

# **UCLA LABOR CENTER UPDATE**

**PRESENTATION TO JAPANESE LABOR LEADERS AND LABOR SCHOLARS  
MARCH 2023**



## **KAREN BASS - NEW MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES**



## **KAREN BASS VICTORY IS LABOR'S VICTORY**

- **KAREN WON BECAUSE OF SUPPORT FROM THE LOS ANGELES LABOR MOVEMENT**
- **OUTSPENT BY 11 TO 1 IN MOST EXPENSIVE MAYORAL CAMPAIGN IN THE COUNTRY EVER**
- **FIRST WOMAN IN 241 YEAR HISTORY OF LOS ANGELES, AND FIRST WOMAN OF COLOR**
- **OPPORTUNITY TO FORGE A NEW COALITION IN LOS ANGELES WITH LABOR, WOMEN, COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, YOUTH, AROUND ECONOMIC AND RACIAL JUSTICE**
- **FOCUS ON 40,000 HOMELESS IN L.A. LINKS ECONOMIC INEQUALITY, RACIAL JUSTICE, LIVING WAGE JOBS, UNION CONSTRUCTION, COMMUNITY ORGANIZING**

## **SENATOR LOLA SMALLWOOD CUEVAS**



## **LOLA'S VICTORY IS LABOR'S VICTORY**

- **WORKED FOR THE UCLA LABOR CENTER FOR 15 YEARS**
- **FOUNDED THE LOS ANGELES BLACK WORKER CENTER, WHICH HAS INSPIRED 17 BLACK WORKER CENTERS NATIONWIDE, INCLUDING RIVERSIDE AND SAN DIEGO**
- **BUILT ALLIANCES BETWEEN CONSTRUCTION UNIONS AND THE BLACK COMMUNITY, AND PLA AND LOCAL HIRE POLICIES**
- **ADVANCED WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TO ADDRESS THE BLACK JOB CRISIS**
- **THE ONLY BLACK WOMAN IN THE CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE**

## **YVONNE WHEELER IS PRESIDENT OF THE LA COUNTY FEDERATION OF LABOR**



## **YVONNE IS MAKING HISTORY**

- **YVONNE IS THE FIRST BLACK WOMAN TO LEAD THE L.A. COUNTY FEDERATION OF LABOR**
- **ELECTED UNANIMOUSLY IN A POWERFUL SHOW OF LABOR UNITY**
- **HAS DEDICATED HER LIFE TO THE LABOR MOVEMENT, AND HAS WORKED FOR CWA, AFSCME, AFGE, AND THE AFL-CIO**
- **WORKED WITH THE UCLA LABOR CENTER TO FACILITATE HER FIRST STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT FOR THE LA COUNTY FED STAFF**

## **LABOR IS ON THE RISE**

- **LABOR'S REPUTATION IS STRONGER THAN AT ANY POINT IN 50 YEARS**
- **NEW ORGANIZING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY: AMAZON, STARBUCKS, FAST FOOD, GIG WORKERS, HIGHER EDUCATION**
- **YOUNG WORKERS AND WORKERS OF COLOR ARE LEADING MANY NEW ORGANIZING CAMPAIGNS**
- **LABOR HELPED BEAT BACK ANTICIPATED "RED WAVE" IN NOVEMBER ELECTION, DEMOCRATS HELD ON TO THE SENATE**
- **LOS ANGELES LABOR CONTINUES TO BE FOCAL POINT OF NATIONAL LABOR MOVEMENT**

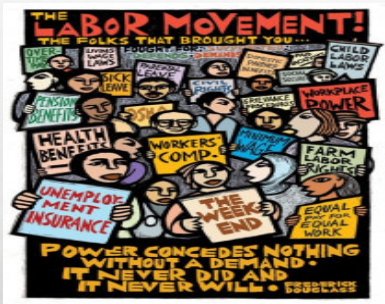
## 48,000 UC GRADUATE STUDENT WORKERS WIN STRIKE



