



The National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF) joins workers around the world in fighting for workers' rights today, "[May Day.](#)" Also known as International Workers' Day, May 1st is recognized in many countries as a way to commemorate and honor the struggles and gains of workers and the labor movement.

In recent years in the U.S., May Day has inspired various social justice movements to stand in solidarity with immigrants to demand basic human rights for all. This year, May Day 2008 comes at a time when the alarming increase in deportations and detentions continue to criminalize immigrant communities, break apart families, and further expose immigrant workers to abuse and exploitation. As a heavily immigrant and diverse community, Asian and Pacific Islanders are particularly affected by anti-immigrant rhetoric and practices in the workplace and other public and private spaces. In light of the upcoming presidential elections, it is even more important that we fully and forcefully raise our voices and mobilize against policies that benefit from the labor of low-wage and undocumented immigrants while taking away their basic human rights. Immigrant women are particularly vulnerable to exploitation and human rights abuses, and we ask that you join the [National Coalition for Immigrant Women's Rights](#), a growing coalition of immigrant and women's rights organizations seeking to promote equality and dignity for all immigrant women and their families.

If you are interested in participating in a May Day event in Washington D.C., a coalition of immigrant rights groups is organizing a mass rally at Malcolm X Park (Columbia Heights Metro Stop) at 4 pm. For a listing of other May Day events, please [click here](#)