

## Educational/Action Conference

# Come Join The Fight Against VEOLIA Stop Privatization, Defend Human Rights & The Environment

The Veolia Group is a French owned multi-national, which plays a growing role in the world economy pushing privatization of water resources, transportation and other public services.

In the Bay Area, Veolia has pushed for the privatization of water treatment in Richmond, California, which has led to union busting and environmental degradation.

Thomas P. Hoch, Vice President of Veolia Transportation Services was hired to represent BART management in recent negotiations and sought to attack the ATU 1555, SEIU 1021 and AFSCME 3993 union locals. It is also involved in privatizing transportation services and attacking union such as the Boston School Bus Drivers USW 8751, where they have blatantly violated their union contract and fired 4 of the union leaders. They are still fighting for their jobs back.

Globally, the Veolia group is the largest water privatization company and various environmental groups have tracked its record of destruction and corruption. In the occupied West Bank, subsidiaries of the group operated segregated buses to illegal Israeli settlements, operated an illegal settler dump

**Saturday, February 8, 2014**

**1:00 - 6:00 PM**

**Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts**

**2868 Mission St., SF**

**\$10 Sliding scale (No one turned away)**

and ran a light rail system that sustains the Israeli settlements around Jerusalem.

Communities all around the world have organized against Veolia and managed to get their cities and unions to pass anti privatization resolution declaring their cities "Veolia Free".

In light of the importance of their role in the United States and internationally, on February 8, 2014, we will be having an international education conference at the Mission Cultural Center. Topics will include their labor, environmental and human rights record and what working people and the public can do about their activities.

We invite your union, organization to endorse and support this conference.

## SCHEDULE

### **1:00 PM Registration**

### **1:15 PM Introductions**

Speakers: **Steve Gillis**, VP USW 8751\*, Boston school bus drivers; **George Figueroa**, BART ATU 1555\*; **Charles Smith**, AFSCME 444\* and Richmond fight with Veolia; **Omar Barghouti** Co-founder BNC, Palestine

### **2:45 PM International Panel**

Speakers: **Hugh Lanning**, Chair, Palestine Solidarity Committee in UK; **Jackie Lewis**, London Regional Committee of Unison, Dump Veolia Information Group and PSC; **Dalit Baum**, Middle East Program, AFSC

### **3:45 PM Regional Panel**

Speakers: **Erin Diaz**, Director, Public Water Works! campaign, Corporate Accountability International (Boston); **Lois Pearlman**, Sonoma Campaign N. Coast Coalition For Palestine; **Mikos Fabersonne**, Chair, Davis Committee for Palestinian Rights (DCPR); **Clarence Thomas**, ILWU Local 10 Executive Board\*

### **5:00 PM Workshops-Education And Action**

Labor And Privatization, Organizing In Local Communities

### **6:00 - 6:30 PM Report Back Proposals And Action**

**7:30 PM Film Screening "Even The Rain"** and poetry, music by **Dave Welsh** and others.

(\* for identification only)

**Endorsers:** UTU 1741, San Francisco Labor Council, AFSC, Food And Water Watch, United Public Workers For Action, Inter Union Organizing Committee at CDPH, Labor Video Project, Workers World Party, Marcha Patriotica, International Action Center, American Friends Service Committee, US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation, Jewish Voice for Peace, Code Pink, Transport Workers Solidarity Committee TWSC

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