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The People's Summit for Democracy starts in Los Angeles

From June 8-10, hundreds of people from across the Americas will gather in Los Angeles for the People's Summit for Democracy

Los Angeles - Today, the people of the Americas are gathering in the city of Los Angeles to debate, exchange and discuss the most pressing issues facing them and their communities. They have fought and built this space for themselves: the People's Summit for Democracy. Delegations from the US, Brazil, Haiti, Argentina, Mexico, Bolivia, Puerto Rico, Guatemala, Colombia, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Ghana, and South Africa have arrived to participate.

The People's Summit begins today and will continue till June 10. The three days of panels, plenaries, workshops, exchanges, and cultural events have been organized by a broad and diverse coalition of over 225 organizations, trade unions, social movements, and cultural groups.

In the coming days we will build bridges across historic divides through dialogue and exchange, connect struggles that for too long have been isolated, and uplift the voices of all those excluded from Patagonia to California.

We will hear from leaders from across regions and areas of struggle. From immigrant rights leader Angelica Salas, Black intellectual Dr. Cornel West, labor organizer Felipe Caceres, housing rights activist Kenia Alcocer, the youngest deputy in Argentina Ofelia Fernández, movements like Brazil's Landless Rural Workers' Movement, the Civic Council of Popular and Indigenous Organizations of Honduras (COPINH), and others. Topics addressed will include the defense of the land, struggles for Black liberation, the role of culture in movement building, feminism, and building people's democracy. The People's Summit will conclude with a march towards the Convention Center where Biden's Summit of Exclusion is taking place.

Sheila Xiao, one of the coordinators of the People's Summit stated, "This is a historic moment for the movements in Los Angeles to unite around a common agenda that is both grounded at home and connects abroad. We won't let Biden nor the American government dictate the policies across the Americas. This is why so many of us are coming together today for the People's Summit."

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