## Public meeting April 23 in Detroit: No to water shutoffs!

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The Detroit Workers Inquiry and the Socialist Equality Party are holding a public meeting April 23 to mobilize the working class against mass water shutoffs in the city of Detroit.

Detroit, under the direction of Emergency Manager Kevyn Orr, is targeting 150,000 households that are behind on their payments. The city sits astride one of the largest concentrations of pure water on the planet, yet up to 3,000 households a week could lose water for drinking, cooking, cleaning and the disposing of sewage. This will inevitably lead to tragedies and death.

The shutoffs are aimed at making the Department of Water and Sewerage Department more attractive to investment, prior to privatization. If the plans are fully implemented, by the summer thousands of families will no longer have access to one of the fundamental necessities of life, and thousands of workers will lose their jobs.

The ruthless shutoff of water is part of a wholesale attack on workers carried out with the assistance of the bankruptcy court. Orr, with the support of the entire political establishment and the Obama administration, is seeking to slash pensions and health care, privatize the Detroit Institute of Arts and restructure the city in the interests of the rich.

We call on all readers and supporters to attend this important meeting.

## **Meeting Details:**

Wednesday, April 23, 7:00 pm First Unitarian Universalist Church 4605 Cass Avenue, Detroit (Corner of Cass and Forest, parking one block south of Prentis St)

Map

See also:

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