

Bronx People's Assembly decides:

Demand millions of jobs by January 17, 2011

Make Jan. 17 – Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday Holiday – "Uprising for Jobs Day"!

- Join Oct. 2 Rally in DC for Jobs, Justice & Peace
- **Defend Public Education October 7**
- Stop anti-immigrant raids and deportations
- **Oppose all forms of racism!**
- **Vote for the Freedom Party!**
- **Stop the FBI War on the movement!**



The Bronx People's Assembly for Jobs and Economic Survival at Hostos College resolved on Sept. 25 to launch an aggressive campaign for **a real jobs program**, and announced that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, **January 17, 2011, will be an "Uprising for Jobs Day."**

Also resolved:

Get on buses (thanks to TWU Local 100 and other unions), and join the Oct. 2 march in Washington for **Jobs, Justice and Peace**.

March in Harlem on Oct. 7, for jobs and education for youth, sponsored by the Coalition to Defend Public Education. Start at noon at City College, march to the Harlem State Office Building. Stop at a charter school to say "*profit-sucking corporations out of the schools!*"

Support the Freedom Party, and its candidate for NY State Attorney General, Ramon Jimenez, founder and leader of the South Bronx Community Congress.

Struggle against poverty, unemployment and racist repression in the Bronx, the poorest urban county in the United States. *In the South Bronx 27 percent of the people live below the poverty level*, according to Rev. Lydia Lebrón Rivera, pastor of the Church of the Resurrection and a South Bronx Community Congress leader.

Larry Holmes of the Bail Out the People Movement called for **solidarity with anti-war activists** in Minneapolis, Illinois, and Michigan, whose homes were raided by the FBI. **The Assembly resolved to oppose these raids as an attack on all who fight for justice**, and participate in demonstrations against the raids and subpoenas.

Owen Rogers of Operation Fightback in Harlem called for a **massive program to rebuild the infrastructure and provide jobs** for communities with the highest unemployment.

Demand **homes, not shelters** with Picture The Homeless. Support Intro 48 in the NY City Council to "empower the city to conduct an annual citywide count of all vacant buildings and lots, for conversion into housing for those in need."

Defend immigrant workers. **Denounce the Memorandum of Agreement by New York Governor Paterson to turn over names and information to ICE** when these workers are stopped for even minor traffic violations.

"This People's Assembly is part of a national movement launched by Black Workers for Justice in North Carolina," said Brenda Stokely of the Million Worker March Movement. There have already been numerous People's Assemblies around the country and there will be many more.

Christine Williams of Transport Workers Union Local 100 and Gavrielle Gemma of Take Back Our Transit System called for a massive campaign to **oppose the MTA's fare increase, service cuts and massive layoffs**. They noted that of the 28 board members, who are supposed to represent the people's interests, all but one are white. The transit system "is a cash cow for the banks," Gemma said.

Tony Gronowicz, the Green Party's mayoral candidate in 2005, called for **storming the turnstiles** when a fare increase is announced.

A worker from Woodlawn Cemetery talked about the formation of the Band of Brothers to **fight racist harassment**. He said "no politicians represent these workers. That's why we have to come together and represent ourselves." They found a way to defeat racist abuse on the job by banding together, standing up to the boss and seeking community support. The assembly committed to join them at Woodlawn Cemetery in the Bronx on Saturday, October 9, to support their struggle.

The walls in the People's Assembly hall were festooned with banners: "South Bronx Community Congress," "A Real Jobs Program Now – Bail Out the People Movement," "Vote for Freedom Party" and "Equal Rights for All Workers – May 1 Coalition." This reflected the sponsoring organizations, community coalitions and their struggles for housing, jobs, mass transit, better public education and an end to police and government repression of people of color and immigrants.

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Upcoming Issues & Actions:

(from the Bronx People's Assembly, 9/25/10)

10-9-10 Bury Racism at Woodlawn Cemetery! with the **Band of Brothers**
3:00 pm, Woodlawn Cemetery (East 233rd St & Webster Ave.)

10-9-10 In Philadelphia: Demo against the Death Penalty at **9:00 am** – a lead-up event to:

10-10-10 World Day Against the Death Penalty in Washington, DC – *Free Mumia!*

10-12-10 Indigenous People's Celebration!*?#@?!*%??? of Columbus Day of Infamy at the UN,
12:00 Noon in front of the UN on First Avenue. (Please bring water for a ceremony to commemorate Mother Earth.) Contact Nicholas Chango-Chango at 718 844-0105.

11-9-10 In Philadelphia: Demonstrate in Solidarity with Mumia Abu Jamal
during court proceedings that same day

Call for **Public Control of Public Utilities and Take Back the MTA!**

Contact: www.firethemta.org and www.takebackourtransitsystem.org

Support Free Public Education – free Metro Card passes for public school students!

Save our Youth at the grassroots & energize the grassroots ranks of the movement –

- Get this movement **Hip-Hoppin'!**
- Use Facebook, Twitter, texting, etc, etc

Save our Communities from Gentrification: Demand permanent preservation of **Community Gardens**. The *Community Gardens Law* must be passed – call City Council, in particular Christine Quinn and Melissa Mark-Viverito. Local communities uphold their dignity by resisting environmental racism *and* the ravages of unemployment by:

- growing truly nutritious food (for pennies...)
- providing fresh clean air in otherwise environmentally-impacted, polluted ghettos
- constructing safe open, green spaces for children and community elders
- facilitating cultural self-expression/affirmation in the inner city
- doing local community organizing

We need **popular education in the struggles for social justice** –

- Develop knowledge and awareness!
- Overcome fear!
- Break the isolation!
- Take enlightened action!

*Needed: a **Standing Committee** for follow-up on issues identified during the breakout session.*

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