

of a people striding towards freedom. Our leaders, the people who led the walkouts, marches, boycotts and rallies, are humble and modest. Many would not call themselves leaders or are not conscious of their role as leaders.

The students who scaled the school walls and led our marches past principals, police, and politicians are our real heroes and leaders. Shy, quiet students who spent countless hours organizing on Myspace and over the internet are the anonymous but crucial leaders of our movement. Women and men who work countless hours in the factories and the fields and who organized co-workers and relatives to stay home and boycott are the leaders of our mighty struggle for dignity and respect.

For our new movement to grow, we do not need a single great leader to emerge or be anointed. We need some of our leaders to recognize that they are leaders and to step forward and guide the development and political direction of our movement. To take the next step forward, our leaders need to become organized and better politically educated, and to learn how to function as a single, integrated, collective leadership.

On March 31-April 1, we will have a great deal to discuss. The Conference of the New Civil Rights Movement will be organized to give the leaders of our young and powerful movement a maximum opportunity to learn the political method and practical skills needed to broaden and deepen our movement.

We have the power to win. With a conscious leadership stepping forward to organize our struggle, victory awaits us.

Close down the schools on Friday March 30<sup>th</sup>. March to honor César Chávez Holiday. Attend the Conference of the New Civil Rights Movement of March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. Become a part of the collective leadership needed to win.

### **PRE-REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE!**

Email your name, school or organization (if applicable), phone number, email address, and city to BAMN at [california@bamn.com](mailto:california@bamn.com)

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# **ORGANIZING THE MASS POWER OF THE NEW CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT**

## **BUILDING A COLLECTIVE YOUTH LEADERSHIP DETERMINED TO WIN**

### *10th National Conference of the New Civil Rights Movement*

Sponsored by the Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action, Integration, and Immigrant Rights and Fight for Equality By Any Means Necessary (BAMN)



**Sat-Sun, March 31 - April 1, 2007**

**Los Angeles (Location TBA) - Go to [BAMN.COM](http://BAMN.COM) for details**

On Friday March 30, we close our schools and march to honor California's César Chávez Holiday. A year ago, we closed our schools and marched to defeat an unjust law, HR4437. This year, we close our schools and march to enforce the spirit and letter of a just law declaring

César Chávez birthday a school holiday in California.

When we take to the streets on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, we will reassert the power of the new civil rights movement we are building and give living expression to the heartfelt pride and dignity of the Latina(o) communities. A year after the struggle to defend immigrant rights gave rise to the biggest and potentially most powerful civil rights movement in more than 100 years, it is up to us to keep the movement alive and to provide the leadership needed to increase the power of our movement.

On Saturday, March 31, and Sunday, April 1, the weekend following our statewide Chávez day actions, the young leaders who have been organizing our mass actions will come together in Los Angeles for a conference. The conference sponsored by BAMN is being organized to develop, consolidate, and build the collective leadership of our new civil rights movement. The movement's ability to become stronger and bolder relies on our building a more politically conscious and accountable leadership. The conference of the new civil rights movement will give the young leaders of the movement an opportunity to discuss and draw out the lessons we have learned from the struggles we have led so that we can chart a course for our future.

The birth of the new civil rights movement was not the brainchild of a single great woman or man. The politics of our movement – our demand for equality, our assertion of pride in being Mexican, Salvadorian, etc., in being Latina(o), black, Asian, or Arab, our growing resistance to any form of harassment or mistreatment, our unrelenting struggle for full citizenship rights whether or not we have papers, and our determination to be treated with respect and dignity by all — are the battle cry

# Conference Agenda

Los Angeles, California - Go to [BAMN.com](http://BAMN.com) for updates

## Saturday, March 30

### 12:00 PM- 2:30PM PLENARY SESSION

The development of the New Civil Rights Movement - What we have achieved and the political program we need to advance and develop our struggle

*Presenters: Shanta Driver and Luke Massie,  
BAMN National Co-Chairs*

### 2:30PM-3:00PM - BREAK

### 3:00PM-5:30PM PANEL DISCUSSION AND MULTI-MEDIA PRESENTATION

The lessons we are learning from the struggles we are leading - Voices of the young leaders of the New Civil Rights Movement

*Presenters: Issamar Camacho, Josie Hyman,  
Candice Young, Ali Cruz, Jevon Cochran, and  
Yvette Felarca*

### 5:30PM-7:00PM - DINNER

### 7:00PM-9:00PM PLENARY SESSION

Advancing the struggle for integration, equality, and immigrant rights. Discussion and vote on the BAMN Principles and on Yearning to Breathe Free: BAMN Declaration on Immigrant Rights

*Presenters: Shanta Driver and Luke Massie*

## Sunday, April 1

### 10:00AM-12:00PM PLENARY SESSION

Building a unified movement to fight for educational integration and equality - How we defeat the attacks on affirmative action programs and school desegregation programs  
*Presenters: Shanta Driver and Luke Massie*

### 12:00PM-1:00PM - LUNCH

### 1:00PM-2:30PM PLENARY SESSION

Winning the César Chávez holiday campaign, organizing the May 1<sup>st</sup> National Day of Action for Immigrant Rights and giving organization to the campaigns to stop the raids  
*Group Discussion*

### 2:30PM-3:00PM - BREAK

### 3:00PM-5:00PM

The tasks and perspectives for the new movement  
*Discussion and vote on resolutions*