

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 10 AM
Assemble on Scott St. in Marina Green

Racists Want Charlottesville Terror Here – It's Up to Us to Stop It!

LONGSHORE WORKERS:
SHUT DOWN THE
FASCISTS!

We, longshore workers, support the call to action for our union to take the lead for the working class, to stop a deadly threat to the rights and the lives of us all.

This weekend, fascist groups plan to stage rallies that threaten to repeat the racist terror of Charlottesville in the Bay Area. We've ***shut down*** the port against racism, war and police repression. Longshore workers have got the power, and ***we will not allow labor-hating white supremacists to bring their lynch mob terror here.***

On Saturday, August 26 at 10AM, we will assemble on Scott St. in Marina Green (between Fort Mason and Crissy Field) and march to stop the fascist provocation at Crissy Field. We're calling on all ILWU members, other unions and supporters to be there. Stop these racist killers from killing again. *If not now, when? If not here, where? We have the power. Let's use it!*

On August 26, the fascist group that calls itself "Patriot Prayer" plans to hold a rally on Crissy Field. On August 27, several fascist groups plan a rally in Berkeley. What this means was shown in Portland on May 26: a Nazi who attended a "Patriot Prayer" rally the previous month killed two men for standing up against his racist threats to two young women. On June 4, members of 14 unions in Portland mobilized in the struggle to stop the fascists drawn by "Patriot Prayer."

Charlottesville, Virginia on August 12 showed again that the fascists are not about "free speech." The rally by Nazis, KKK and other white supremacists led directly to the murder of Heather Heyer and injuries to dozens of courageous anti-racist counter-protesters. Some of the same Nazis plan to come to the Bay Area this

weekend. Meanwhile, Trump obscenely praises “good” fascists and “beautiful” statues of bloody Confederate slave masters.

And now the fascists want to bring their race-terror here? We say: Hell no! Who do these fascist creeps think they’re messing with? ***SF is a union town.*** Let’s bring out the whole Bay Area labor movement, with defenders of African American, Asian, Latino, gay, lesbian, women’s and immigrant rights, to ***stop the fascists.***

To do this, we must rely on ***our own power*** as workers – not phony “friend of labor” politicians of both bosses’ parties. Their pleas for Trump’s Department of the Interior to deny a permit for Crissy Field are a diversion. Any bans, especially in a port city, could be used against workers fighting for their rights. But as the Portland Painters said in a solidarity message, ***when we use our “power as workers to take action against the fascists on August 26th, that will be a call to action of workers and oppressed people throughout this country.”***

Now’s the time to stand up for all that ILWU has fought for, as opponents of racism and oppression. We can’t let these racists and fascists keep on killing. Enough is enough. Let’s join together in unity and in strength to put our union resolution into action. ***On August 26,***

DON’T WORK! SHUT THE PORT DOWN AND THE FASCISTS TOO!

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Longshore Workers to Stop the Fascists

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Update: At the planning meeting on Aug. 22, union sisters and brothers highlighted the threat to African American and all union members posed by the hanging nooses and vile racist slurs that have repeatedly appeared at SSA terminal. Make no mistake: this racist filth is a threat of lynching. It’s exactly the kind of thing the Klan, Nazis and other fascist/racist terror groups use. We have to *stop* it with the power of our union. This is and must be closely connected to the mobilization this Saturday, Aug. 26 to stop the fascists.

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REMEMBER: We are assembling SATURDAY, AUG. 26, 10 AM, on SCOTT ST. IN MARINA GREEN BETWEEN FORT MASON & CRISSY FIELD.

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