2011, the anniversary of the Triangle fire is re-igniting labor activism in the midst of a right-wing, profits-before-people, anti-union onslaught that's like nothing in our history.

"But as we commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Triangle Shirtwaist fire on March 25, it's sobering to realize many of the lessons we thought had been absorbed must be re-learned again. And again. The Triangle fire, a symbol of unfettered Gilded Age greed, still stands burning before us -- from lack of job safety and health protections, to neglect of the conditions endured by immigrant workers to the fundamental ability of workers to form unions and bargain for a better life." (AFL-CIO NOW)

Unions are publishing articles, networks airing documentaries, and coalitions holding commemorative educational and activist events to mark the anniversary of a fire that's never gone out. We bring you a sample:

**AFL-CIO NOW:** "The Triangle Fire: Still Burning Before Our Nation"

**SEIU Local 1000:** "100 Years Later: Remembering the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire in New York City" (includes 8-minutes excerpt of PBS documentary below)

**PBS American Experience documentary:** "Triangle Fire"

**HBO:** "Triangle: Remembering the Fire"

**Remember the Triangle Fire Coalition**

**Cornell University:** "Remembering the Triangle Factory Fire"

**SEIU Infographic:** "How unions succeeded in making your workplace safer in the 100 years since the deadly Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire"

**Calitics:** "True 100 Years Ago, and Still True Today: Workers Need a Voice" (by SEIU Vice President Eliseo"
Just published: "Walking Through the River of Fire; 100 Years of Triangle Factory Fire Poems"

Calendar

Map links to SEIU 1021 office locations
Calendar Online

Moon Phases: 3rd Q, March 26 - New, April 3 - 1st Q, April 11 - Full, April 18

April 4: National Day of Action

Join union members across the country in solidarity with the working people of Wisconsin. See the Front Page for more information.

Official Event Website/Updates

Special Bargaining Trainings

Sa 3/26 - City of Redding - 10a-4p - Location TBA
Sa 3/26 - Los Rios Police - 10a-4p - SEIU 1021, 1006 4th Street, 8th floor, Sacramento
Sa 4/2 - Jackson Office - 9:30a-3:30p - SEIU 1021, 201 Clinton Road #101, Jackson - Continental breakfast for those who RSVP by Mo 3/28 to Linda at linda.montano@seiu1021.org
RSVP for all trainings by phone (1-877-415-1021) or e-mail (1021training@seiu1021.org)

Sa 4/16 - Pension Bargaining Workshop - 10a-4p - SEIU 1021, 2300 Boynton Ave., Fairfield

SEIU 1021 Boards & Committees

Sa 3/26 - 1021 Executive Board - SEIU 1021, 2300 Boynton Ave., Fairfield
We 4/6 - Policy Review Committee - 6:30p - SEIU 1021, 100 Oak St., Oakland
Fr 4/29 - Budget & Finance Committee - 10a-4p - SEIU 1021, 2300 Boynton Ave., Fairfield
Sa 4/30 - 1021 Executive Board - Location/Time TBA

Committee on Political Education (COPE)

The Live Wire, SEIU 1021’s political action central

Tu 4/5 - Alameda County - 5:30-8p - SEIU 1021, 100 Oak St., Oakland

Tu 4/5 - Sonoma County - 6-8p - SEIU 1021, 600 B Street, Santa Rosa

Tu 4/5 (Rescheduled from 4/4) - San Francisco - 5:30-8:30p - SEIU 1021, 350 Rhode Island, #100 South Building, San Francisco

Tu 4/12 - 1021 COPE - 6p - Live via videoconference at SEIU 1021 offices in Stockton, Santa Rosa, Fairfield,
Oakland, San Francisco; phone conferencing available to all - RSVP for a location at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/V7X32WL

We 4/13 - Solano County - 6-8p - SEIU 1021, 2300 Boynton Ave., Fairfield

**San Francisco in Action**

Th 3/31 - 6-8p - The future of pensions in San Francisco. Leaders and members from all industries -- City and County, Service Critical, Paramedics, Unified School District, City College, Health Care, Superior Courts, RNs, Private Non-Profits, Special Districts and retirees -- meet to discuss the future of pensions in San Francisco.

**Issues & Communities**

Tu 3/29 (Date changed for March meeting) - Lavender Solidarity Committee - 6p - SEIU 1021, 100 Oak St., Oakland

Th 4/7 - Latino Caucus - 5:30-7:30p - Location varies each month

Mo 4/18 - Disability Caucus- 6-8p - SEIU 1021, 350 Rhode Island, #100 South Building, San Francisco

Mo 4/18 - AFRAM Solidarity Committee - 6-8p - SEIU 1021, 350 Rhode Island, #100 South Building, San Francisco

Tu 4/19 - Peace & Solidarity Committee - 5:30-8p - SEIU 1021, 350 Rhode Island, #100 South Building, San Francisco

We 4/20 - Lavender Solidarity Committee - 6p - SEIU 1021, 100 Oak St., Oakland

**Education & Training**

View the complete catalog and register at [www.1021training.info](http://www.1021training.info).

Th 4/7, 4/14, 4/21 (3 sessions) - Advanced Shop Steward Training - 5:30-8p - SEIU 1021, 37 Hunter Square Plaza, Stockton

Th 4/14 - Family Leave Laws: Know Your Rights - 5:30-8p - SEIU 1021, 100 Oak St., Oakland

Sa 4/16 - Advanced Shop Steward Training - 10a-4p - SEIU 1021, 600 B Street, Santa Rosa

**Regions & Industries**

Sa 4/9 - Schools Industry Council - 10a-2p - SEIU 1021, 2300 Boynton Ave., Fairfield

Sa 4/9 - Counties Industry Council - 10a-2p - SEIU 1021, 2300 Boynton Ave., Fairfield

We 4/13 - San Francisco Industry Council - 5:30-8p - SEIU 1021, 350 Rhode Island, #100 South Building, San Francisco

Tu 4/19 - East Bay Regional Meeting - 5:30-8:30p - SEIU 1021, 100 Oak St., Oakland

Tu 4/26 - Sonoma/Lake County Regional Meeting - 5:30p (dinner) - SEIU 1021, 600 B Street, Santa Rosa - RSVP for food to Nancy at Nancy.Atwell@seiu1021.org or 707-218-5195

**Retiree Councils**
Mo 4/4 - Alameda Co. Retired Employees (ACRE) - 10a-Noon - SEIU 1021, 155 Myrtle St., Oakland

Tu 4/5 - 1021 Retiree Council - 10a-1p - SEIU 1021, 155 Myrtle St., Oakland

Th 4/7 - East Bay Retirees Chapter - 12-2p - Hs. Lordship's, 199 Seawall Drive, Berkeley

Mo 4/11 - West Bay Retirees Chapter - 12-2p - SEIU 1021, 350 Rhode Island, #100 South Building, San Francisco

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