

Justice for CHINATOWN

5 HOUR STRIKE TO PROTEST AGAINST IMMIGRATION FISHING RAIDS

DATE : 24/07/2018 12PM - 5PM

MARCH STARTS FROM : NEWPORT PLACE W2CH 7PR



On Tuesday 24 July 2018, London's Chinatown will witness a complete shutdown of all business premises including restaurants and shops.

At 12 noon, whistles will signal the beginning of a protest led by business & community leaders together with community activists and workers. The action will last for 5 hours and will also include a peaceful demonstration to the Home Office in Westminster.

The closure is in response to the discriminatory conduct of immigration and police officers during and following a 'fishing raid' by immigration officers on a restaurant on Thursday 5th July 2018. Not only were staff members at the restaurant treated with unreasonable aggression and handcuffed, a deaf and mute woman who started a peaceful protest by lying on the road was manhandled and nearly run over by an immigration van. When community leaders tried to intervene peacefully to calm the situation they too were treated with contempt and threatened with arrest. Finally, after two hours, the protesting woman was taken to the hospital and the area declared a crime scene, partly to disperse members of the public who began to complain about the behaviour of police and immigration officers.

PROTEST DETAILS 24/07/2018

1200 Chinatown On Strike Starts
1230 Assembly at Newport Place
1300 March Starts
1430 Arrive at Home Office
1500 End of March
1700 Chinatown Re-Opens



**NO FISHING RAIDS
in Chinatown**

There are other serious concerns that need to be answered by the authorities: They include:

- * Why did the raid take place days after a roundtable meeting instigated by immigration officials to engage with the community and to build trust & goodwill with the business & community leaders?
- * Why were the community concerns raised at the meeting ignored so blatantly?
- * There are serious questions about the legality of the fishing raid: we now know the immigration officers left a notice (under Section 179 of the Licensing Act) in the targeted restaurant without explaining what it meant.
- * However, licensing enforcement is the responsibility of the Local Council and not of the Immigration Department. We seek urgent clarification on whether the trusted Warrant procedures will now be abandoned.
- * Why did the police disregard the protesting woman's safety and welfare, given her serious disabilities?

London's Chinatown is a vital component of London's economy and a major tourist and cultural attraction. Its members have the right to be treated with respect and dignity and will not tolerate aggressive or discriminatory behaviour from enforcement agencies. We urge everyone to join us in our protest on Tuesday 24 July 2018.

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