



California Labor Commissioner



Join the CA Labor Commissioner, CA Commission on the Status of Women and Girls, community based organizations, unions, labor law enforcement agencies, employers and other stakeholders to discuss effective strategies and collaborations to combat wage theft and the gender pay gap.

This year is the 20th anniversary of the freedom of the Thai garment workers who were trafficked into the U.S. and forced to work behind barbed wire and under armed guard in El Monte, California.

Please join us next Friday – October 23rd for a Workplace Justice Summit at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles. There is no charge to attend. Register at this link [Attend Event](#)

The purpose is to raise awareness of and commitment to realizing economic justice, fair pay, and gender equity and to address enforcement of wage protections for work in California. We will take a look at the issues in El Monte and evaluate where we are 20 years later and where we need to go. The Governor has signed some key pieces of legislation so the Summit is also timed to talk about these strong public policies and focus on the importance of enforcement. Obviously, good policies are meaningless without effective enforcement, and that will be a primary theme of the Summit. It is a chance to highlight the good work we have done and plan to do. The Summit will include elected officials, unions, community-based organizations, employer organizations, industry associations, prosecutors, and labor law enforcement agencies. We will have some counterparts from as far away as Connecticut and from several other states attending as well.

There will be 4 primary panels with smaller breakout groups relevant to each panel.

MORNING CONCURRENT PANELS

- Best Practices & Effective Collaborations to Combat Wage Theft
- Women & Workplace Justice, the Pay Gap & Gender Disparity in Low Wage Industries

MORNING BREAKOUT PANELS

- Wage theft in a box (training of D.A.s on how to prosecute wage theft criminal cases)
- Enforcing local minimum wage ordinances
- Pay Gap Roundtable

AFTERNOON CONCURRENT PANELS

- Vulnerable Workers in the Underground Economy & Tools to Help
- Workplace Violence, Retaliation & Tools to Combat

AFTERNOON BREAKOUT PANELS

- Human Trafficking & Wage Theft
- Building Narratives: Communications Training