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UNIÓN DE TRABAJADORES DE LA ECONOMÍA INFORMAL-IBEROAMERICANA



We, members of UTREIN-Iberoamerica and Self Workers Global, express our solidarity to all organizations and street vendors committed to defend the livelihoods of the many street vendors in Los Angeles, California, USA.

Our member-based organizations unite street vendors and informal economy workers in Latin America, Asia, Europe and Africa.

We know that our fights are not always victorious but the perseverance of community leaders in L.A that obtained in 2018 the attention of their local government to identify a solution for sidewalk vending and to achieve the Safe Sidewalk Vending Act (SB 946).

Also, we congratulate the extraordinary work that Los Angeles Street Vendor Campaign (LASVC) had achieved. For many years the city of Los Angeles has not had a legal framework for sidewalk vending. The campaign with its united effort of 40 organizations have given the opportunity for families to make an honest living, supporting their small businesses all over Los Angeles.

In September 2020, LA County Board of Supervisors voted in favour of a legal way to formally recognize street vendors as important economic units of the county and recommended a legal framework for them to work.

The County also allocated economic funds to give financial assistance to street vendors who have been hit by reduced income during this pandemic. Which in this time is not only a humane necessary but a way to enhance the economic activity in the county.

These decisions are an important example for the rest of the region on how we, in a coordinated effort and with strong social dialogue, can create sustainable solutions for a social reality that, as a result of the economical crisis provoked by the covid19 pandemic, unemployment is going to increase and more people will become part of the informal economy.



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