

CIVIL RIGHTS MARCH

SATURDAY, OCT. 16, 10:00 A.M.

— EAST LOS ANGELES —

March Begins 10:00 am at Cinco Puntos: Corner of César Chávez & Lorena
Student/Youth Contingent meets 9:00 am at Roosevelt High School (456 Matthew St.)

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- ★ **Stop the Raids!**
- ★ **Defeat All Racist Attacks!**
- ★ **Build the New United Civil Rights Movement to**
- Fight for Full Rights and Dignity of Immigrants!**
- ★ **We Are All Californians!**

ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16 IN LOS ANGELES, immigrants, Chicana/o, Latina/o, black, other minority, and anti-racist white people will march through the streets of Los Angeles to take a united stand against the racism and inequality that pervade our society. In particular this march will provide an opportunity for the youth of LA to lead the way to a new California. Together we will fight for the full rights and dignity of immigrants. Together we will fight to make California truly a place for all Californians.

Beginning in June, the United States Border Patrol launched what is intended to be a continuing campaign of harassment and terror, by immigration authorities, against the Chicana/o, Latina/o population of California. The initial wave of roundups was carried out predominately in the San Diego, Riverside and San Bernadino County areas. The operations have consisted of detentions and deportations directed almost entirely against Latina/o people, particularly Mexicans. In many cases the operations have been carried out with the cooperation of local police. These raids have no real impact on the levels of illegal immigration – the ostensible reason for the raids. All that they accomplish is the humiliation and terrorizing of all victimized by them. During the first wave of raids, 28 year old Ecar Paz Moradel died in the custody of the Border Patrol. **THESE RAIDS ARE UNACCEPTABLE AND MUST STOP.**

The Los Angeles Civil Rights March must serve as a point of departure for organizing the mass power of the new civil rights movement in Los Angeles. Mobilizing the power of this new movement in our city can shift the balance of political power in California in favor of minorities and immigrants. Together, we can lead California away from being a state leading in attacks on minorities and im-

migrants, towards a state that is a beacon of progress for the nation.

The foundation of the California economy is the labor of immigrants, both documented and undocumented. The designation of some immigrants as "illegal" is a hypocritical cover for the most thoroughgoing exploitation and discrimination. Real equality, for black, Latina/o, Native American, Asian American and other minority people, can be realized in our state only when it transcends the racist practice of denying opportunity to some of its people because they were born in Mexico. California cannot continue to function as a racial caste system protecting white privilege.

The forces that stand for equality and progress in California hold a tremendous amount of power in our hands now. Victory requires that we recognize and organize our full power.

Although still young, a new Civil Rights Movement in America has won a string of impressive victories. The activity of this new movement, which included a 50,000 person strong march on the U.S. Supreme Court, successfully defended affirmative action for the nation in *Grutter v. Bollinger*, the University of Michigan Law School affirmative action case. In California we defeated Proposition 54 and prevented the new anti-immigrant Proposition 187 from reaching the ballot in 2004.

This march will be an opportunity to stand up and fight for equality. Now is the time for a new pride and determination in confronting the racism against Chicana/o and Latina/o people in California. No more will the racism and degradation of Latina/o people be accepted in our state. By uniting to defeat these attacks our New Civil Rights Movement can bring hope and dignity to minority and poor people across the nation. Join us on October 16!

COALITION TO DEFEND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, INTEGRATION, & IMMIGRANT RIGHTS, AND FIGHT FOR EQUALITY BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY (BAMN)

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