

# We Salute the MLK Peace Walk Marchers

We proudly salute the residents of our great city who joined the 5th Annual MLK PeaceWalk, upholding Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy of economic justice.

Together, we are demanding action from our public officials to ensure that Walmart's plans to open stores in these wards do not drive our communities deeper into poverty.

"It is a crime for people to live in this rich nation and receive starvation wages," Dr. King said shortly before he was assassinated in Memphis.

Surely, this is just as true today—especially given Walmart's practice of paying below-poverty wages with few benefits. And its impact in forcing competitors to close, taking away better paying jobs, and hurting surrounding neighborhoods.

As residents of the capital of this rich nation, we deserve more than starvation wages. We deserve better than moral misdeeds committed by one of the wealthiest companies on earth. We deserve respect.



Current members of the Living Wages, Healthy Communities Coalition are the D.C. Employment Justice Center, D.C. Environmental Network, D.C. Federation of Civic Associations, D.C. Jobs with Justice, D.C. Jobs Council, Florida Avenue Baptist Church, Gray Panthers of Metro Washington, Israel Baptist Church, New Prospect Family Life Center, Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, Restaurant Opportunities Center of D.C., UFCW Local 400, Ward Four Thrives and Wider Opportunities for Women.

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