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Coalition of 200+ groups from the Americas will march on Biden's "Summit of Exclusion"

To culminate three days of panel discussions, workshops, and musical presentations, the participants in the People's Summit for Democracy, will march to the Summit of the Americas

Los Angeles - On Friday, June 10, over 225 social movements, community groups, trade unions, and cultural groups from across the Americas will march together in the streets of Los Angeles to the Summit of the Americas where Biden will gather with a reduced number of heads of state.

As people from across the Americas, we will march to reject this Summit of Exclusion. Biden's Summit has unilaterally barred Cuba, Venezuela, and Nicaragua from this space of regional debate. Poor and working people, who have been the most impacted by the negligence and mismanagement of the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic crisis of the past few years, have been silenced and left out, and our issues have been left off the agenda.

We have organized the People's Summit for Democracy as an inclusive space to gather a diversity of voices from across the Americas. Starting on June 8 at 11am PST on the campus of Los Angeles Trade-Technical College, there will be three days of discussion, debate, exchange, and cultural expression, bringing together the demands and ideas of all the peoples of the Americas.

Even if they refuse to listen to us, thousands will be marching on Friday, June 10, bringing these demands to the gates of the Summit of Exclusion. They attempted to silence us further and deny us our democratic rights by refusing to give us a permit to march, but we know that the streets belong to the people.

Dr. Melina Abdullah, co-founder of Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles, expressed, "One of the key lessons learned over the last few years is that governments and institutions move only when the people make them move. We must not let the world return to business as usual...one steeped in white-supremacist-patriarchal-heteronormative-capitalism. Now, more than ever, we must be courageous and unrelenting in our demands by being on the ground and in the street until we win our collective freedom."

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