



# MARCH on MAY 1, 2009 International Workers' Day

Tell Obama to Repeal  
the  
Modern Slave Law  
(aka "Employer Sanctions")

## EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL WORKERS

### 1. REPEAL EMPLOYER SANCTIONS

Employers' sanctions is a law that was passed 20 years ago in the name of punishing the employer, but in reality criminalizes immigrants and creates an underclass of labor who have no rights or protection under the law. Under this modern slave law, undocumented workers do not even have the freedom to sell their own labor. Because of this law, the underground economy is expanding, dividing native-born, documented, and undocumented workers. This creates cutthroat competition and keeps workers from organizing together, causing workers' wages to plummet and making life harder. In the midst of this economic crisis, reforms that strengthen employers' sanctions will cause working people to suffer more, creating mass unemployment while forcing some to be completely overworked. We urge Obama not to strengthen employers' sanctions but to repeal the modern slave law. Furthermore, we want him to legislate equal rights for all workers and create an on-going mechanism for undocumented workers to adjust their status.

**2:00PM**

**RALLY at ROOSEVELT PARK  
in CHINATOWN**

**(Grand St. between Forsyth and  
Chrystie St., B/D Train to  
Grand St. Station)**

### 2. DUMP MAYOR BLOOMBERG

*Stop Mayor Bloomberg from shifting the economic crisis onto the backs of working people and stop him from dividing our communities.*

Billionaire Mayor Michael Bloomberg is pushing racist rezoning plans -- from Harlem to Willets Point in Queens, and from Sunset Park, Brooklyn to the Lower East Side and Chinatown in Manhattan -- that serve the interests of developers and rich whites while displacing low-income working-class people of color. He has slashed the budget for crucial services, while increasing the cost of living for working people, essentially robbing the working poor to feed the filthy rich. Bloomberg has grown to be the richest man in NYC while working people have grown poorer. We call on all New Yorkers to Dump Bloomberg this year.

We march to forge unity among immigrant and native-born workers, to stop the attacks on working people, and build a movement to demand equal rights for all workers.

**3:00 PM**

**MARCH to UNION SQUARE**

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