

King Day in LA: For justice, against police terror and U.S. war

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Los Angeles, Jan. 16. SLL photo: John Parker

Activists from the Harriet Tubman Center for Social Justice, CodePink, Socialist Unity Party, Young Communist League, Organization US, and community activists joined a street meeting for justice and against police terror and U.S. war along the parade route for MLK Day.

The speakers, including one from Ukraine, demanded an end to U.S. weapons being sent to Ukraine and escalating towards World War III while encouraging more killing in a long war that only benefits the military industry and U.S. imperialism.

Participants also pledged to work towards building a Dr. King parade that honors his legacy next year. The march today by CORE included the Sheriffs and LAPD. The LAPD has recently come under fire from the community for killing three people in less than 24 hours after the start of this year. Between Jan. 2 and Jan. 3, Keenan Anders, Tarak Smith, and Oscar Sanchez were all killed by the LAPD. But that didn't stop the corporate-financed "Kingdom Day Parade" from showcasing them in the parade as a welcome contingent.

Like the previous year, when the parade was taken over by the community, activists today promised that next year will be different.

