

**Sunday April 19, 2009,  
noon - 6 pm**

**Jacobs Center**  
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**ACLU of San Diego & Imperial Counties**

# **Action Summit**

**Keynote Speaker: Rep. John Lewis**



*(Above) John Lewis at press conference endorsing Barack Obama; (left top) Lewis, on left, at prayerful demonstration in 1963; (middle) Lewis (on right in trenchcoat) with Hosea Williams of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference lead the march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge; (bottom) Lewis being beaten in Selma, Alabama on Bloody Sunday.*

## **Workshops on:**

**Border Justice**

**Education Equality**

**Marriage Equality**

**Death Penalty**

## **Plus:**

**Hands-on Activist Training!**

**Gourmet Lunch included!**

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# Keynote Address: Rep. John Lewis

One of the most courageous persons the Civil Rights Movement ever produced



John Lewis became an American icon and a hero of the civil rights movement in its earliest days. Born the son of sharecroppers in a tiny town in Alabama, he attended segregated schools and became determined to be a minister and help bring justice and equality to his people. He corresponded with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. after hearing him preach on the radio, and in 1959, at the age of 19, he organized the first lunch-counter sit-in. He roared the dangerous highways of the south in the first Freedom Rides, and was the youngest speaker at the 1963 March on Washington, which he helped organize, where he criticized the Kennedy administration for inaction on civil rights.

In 1965, Lewis led one of the movement's most dramatic protests, in what was to have been a peaceful march from Selma to Montgomery to press for voting rights in the state. At the march's beginning, they crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge, where they were met by state troopers, who viciously attacked them in the brutal confrontation that would become known as "Bloody Sunday." Two days later in solidarity, Dr. King led 1,000 members of the clergy along the same planned route. In less than a week, President Johnson, appalled by the violence and injustice, called on a joint session of Congress to pass the Voting Rights Act, which allowed the federal government to stand for the rights of disenfranchised voters of the South.

Elected to Congress in 1986, he has served Atlanta with distinction since then, with continued commitment to civil rights and civil liberties. As reported in the *New Yorker*, at a lunch after Barack Obama's swearing-in ceremony, Lewis asked the him to sign a commemorative photo. The president wrote, "Because of you, John. Barack Obama."

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### Workshop Registration

Session 1:  Border Justice or  High Cost of Death Penalty

Session 2:  Quality Education or  Marriage Equality

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