

One million people march in Los Angeles

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May 1st was an important day in American History. Millions of Hispanic workers, most of them of Mexican origin, came together to express in unison “Aquí estamos y no nos vamos, y si nos echan, regresamos” (Here we are, and we are not turning back, if you kick us out, we will come back). What the organizers referred to as “A day without immigrants” became a wave of nationwide protests and a call for undocumented workers unity across the United States. The purpose of the protest was to stop the Border Protection, Anti-Terrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act that was passed by the American House of Representatives on December 16, 2005, and under which “unlawful presence” would now be considered a crime and a felony.

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