

Historic Strike Planned for May 1st by U.S. Immigrant Workers



Washington, April 24 (RHC)-- A large number of immigrants' rights groups and labor unions have allied to organize the largest U.S. May 1st demonstration in the past 10 years. The announcement, made in Washington, DC, came in the context of anti-immigrant stances and policies by U.S. President Donald Trump, which has triggered a movement of solidarity for immigrant workers and workers of color across the country.

"After years of broken promises, raids, driving in fear of being pulled over, not being able to bury our loved ones, Trump is just the final straw," Movimiento Cosecha's Maria Cabello said. "As we saw during the spontaneous strikes on February 16, our people are ready."

The coalition, which includes Cosecha, Fight for \$15, the Food Chain Workers Alliance and the SEIU United Service Workers West, plans to repeat February's successful strike held across the United States under the name "A Day Without Immigrants."

"It's very important that we can show that the undocumented community can turn fear into power," said former Bernie Sanders press official Erika Andiola. "We hope that our communities can come out and say: 'Yes, we're here, yes we are going to show our power and yes we can change this community.'"

More than 400,000 workers have already committed to the annual celebrations of International Workers'

Day on May 1, according to activists from immigration group Movimiento Cosecha.

Tens of thousands of workers from the SEIU United Service Workers West have also announced their participation in the state of California.

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