



October 19, 2019

Dear Teachers, students and community members of Chicago,

The Association of Raza Educators- Los Angeles stands in solidarity with the striking members of the Chicago Teachers Union (CTU) and SEIU Local 73. We are a California- based grassroots organization of educators, university professors, students, and community allies committed to using education as a tool for the liberation of our communities. We believe that education is a human right that every child deserves.

We admire your commitment to your communities and stand behind you in your struggle for:

- Smaller class sizes
- Access to support staff (social workers, school nurses, librarians, bilingual educators, special education educators).
- Living wages for teachers and staff
- Equitable funding for disenfranchised Black and Brown neighborhood schools

We want to also acknowledge the warm solidarity greetings the CTU send to us in 2019 when we were engaging in a similar teacher strike in Los Angeles. We know that solidarity is an important principle to uphold in all labor struggles and through our continuous collective efforts we can have the schools and communities our students deserve!

We know you will remain “Chicago Strong!”.

Si se puede!

In solidarity,

Ndindi Kitonga

Chair, Association of Raza Educators-Los Angeles, CA (A.R.E.-LA.)

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