



LOS ANGELES
WORKER CENTER NETWORK

About Us

Established in 2017, the Los Angeles Worker Center Network (LAWCN) is a multi-racial, multi-ethnic, and multi-industry project formed by a coalition of eight worker centers and labor organizations in the Greater Los Angeles area.

Through progressive policy-making, capacity-building, advocacy, services, and organizing, LAWCN builds upon over a decade of coordinated activities among the region's worker centers to improve conditions in low-wage industries, including car wash, garment, home care, restaurant, retail, warehouse, and other low-wage sectors. LAWCN leverages worker centers' combined strengths, membership base, and industry expertise to sustain the organizing and leadership of workers, particularly



Photo: Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance's Workers Congress (2022)

Our Members:

CLEAN Carwash Worker Center

Garment Worker Center

Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance

Los Angeles Black Worker Center

Pilipino Workers Center

Restaurant Opportunities Center-LA

Warehouse Worker Resource Center

UCLA Labor Center

immigrant, refugee, Black, women and LGBTQ+ workers, and other workers of color.

Seeking to accommodate the demands of a changing, post-pandemic labor sector, LAWCN was relaunched in 2022 with new initiatives, staff, and goals to strengthen its membership and the worker communities they serve.

Issues Impacting Low-Wage Workers

Los Angeles is the epicenter of deep worker exploitation in a variety of sectors, underscoring the need for a coordinated effort to address issues such as wage theft, misclassification, discrimination, immigration threats, employment access, and more.

The issue of wage theft especially has been identified and established as a major concern impacting the region's low-paid workers, particularly immigrants and women. Every year, LAWCN's members and partners help recover stolen wages totaling millions of dollars.

Our Members

CLEAN Carwash Worker Center (CLEAN)

CLEAN is the country's first carwash worker center, transforming the lives of thousands of carwashers, in one of Los Angeles' most exploitative industries—hand wash carwashes. cleancarwash.org

Garment Worker Center (GWC)

GWC is a worker rights organization whose mission is to organize low-wage garment workers in Los Angeles in the fight for social and economic justice. garmentworkercenter.org

Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance (KIWA)

KIWA builds power with immigrant workers and renters to bring about a more just and inclusive Los Angeles. KIWA organizes primarily Korean and Latino workers, with a focus on the restaurant and retail industries, in Koreatown and beyond. kiwa.org

Los Angeles Black Worker Center (LABWC)

The mission of LABWC is to increase access to quality jobs, reduce employment discrimination, and improve industries that employ Black workers through action, workforce development, and unionization. lablackworkercenter.org

Pilipino Workers Center (PWC)

PWC aims to secure the dignity and safety of the Pilipinx community in Southern California and build labor leaders in the domestic worker industry. pwcsc.org



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Restaurant Opportunities Center of Los Angeles (ROC-LA)

Founded after Sept. 11, 2001, as a worker relief center for affected restaurant workers and their families, ROC is a national organization with multiple chapters across the country, fighting to improve wages and working conditions for the nation's restaurant workforce.

rocunited.org/losangeles

Warehouse Worker Resource Center (WWRC)

WWRC is dedicated to improving working conditions in the warehouse industry in Southern California. WWRC focuses on education, advocacy and action to change working conditions in the largest hub of warehousing in the country.

warehouseworkers.org

UCLA Labor Center

The UCLA Labor Center is a research and extension department at the University of California, Los Angeles focused on organized labor and labor rights. It was created in 1964 as the Center for Labor Research and Education and is a unit of the UCLA Institute for Research on Labor and Employment. labor.ucla.edu

"When workers and advocates of all backgrounds come together, we can build political power and improve the lives of women, immigrants, and workers of color by putting an end to harmful practices that lead to wage theft and discrimination."

Flor Rodriguez, Executive Director
CLEAN Carwash Worker Center