

Port Workers Assembly

Where: Middle Harbor Shoreline Park
2777 Middle Harbor Rd.
Oakland, CA (7th & Middle Harbor Road)

When: Saturday, October 6th, 10:00 a.m.

Why: Unite to Support All Port of Oakland Labor Struggles. An injury to one is an injury to all...which side are you on?

What: A General Assembly of Port Workers to Discuss Unity and Directly Engaging in the Struggles of Port Workers. Free Food!

Who: Longshore, Port Truckers, Public Sector, Airport, Food Service... Anyone Else Who Works in the Jurisdiction of the Port of Oakland, and Families.

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Why A General Assembly Of Port Workers? Workers Deserve Better

The Livelihood Of All Port Workers And Future Port Workers Is Under Attack!

Never before have port workers been under attack in the way that they are now. Every kind of worker on the port is facing or will soon be facing a huge fight to maintain what they have, much less to build a better future for themselves and generations to come.

Public Workers

Public Workers represented by SEIU 1021 are fighting the Port's demands that they make concessions in their next contract.

Truck Drivers

Truck Drivers at the port have long attempted to organize. They are classified as independent contractors and cannot legally form a union. Some make less than minimum wage (and certainly less than the port's living wage) by the time costs and payments are calculated. Truckers in Seattle and LA have recently made some gains in their fight for fairer treatment.

Food Service Workers

Food Service Workers at the airport (under the Port's jurisdiction) are being paid less than the living wage required by law. Some tried to organize into a union and were fired! Others are being denied overtime and sick time.

Longshore Workers

Longshore Workers on both coasts are gearing up for some huge battles. The ILWU on the west coast has their Northwest Grain Contract up soon. Employers have already stated that they want the concessions that EGT got in Longview! This is rippling into disaster and it must be stopped! On the East Coast, the ILA is looking at a possible lockout or strike soon. They will be looking for support from longshore workers here and according to the ILWU, they will get it.

All Port Workers should know that these are not isolated fights. Employers always make cuts in trends. The more they can get out of other workers, the more they will try to get from you. The port is attacking the wages and benefits of its workers because it believes that economic conditions allow them to do so. Basically, because they can! They are seeking to seize this moment to add to their already ridiculously high profits!

The Port Has Money, Lots of it

It Generates Many Billions A Year And Last Year Profited More Than 30 Million Dollars!

The Port of Oakland is a major part in a flow of capital that generates trillions of dollars for some of the world's largest corporations. Goldman Sachs may be the best known but they are all run by ruthless wealthy people who always put making even more profit above all else, including the lives and well being of workers.

Port executives make far more than their counterparts at other public agencies. Executive director, Omar

Benjamin, makes \$257,508 per year – over \$120,000 more than Mayor Jean Quan. In general, Port executives earn 30% or 40% more than their City of Oakland counterparts. The port also squanders money on projects, expenses and sweetheart deals for other rich folks instead of returning revenue to meet the needs of the people of Oakland. One day's revenue could have saved all five elementary schools that were closed in Oakland this year.

When We All Act Together, We All Win

Workers need to act together. Unions today are bound by unjust laws but workers can still effectively organize separately without those limitations. Working people in the community understand the importance of the strength of port workers. That is why they have shown by the actions of thousands

that they support workers at the ports; they support workers who fight, workers who can win! Imagine the power of all workers coming together to decide how to unite around defending against these attacks and fighting for more for in the future!

It begins Saturday, October 6, 10am at the Middle Harbor Port Park!