



“Never be deceived that the rich will allow you to vote away their wealth.”

-[Lucy Parsons](#)

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### Join ONE DC for a May Day Organizing Webinar

ONE DC is hosting a May Day Webinar this Friday, May 1 at 5:00 PM to commemorate International Workers Day, celebrating the struggle for workers' rights. This year is the 134th anniversary of May 1st, 1886, when 350,000 workers went on strike to fight for the eight hour work day.

We honor this day by creating a space for community members to share and discuss the results of our COVID-19 survey and the impact of the pandemic on employment and housing. We will also engage in political education around racial capitalism and solidarity economics. This is especially crucial now as over 26 million people in the U.S. have been laid off from work, with no guaranteed unemployment or assistance to pay rent, mortgage or other bills.

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# MAY DAY WEBINAR

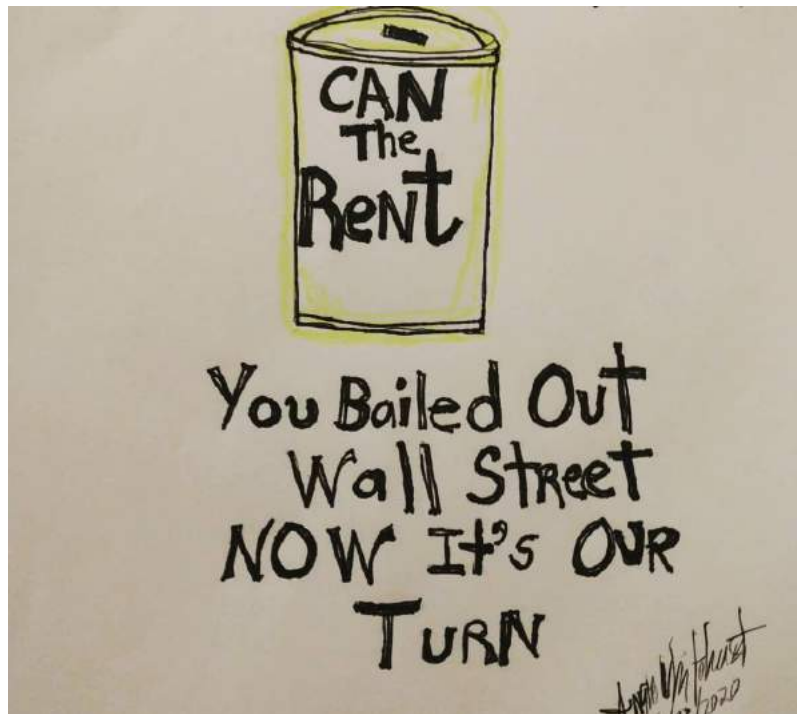
**FRI. 5/1  
5:00 PM**

- Join us to commemorate International Workers Day!
- Share and discuss results of our COVID-19 survey
  - Understand impact on employment & housing in DC
  - Political education on racial capitalism & solidarity economics
  - Find out how we are taking action!

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED: [BIT.LY/2RY15O9](https://bit.ly/2RY15O9)**



**ONE DC Joins #CanceltheRent National Day of Protest**



[Watch the video to see footage from DC & across the country!](#)

*Art by ONE DC member Angie Whitehurst*

On Saturday, April 25, thousands of people across 40+ cities mobilized car protests demanding a cancellation of rents and mortgages for the duration of the pandemic. ONE DC members joined the 30+ car protest in Washington, DC. The caravan made its way first to Mayor Bowser's house, calling on her administration to cancel rents and mortgages for renters, homeowners, and small businesses and landlords in DC. The car protestors honked their way past the White House before arriving to DC Jail, calling for the immediate release of incarcerated people at risk of infection.

The [CanceltheRents.org petition](https://canceltherents.org/petition) calls on President Trump to use his executive authority to declare:

1. A national cancellation of all rents, mortgages for homeowners, small landlords and small business, for the duration of the Pandemic.
2. No shutoff of gas, electricity and water utilities, the restoration of utilities for households that are currently shut off for lack of ability to pay, no accumulation of debt.
3. Eminent domain over vacant buildings, homes, hotels, all appropriate structures to house the homeless or people in precarious housing situations, including the undocumented and victims of domestic violence.



Show your support with a Cancel Rent yard/window sign! Send an email to [organizer@onedconline.org](mailto:organizer@onedconline.org) or a text to 202.760.4875 with your contact info and address, and we will follow up to deliver a sign! [Click here to help us cover printing costs.](#)

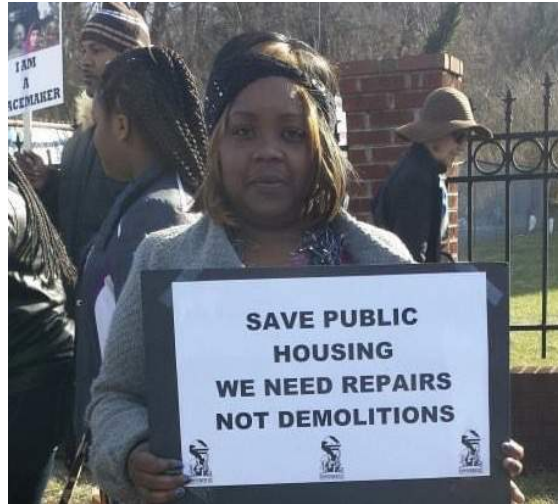
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## Mayor Bowser: Fund Public Housing Repairs Now!



