



Wednesday Wins

Hi All,

For this Wednesday's Win, I want to emphasize the significance of May Day! Originating in the United States, May Day marks the historic struggle of American Workers for the eight-hour workday in 1886. Many of the privileges we enjoy in our jobs today are the direct result of unions and worker solidarity. May Day is a celebration of these past struggles and a reminder of the future triumphs we can achieve together. As you know the struggle continues as States like Utah pass bans on collective bargaining and the administration in Washington has signed executive orders stripping some unions of their collective bargaining rights. We should never take it for granted that this couldn't happen here.

There will be two events in celebration of May Day, Thursday, May 1. The first event on May Day will be the big annual LA May Day Coalition March in Downtown LA at 9:00 AM, marching with thousands of other workers from Los Angeles. The second event on May Day will be our May Day Our Way: Teach-in on Labor via Zoom at 3:00 PM. This will be a panel discussion featuring myself, Dr. Julio Tsuha (Professor in Sociology and AFT 1521 Campus Action Lead) Directors of Dolores Huerta Labor Center, Dr. Mindy Chen, and Dr. Jennifer Galvez (also Secretary of AFT 1521). We will be discussing the history of the labor movement, its recent growth, the recent attacks, why having a union job is important, and how we protect workers in the current climate. Please join us for this interactive and dynamic discussion.

To register for one OR both of these events, please click this registration link: <https://forms.gle/D4U2EgqyNKZkKy95A>.

In Unity,

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