SEIU Local 26 Timeline: Our Community vs 1%

**2006:** organized huge marches against national anti immigrant policies.

**2009:** ICE audit resulted in 1500 layoffs. Local 26 fought back to give members reasonable time to present their documents (original notice was just 5 days), and pushed to win changes nationally in how ICE dealt with workplace enforcement.

**2010:** Closed multiple stores of BajaSol, the “Mexican concept” chain owned by the head of the MN republican party that was also campaigning on anti-immigrant slogans. Then workers occupied a Chipotle store, making national news, and forced management to pay lost wages after an ICE audit.

**2010:** US Bank stopped foreclosures and renegotiated a better rate for numerous homeowners, including Rosalina, the janitor who cleaned the Bank president’s office.

**2011:** SEIU Local 26 led the creation of “Minnesotans for a Fair economy” to advocate together against corporate power and racism, at the first “people’s congress” with over 1000 delegates from many community and labor groups.

**2011:** We fought to have US Bank reopen lines of banking for hawalas (somali money transfer businesses) through actions and marches (during the somali famine)

**2012:** Target established a company policy of “ban the box” (that previously prevented ex-offenders from reintegrating into the workforce), and then passed similar state wide legislation.

**2014:** We defeated a constitutional amendment that would have made it harder to register to vote, despite large opposition.

**2016:** established sick days policy in Minneapolis, and later a minimum wage of $15. Then took both to St Paul!

**2017:** US Bank agreed to divest from major fossil fuel projects, including enbridge pipeline.

**2018:** after multiple work stoppages, Amazon begins a community discussion with workers and mosques to invest in them, the first of its kind in the country, led by the awood center, and Muslim Coalition of Isaiah, community partners. This same year, US Bank stadium hosts the first “super eid” celebration, with over 20,000 participants.