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## Community Coalition Honors Its Black and Brown Organizing Roots with a Día de los Muertos Ballot Drop Event

LOS ANGELES, CA — Community Coalition (CoCo) will host a Día de los Muertos ballot drop event on Saturday, **November 1st**, honoring its Black and Brown ancestors, freedom fighters, and everyday community members who fought—and in many cases, died—for the right to vote. The event will begin at **South LA Café**, followed by a community walk to **Algin Sutton Park** to cast ballots together.

Día de los Muertos is a sacred time in many Latine and Indigenous traditions to create **altars**, gather in community, and remember and celebrate loved ones who have passed. Community Coalition is embracing that tradition by centering those who risked and sacrificed their lives to advance voting rights—from the Civil Rights Movement in the U.S. South, to immigrant labor organizers across California, to elders in South LA who organized against disenfranchisement and political neglect.

**“We build altars to honor our ancestors — and we vote to continue their legacy,”** said **Marsha Mitchell, Senior Communications Director at Community Coalition**. *“This election is not just about candidates or measures. It is about protecting the voices of Black, Brown, immigrant, and working-class people who have always had to fight to be heard.”*

The November 4th statewide special election comes during a period of heightened fear and uncertainty across Los Angeles, particularly among immigrant and Black communities experiencing increased surveillance, intimidation and reduction of services. Community Coalition emphasizes that **voting is a form of resistance** and a continuation of collective care.

The event will feature **pan dulce and cafecito** at South LA Café. Participants will then walk together to deliver their ballots to the official drop site at Algin Sutton Park—turning remembrance into action.

**“We walk together because none of us organizes alone,”** said **Alberto Retana, President & CEO of Community Coalition**. *“Our ancestors paved the way. Now it’s our turn to defend our democracy—not just for ourselves, but for future generations.”*

### Event Details

#### Día de los Muertos Ballot Drop & Community Walk

**Date:** November 1, 2025

**Time:** 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**Start Location:** South LA Café 8488 S. Vermont Avenue, LA. 90044

**End Location:** Algin Sutton Park ballot drop box (communal walk)