



“I submit that an individual who breaks a law that conscience tells him is unjust, and who willingly accepts the penalty of imprisonment in order to arouse the conscience of the community over its injustice, is in reality expressing the highest respect for the law.”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## We Stand In Support of L.A. Security Officers

At many junctures in our nation’s history, people of good will have courageously and nonviolently refused to cooperate with injustice by engaging in civil disobedience. The Stand For Security Coalition acknowledges and carries forward this practice in our support of private security officers’ struggle for dignity and respect.

L.A. security officers, our brothers and sisters who protect L.A.’s tenants and property, have too long been overlooked for the important jobs they perform. Security officers are paid poverty wages, have few benefits, and receive minimal training; the average annual pay for security officers is less than \$19,000 a year. Health insurance, if it is offered, is unaffordable; officers do not receive paid sick days or holidays.

Moreover, security officers are often the only building service workers who are not provided with fair wages, affordable quality health care, and other necessities that other workers in the same buildings like union janitors, operating engineers, and parking attendants, receive.

The Stand For Security Coalition finds this kind of economic discrimination unacceptable, and we will not rest until justice is won. We sincerely hope that the upcoming contract talks will lead to a fair and positive agreement that raises the standards of the security industry for all.

We have marched, picketed, and been performed nonviolent civil disobedience in support of security officers’ five-year effort to form a union with SEIU. We, the members of the Stand For Security Coalition, are committed to continue to do whatever it takes to ensure that security officers and their families win a fair and just contract.

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