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San Francisco Labor Council Names Marriott, Lyft, and SF Giants to its COVID-19 Corporate “Hall of Shame”
Hundreds of Workers Plan Labor Day March for Safety and Survival

San Francisco, Calif.—The San Francisco Labor Council has named Marriott, Lyft, and the San Francisco Giants to its COVID-19 Corporate Hall of Shame, calling them some of the city’s worst companies for workers during the pandemic. Along with janitors’ union SEIU Local 87, hotel and stadium workers’ union UNITE HERE Local 2, and the No on Prop. 22 campaign, the Labor Council announced plans for a Labor Day march to protest these billion-dollar companies for jeopardizing workers’ safety and survival during COVID-19.

WHAT: Social-distanced march and car caravan to induct Marriott, Lyft, and the SF Giants into the San Francisco Labor Council’s COVID-19 Corporate Hall of Shame.

WHO: Hundreds of Marriott hotel workers, janitors at Lyft headquarters, rideshare drivers, Oracle Park concessions workers, and community supporters.

WHEN: Monday, September 7, 3:45pm-5:30pm.

WHERE: Protesters will assemble at Yerba Buena Park. The march route includes Marriott’s St. Regis hotel, Lyft headquarters, and the SF Giants’ Oracle Park.

WHY: “Marriott, Lyft, and the SF Giants are among San Francisco’s worst companies for workers during COVID-19,” said Rudy Gonzalez, Executive Director of the San Francisco Labor Council. “We’re putting these billion-dollar corporations in our COVID-19 Hall of Shame because Marriott, Lyft, and the SF Giants have put workers’ lives at risk through unsafe working conditions and abandoned them while they struggle to survive. This year, we’re going to reclaim Labor Day for working families as we fight back against San Francisco’s worst corporate offenders.”

Since reopening the St. Regis San Francisco, Marriott has repeatedly broken the law and endangered workers by violating safety requirements in the Healthy Buildings Ordinance. Marriott has also refused to continue furloughed workers’ health insurance.

The cleaning contractor at Lyft’s corporate headquarters has fired janitors instead of furloughing them with the right to return to work. Meanwhile, Lyft is spending millions in support of Prop. 22, a deceptive ballot measure designed to allow app companies to continue exploiting drivers for profit.

The San Francisco Giants have abandoned concessions workers during COVID-19. The Giants are worth $3.1 billion, but they have refused to even negotiate about support for ballpark workers who’ve been locked out of their livelihoods and are now struggling to survive.

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