

**United Public Workers For Action Forum**

**Work For May Day March/Rally In San Francisco**

**Stop The Attacks on Public Workers,  
Public Services and Education**

**Join UPWA and AFSCME 444 at first East Bay public forum on the attack on public workers**

**April 17 (Friday), 2009 6:30 PM**

**Alameda Labor Temple**

**8400 Enterprise Way/Hegenberger, Oakland**

The financial collapse of the US and international economy requires new strategies and tactics to defend public workers and all working people. The newly formed United Public Workers For Action [www.upwa.info](http://www.upwa.info) believes that the first step for a fight back is to bring together all public workers in California in order to develop a plan to defend public services and education and take direct action to bring together the collective power of the 1.5 million public workers in California.

We believe that there needs to be ballot initiatives to eliminate the 2/3's requirement for a budget, the elimination of the commercial property exemption under Prop 13 and a statewide ballot initiative to ban privatization of public services. The collapse of housing prices raises a fundamental question of how public services and education will be funded since a large percentage of the funding of these areas comes from property taxes, which have declines likely to be 30% to 40%.

We are working to support proposals to deal with these issues and there will be a public speak-out of public workers on April 17th at the Alameda Labor Temple in Oakland and plans to build a public workers, students and immigrants march/rally on May 1st in San Francisco. Speakers from UC CWA UPTE, OEA and Progressive Teachers of the United Teachers of Richmond and other unions. The rally on May 1st will be at the Dolores Park 12:00 and march to Civic Center.

The failure of the Democratic controlled legislature to solve this problem is another example of the dangers of relying on these politicians to "solve" the problem. While there are no positive ballot initiatives on the ballot on May 19, 2009 there are reactionary measures that will cap funding for public services while letting the billionaires and millionaires off the hook.

Join us on April 17, 2009 and go to our website to find out more about our work.

If you would like to contact us to find out more information about our work and when our meetings are, call: East Bay 510-672-2623, SF 415-867-0628

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