

Labor Committee Report September 2018

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Committee report summary:

The Labor Committee has been busy this month (and over the next two weeks), organizing educational events, committee meetings and socials.

Major projects update:

Educational Events

- Event w/ Eric Blanc, Emily Comer, and Kampala Taiz-Rancifer (from OEA), Sunday, September 23rd (tomorrow)
- Event w/ Fan Shingong on their Haymarket Press book "China on Strike", October 7.
- Event w/ Ken Paff about the rank-and-file strategy
 - Still in process, aiming for mid-November

Labor Notes

- Planning for a large-scale "Troublemakers' School" in the spring (tentative date, March 30th)
- Also thinking about a number of smaller trainings and socials leading up to that
- Coordinating with Labor Notes activists in EBDSA, SFDSA, and non-DSA spaces to coordinate logistics and planning

OEA Support

- Cohering a group of Oakland Unified School District teachers, parents, and community members in and around DSA to try to plan for escalatory actions and community forums in the heat of their fall contract battle

Labor Action Support

- Developed rapid-response mass-text system, used for and SEIU rally in Martinez on September 28th, and another in response to unfair layoffs in the Alameda Health System, upcoming on September 25th.

Electoral Support

- Help distribute Labor for Jovanka material at upcoming meetings, empowering DSA members who are rank-and-file workers to distribute them at union meetings, invite co-workers to canvasses and other Jovanka/Prop 10 events.

- Alameda Central Labor Council will be hosting phonebanks and canvasses for Jovanka/Prop 10, inform our members who are affiliated workers when those will be.

Next steps:

- Continue to lock down event dates and venues for Troublemakers' School and lead-up events

Upcoming events:

- Committee meeting on Sunday, September 30th
- Monthly Labor Social on Thursday, September 27th
- Striking Against Austerity: What's Next for Teachers event, September 23rd
- Alameda Health System worker solidarity demonstration, September 25th