



# Railroad Workers United

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## RWU Resolution in Support of Occupy Los Angeles on May Day

**WHEREAS**, Occupy groups across the country have called for actions on May First, including Occupy Los Angeles who has called for a General Strike action on May Day to both commemorate the traditional worldwide workers and immigrants rights day, and to take action against the political interests who have turned the American democratic system against them in an attempt to undermine and destroy workers' rights, and

**WHEREAS**, The prominence of the May 1st workers holiday has been revitalized in the US in recent years by the struggle of immigrant workers and the efforts of militant immigrant labor organizers, and

**WHEREAS**, Unions, community coalitions, and Occupy assemblies from around the country have agreed to endorse and take part in the declared actions of May 1<sup>st</sup>,

**WHEREAS**, The use of General Strikes has been a successful tactic, bringing meaningful change historically and in modern times by allowing the working people to assert control over the means of wealth creation,

**WHEREAS**, Numerous general strikes have been called and successfully carried out throughout U.S. history -- including the Great Rail Strike of 1877, the 8-hour Day Strikes in 1886, the Seattle, San Francisco, Toledo, and Oakland city-wide general strikes among them; and

**WHEREAS**, General strikes have been carried out throughout the world this past year, from Tunisia and Egypt, to Greece, Portugal and Great Britain;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Railroad Workers United will encourage its members and supporters to fully understand and support the efforts and goals of Occupy Los Angeles on May Day, and will invite others to participate in support of the planned activities, including strikes, related marches and demonstrations, as well as boycotts of classes and commerce, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Railroad Workers United will continue to endorse and turn-out members to Occupy rallies and events, to provide in-kind donations such as tents and food, and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that while Railroad Workers United is in no position of authority to call for railroad workers to strike on May First, we stand in solidarity with the May 1<sup>st</sup> General Strike being called for in Los Angeles, and its spread to other cities and workplaces around the country

**Adopted by the Railroad Workers United Steering Committee  
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