## VICTORY FOR LABOR, VICTORY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

- LARGEST STRIKE IN HIGHER EDUCATION HISTORY
- FIRST UNION AND FIRST STRIKE FOR VAST MAJORITY OF YOUNG WORKERS
- STRENGTHENED UNION CONSCIOUSNESS AMONG NEW GENERATION OF WORKERS
- ALL 10 UC CAMPUSES MOBILIZED IN UNPRECEDENTED SHOW OF SOLIDARITY
- HUGE CONTRACT VICTORY – 46% WAGE INCREASE
- BODES WELL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ORGANIZING NATIONALLY AND CALIFORNIA LABOR MOVEMENT

## LABOR CENTER MOVEMENT IS GROWING



## \$13 MILLION ANNUAL AUGMENTATION

- THE LARGEST EXPANSION OF LABOR CENTERS IN 100 HISTORY OF LABOR EDUCATION
- SIX NEW LABOR CENTERS BEING LAUNCHED: UC DAVIS, UC SANTA CRUZ, UC IRVINE, UC RIVERSIDE, UC SAN DIEGO, AND UC SANTA BARBARA
- EXPANDED RESOURCES FOR UCLA, UC BERKELEY AND UC MERCED LABOR CENTERS
- UCLA GROWING LABOR STUDIES (100 MAJORS) AND WILL BE LAUNCHING FIRST MASTERS PROGRAM IN LABOR STUDIES IN THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
- HUGE OPPORTUNITY FOR LABOR CENTERS TO SUPPORT WORK OF CALIFORNIA LABOR MOVEMENT



## U.S. MEXICO SOLIDARITY



## LABOR CENTERS IN MEXICO

- \$10 MILLION GRANT FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TO LAUNCH THREE NEW LABOR CENTERS IN MEXICO CITY AND QUERETARO
- FIRST BINATIONAL/BILINGUAL CLASS BETWEEN UCLA LABOR CENTER AND UNAM (NATIONAL AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF MEXICO)
- PAOLO MARINARO (FORMERLY WITH UCLA LABOR CENTER) IS NOW DIRECTOR OF THE SOLIDARITY CENTER WITH 38 STAFF
- KENDY RIVERA (FORMERLY WITH UCLA LABOR CENTER) IS BUILDING FIRST SOLIDARITY CENTER OFFICE IN TIJUANA

## LABOR SUMMER 2023



## SCHOOL TO MOVEMENT PIPELINE

- RECRUITING STUDENTS FROM ALL NINE UC CAMPUSES FOR LABOR SUMMER 2023
- FOCUS ON UNION ORGANIZING, CONTRACT CAMPAIGNS, BUILDING WORKER AND STUDENT ALLIANCES
- SPECIAL FOCUS ON YOUNG WORKER ORGANIZING
- GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ARE BEING RECRUITED
- SPECIAL PROGRAM AS PART OF LABOR SUMMER 2023 TO PROMOTE LESSONS FROM UC GRADUATE STUDENT STRIKE

## IMMIGRANT YOUTH MOVEMENT



## ORGANIZING IMMIGRANT YOUTH

- **OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL CAMPAIGN TO DEMAND THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA HIRE UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS**
- **DACA (DEFERRED ACTIONS FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS) IS UNDER ATTACK BY RIGHT WING COURTS**
- **NEW "ZINE" FEATURING VOICES OF API UNDOCUMENTED YOUTH**
- **NEW BOOK ON "ART AND ACTIVISM OF IMMIGRANT YOUTH MOVEMENT" BEING PUBLISHED**
- **DREAM SUMMER 2023**

## APALA

- **APALA LED 70-MEMBER CROSS BORDER SOLIDARITY DELEGATION TO VISIT TIJUANA IN AUGUST 2022**
- **HELD FIVE ON-LINE WORKSHOPS TO COMBAT ANTI-ASIAN HATE IN SUMMER 2022**
- **MARCH 2023 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY APALA HONORED ARLENE INOUE (UTLA) AND SUSAN MINATO (UNITE HERE #11)**
- **APALA ORGANIZING INSTITUTE IN LOS ANGELES - MAY 19 – 20, 2023**
- **AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS NATIONAL VIRTUAL TOWN HALL IN MAY 2023 ON ANTI-ASIAN VIOLENCE**

## APALA CONVENTION AUGUST 3 – 6, 2023 SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

