UPCOMING EVENTS ON THE COLOMBIA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT!

With elections just around the corner, free trade has become one of the foremost concerns of the US public and the candidates hoping to represent us. Meanwhile, Congress is still considering a NAFTA-style agreement with wartorn Colombia. What would this new NAFTA mean for Colombia and the US? Why are Colombians organizing under threat of death to halt this trade agreement? And what can we do to stop Congress from passing the Colombia Free Trade Agreement? Learn the answers at these events!

Wednesday, October 1st, 2008 - THE COLOMBIAN STRUGGLE: "The Colombian Free Trade Agreement, Displacement of Afro-Colombians, and Violence against Trade Unionists"

Guest Speakers:

- Carlos Rosero, Procesos de Comunidades Negras
- Raul Arroyave, Central Unitaria de Trabajadores
- Alberto Bernardez, Ass't Director Supervisor Hudson County SEIU32BJ
- Dan Kovalik, United Steel Workers of America
- Faye Moore, President of SSEU Local 371
- Humberto Brown, Global Afro Latino & Caribbean Initiative

When and Where? 6:30pm, SEIU Local 32BJ Headquarters 101 Avenue of the Americas at Grand Street

Sponsors: Trade Unionists In Solidarity with Colombia

Latino Caucus SEIU Local 32BJ, SSEU AFSCME Local 371, US Steel Workers, Global Afro Latino & Caribbean Initiative, LCLAA-NYC, NY State School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Cornell University

, Santos Crespo, VP DC37 AFSCME, Chair Latino Comm.

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Tuesday Oct 7, Wednesday Oct 8, & Thursday Oct 9: The Colombia Free Trade Agreement: Not Free, Not Trade, Not an Agreement



Come hear Freddy Caicedo, a compelling Colombian human rights organizer, give an insider's perspective on the trade deal.

Fast Facts on Freddy:

- Exposed the extermination of Afro and indigenous Colombians as human rights investigator
- ·Works alongside unionists under death threat
- Runs a community center to remember the war's victims and chart strategies for peace
- ·Holds degree in economics
- ·Taught human rights courses in public schools
- ·Organized with Christian base communities

When & Where?

October 7, 8:00pm Metro Baptist Church , 410 W. 40th Street , Manhattan Contact: Tiffany, 212-594-4464

October 8, 4:00pm The New School, Greenwich Village Contact: J. Alejandro, 319-230-2717

October 9, 7:00pm Movement for Peace in Colombia, 76-11 37th Ave, Jackson Heights, Queens Contact: Martha, 718-672-0319

