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## **Excluded Workers and Elected Officials to Shut Down NYC Bridges for \$3B and Permanent UI Alternative**

*Jumaane Williams, Brad Lander, Ana Maria Archila to join hundreds of workers as pressure to support excluded workers 'budget demands grows*

March 8, 2022 — Excluded workers and a host of elected officials will join together this morning at 9 a.m. for massive marches over the Brooklyn and Manhattan Bridges to call for an additional \$3 billion for the Excluded Workers Fund and a permanent program dubbed “Excluded No More” to provide compensation to workers who have lost a job or income and are ineligible for unemployment insurance (UI).

The Community Resource Center will join the rally with nearly 20 other community based organizations that are part of a state-wide coalition of worker advocates

Elected officials joining include NYC Public Advocate and Democratic candidate for Governor Jumaane Williams, Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor Ana Maria Archila, New York City Comptroller Brad Lander, and NYC Council Members Carmen de la Rosa, Chi Ossé, Shahana Hanif and Lincoln Restler. Hundreds of excluded workers donning helmets and vests and symbolically carrying cleaning supplies - and other work tools- will join arms with legislators to shut down both bridges.

Yesterday, Laborers 'Local 79, a union representing more than 10,000 workers in the construction industry, [came out in support](#) of the Excluded No More proposal, saying it would help close the gap between union and non-union contractors while making it easier for construction workers to organize freely on the job without fear of retaliation.

The Community Resource Center is a 501c3 community-based organization founded in 1998 to empower immigrant and low-income families by providing the resources and advocacy to become self-reliant and thriving members of the community.

**Starting points for the 9 a.m. march will be the Brooklyn War Memorial at Cadman Plaza in Brooklyn, and Confucius Plaza at 17 Bowery by the Manhattan Bridge.**

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