It is critical that Mayor Bowser includes \$60 million dollars in dedicated and recurring funds in the 2021 budget for public housing repairs. Public housing residents, for many decades now, have been living in a public health crisis. Imagine having to quarantine in a unit that has tested positive for lead, has mold, has a rodent infestation and is in general disrepair. By its own admission, the DC Housing Authority has admitted that a significant part of the public housing stock is uninhabitable.

**Empower DC** is asking that you take action and demand that the mayor includes these funds for the much needed repairs. Here's how you can help:

1. At any time, [click here to either email, call or tweet the Mayor](#) demanding an investment in public housing. The tool we are using makes it very simple for you to take action.
2. On Wednesday April 29, visit Empower DC's social media accounts ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#)) and help by retweeting and sharing the posts they'll be sharing from public housing residents calling for the funding of repairs in the upcoming budget.

If you have any questions feel free to call at 202-234-9119 xt. 101 or email [Daniel@empowerdc.org](mailto:Daniel@empowerdc.org). And we thank you in advance for helping us to make this message loud and clear.

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**Keeping Our Community Safe from COVID-19**



**WE KEEP US SAFE**

**KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE FROM COVID-19**

We need to protect ourselves, our families, our friends, and our elders

**Free medical care (no insurance required)**

Unity Health Care  
202-469-4699  
(telephone health visits, doctor's notes for work)

Medstar Health eVisit  
[www.medstarhealth.org/medstar-health-visit](http://www.medstarhealth.org/medstar-health-visit)  
(nurse triage line)

**COVID-19**

**What is it?**  
COVID-19, caused by the coronavirus, is a potentially deadly respiratory disease that spreads quickly from person to person. Even people without symptoms can carry the virus and get others sick.

**How do you get it?**  
The virus is spread through droplets when an infected person sneezes, coughs, or talks. It is also possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or eyes.

**What are the symptoms?**  
Symptoms include fever, dry cough, and shortness of breath. Seek medical attention if you experience trouble breathing, pain or pressure in the chest, confusion or trouble staying awake and alert, or ashly/bluish skin around the mouth.

**RACIST POLICIES AND STRUCTURES MEAN THAT THE BLACK COMMUNITY IS AT A HIGHER RISK OF GETTING SICK AND DYING OF COVID-19**

**HOW DO WE KEEP OURSELVES SAFE?**

**Wash your hands.**  
Wash thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds

**Don't touch your face.**  
Unwashed hands can carry the virus, wash them before touching your face

**Wear a mask.**  
Make sure your mouth, nose, and chin are fully covered

**Stay at home.**  
Don't leave your home unless it is absolutely necessary

**Keep your distance.**  
If you need to leave home, stay at least 6 feet away from others

*6 weeks ago I met a doctor. The story he shared about what was to come scared me deeper than anything I can remember. I made a promise to myself that I would do whatever it takes to fight. I connected doctors to artists who shared their hearts so all of us could see the beautiful world all around us.*

*The "Black Public Health Campaign."*

*This is one of the most special and loving struggles that I've ever experienced. We're going to print 15,000. Please help us print 60,000. [Donate to www.serveyourcitydc.org](http://www.serveyourcitydc.org) and we'll make sure our*

*people have as much information as possible. Some dreams come true.*

**-Maurice Cook, Serve Your City & Ward 6 Mutual Aid Network**

[Click here to download as a PDF that you can print and share in your community!](#)

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## **The History of May 1, International Workers' Day**

**By Saul Kanowitz**

Every year, May 1 is celebrated around the world as a day of international working class solidarity. Demonstrations take place from Africa to Asia, across South and North America and in Europe. These events, organized by trade unions in some countries and by revolutionary parties or governments in others, all celebrate the struggle of the international working class.



*May Day 2017 in Washington, DC - "DC On Strike"*

May Day was officially adopted as International Workers' Day at a meeting of the Marxist International Socialist Congress—the founding meeting of the Second International—held in Paris in July 1889. Its focus was the campaign to win an eight-hour workday for all workers.

The events inspiring May Day—a wave of strikes and demonstrations for a shorter workday, followed by the Haymarket Square killings in Chicago—occurred in the United States in 1886. The immediate outcome of that first wave of demonstrations was a tremendous setback for the labor movement in the short term. But the working class eventually turned the defeat into a victory for generations of workers all over the world.

[Continue reading at LiberationNews.org](#)

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**ONE Bit of Good News - Our Website Has a New Look!**

We recently made some updates to the ONE DC website. Check it out at [onedconline.org](http://onedconline.org). Our favorite page right now is the [People's Progress Report](#), where you can easily interact with our beautifully and creatively designed annual reports going back to 2007!

[You can find past editions of the Monthly Voice here.](#)

Do you want to be a writer, editor, or designer for the ONE DC *Monthly Voice*? Email [organizer@onedconline.org](mailto:organizer@onedconline.org)

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