

## There's something wrong with being on strike and working at another job

Letter

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The fact that half of Vancouver's striking outside workers have "picked up other jobs" while the city's residents suffer withdrawal of necessary services shows how out of whack B.C.'s labour laws are.

How can the city expect to bargain a fair deal when its striking employees can find replacement jobs, but as the struck employer the city is prohibited from hiring replacement workers?

Our labour laws are so out of balance in favour of unions that we suffer 50 times more strike days than Great Britain, the birthplace of trade unionism.

This municipal strike is another symptom of the need to reform our labour laws to bring us in line with the rest of the world, and the sooner the better.

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