

**Coalition of Labor Union Women  
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**ESTABLISH A PARK IN HONOR OF LUCY PARSONS**

CLUW, in conjunction with our sister constituency group, the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (CBTU), is committed to working with the Labor History Society in supporting the movement to establish a park in Lucy Parsons' name. The address of the future park is 4712 W. Belmont Avenue, Chicago, IL.

Many forces were working against naming a park in Lucy Parsons' honor as they appear not to want to recognize that she has been a strong voice in fighting against injustice for the common working people. The Chicago Police Department has been quoted as saying of Lucy Parsons that she is "more dangerous than a thousand rioters."

Lucy Parsons established the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW). She was a labor organizer and the founder of the 1880's Chicago Working Women's Union for garment workers to receive equal pay for equal work. She was instrumental in the establishment of other unions. She and her husband Albert were also a great influence in establishing the eight hour work day, the weekend and the May Day celebration.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

CLUW will support the work that it will take to bring the Lucy Parsons Memorial Park at 4712 W. Belmont Avenue, Chicago, IL. to fruition. CLUW will be influential in the effort to provide jobs to union workers in the creation of the park and to provide a safe place for children to play.

CLUW will increase awareness that Lucy Parsons was a courageous woman of color who deserves recognition for her accomplishments in the labor movement and her contributions to history.