Almost 500 Workers Take the Streets of Downtown San Francisco in Labor Day March for Safety and Survival

Protests Inducted Marriott, Lyft, and SF Giants into SF Labor Council's COVID-19 Corporate "Hall of Shame"

San Francisco, Calif.—Over 450 janitors, hotel workers, rideshare drivers, and other frontline and furloughed workers marched through the streets of downtown San Francisco as part of a Labor Day protest against some of the city’s worst companies for workers during the pandemic. The San Francisco Labor Council has named Marriott, Lyft, and the San Francisco Giants to its COVID-19 Corporate Hall of Shame, and janitors’ union SEIU Local 87, hotel and stadium workers’ union UNITE HERE Local 2, and the No on Prop. 22 campaign held a march and car caravan to protest these billion-dollar companies for jeopardizing workers’ safety and survival during COVID-19.

“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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