On Saturday, September 24, a fast-moving fire broke out at the historic and cherished Double Play Bar and Grill at 16th and Bryant streets on the eastern edge of the Mission District. Fortunately, no one was harmed, and the fire department’s quick response prevented the flames from spreading to the floors above. The Double Play, however, suffered complete destruction. The restaurant, which was beloved by Giants fans and served as a gathering place for generations of local baseball aficionados, was located on the ground floor of a three-story Edwardian-style mixed-use building that was completed in 1909. It’s the type of structure that’s fairly commonplace around the City, and it’s a hazardous one.

The fact that the Double Play’s home was 113 years old means the restaurant likely never stood a chance against fire. Its destruction could’ve been prevented with a full fire-suppression retrofit, including a sprinkler system — and those folks living in the apartments above the restaurant would’ve slept soundly that night.

In a city with such a large number of aging structures lacking modern fire suppression systems, the death of the Double Play brings two concerning facts into focus:

The incidence of fires in San Francisco has increased exponentially in recent years, and lots of those fires have resulted in the total destruction of older buildings. The rate of fires requiring response has exploded since the pandemic’s onset. There has been a 26% increase in SF between 2019 and 2020, with...

Local 483 members prepare to install pipes for a fire sprinkler system at the Michelle Obama School in Richmond shortly after construction workers were declared essential during the pandemic in 2020.

A proposed five-story self-storage facility and event space in the Bayview looks to be more than just another soulless redevelopment project with no concern for those around it. Uniquely, it aims to be a community outlet. A special benefit from developer DECA that’s included in the design of the project at 2270 McKinnon Avenue will grant the Brown Bombers Youth Football and Cheer Program free storage space and use...

The sprawling Mission Rock mega-project, which covers 28 acres in total, is essentially one enormous jobsite made up of many distinct and rather large jobsites of their own. And now, in a hot phase of construction, the super-jobsite of Mission Rock is teeming with construction workers from a variety of trades...

Building Trades Solidarity on Grand Display as Mission Rock Project Comes Together

By Tue Nam Ton
Contributing Photographer
Racism Makes Us Fight Among Ourselves Rather Than Fight Together for Our Rights

By Rudy Gonzalez, Secretary-Treasurer, San Francisco Building & Construction Trades Council

National Hispanic Heritage Month (HHM), which is celebrated annually from September 15 through October 15, is wrapping up as I write this column.

HHM’s origins lie in National Hispanic Heritage Week, which was established by Congress in 1988 thanks to legislation authored by a working-class Mexican-American from Los Angeles named Edward R. Roybal.

Roybal was raised in Boyle Heights — the blue-collar East L.A. neighborhood that would become the center of the Chicano movement for Mexican-American civil rights — and he served as a city councilman before he became a U.S. representative. As a politician in L.A., Roybal was able to build a citywide coalition for liberal-left policies that transcended ethnic lines by rejecting racialized politics and strongly advocating for a progressive, multicultural coalition of citizens fighting for justice for all.

Later, in 1988, National Hispanic Heritage Week was expanded into the month we recognize today by another proud Mexican-American representative from East L.A.: Esteban Torres.

Torres, who was just 3 years old when his father was deported from the U.S., was a community activist and staunch unionist who rose through the ranks of the United Auto Workers and founded the East Los Angeles Community Union, a community action organization that would become one of the largest anti-poverty agencies in the country. In Congress, Torres was an early advocate for environmental justice for minorities, as well as consumer protection from predatory financial institutions.

We’ll get back to those two gentlemen later. The purpose of HHM is to mark a period of time to reflect on the history and culture of Hispanic and Latinx Americans and their significant contributions to our society. On a more global scale, HHM also highlights the struggle for independence of many Central and South American countries.

Personally, I’m proud of my Mexican roots and the fact that I’m serving as this council’s first Mexican-American secretary-treasurer. But for me, the pride and celebration of HHM is also complicated by the extent to which colonization has erased our indigenous roots while simultaneously making us who we are today: The colonial part of our bloodline is Spanish, and the colonized part of our bloodline is indigenous American.

Colonization and racism are so embedded in our history — and such a part of our personal history — as Latinx people and as a nation. The founding fathers of the U.S. were themselves colonizers, yet rejected their English rulers and claim to occupied land and spilled the blood of the indigenous peoples who were here before them, all in the name of freedom and conquest — and racism.

As it has been historically, racism today is a tool that divides the working class. It does so to our detriment and to the distinct advantage of the ruling class. We should see racism as nothing but divisive — whether it takes the form of words from the lips of a white, baldly hateful former U.S. president who launched his campaign by denouncing Mexican-Americans and rapists; or a Black, present-day SF politician who blanket-labels Hondurans in the City drug dealers; or three L.A. city council members and one labor leader — all of them Latino and Latina — caught on tape in a reprehensibly racist conversation about Black folks. (In the last case, two have already resigned, and we wait for the other two to do the same.)

As men who worked directly against such racism, representatives Torres and Roybal would be disgusted, and we all should be. It is clear that the struggle for racial justice is far from over, and we must pick it up without hesitation. We must condemn divisive racist politics vociferously and resist dog-whistle attempts to pit one working-class group against another based on skin color or ethnicity in an attempt by one “side” to gain political advantage.

We must lift one another up when powerful entities would have us knock one another down.

And as we overlap HHM with Filipino and Italian heritage months, we must embrace the through-line of immigrants seeking a better life through the trades. Thanks to apprenticeships, diversity, and today’s inclusivity and leadership, union membership plays a huge part in this better life, as it has for a while now. That’s something to be proud of.

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Interview by Robert Fulton

In August, Josh Vallis was named Sheet Metal Workers Local 104’s new business representative for the San Francisco region. He’d worked previously as a business development representative and organizer for the local and has been a member of the union for nearly a decade.

Unionism is in Vallis’ blood: His brother, Matt, and a cousin are both Local 104 members, and his father was a union biomedical engineer with Kaiser Permanente. Originally from Rodeo and now living in Pinole in Contra Costa County with his wife and two children, Josh Vallis took some time out of his busy day to discuss how he came to sheet metal work, unionism, and his new role.

This Q&A has been edited and condensed for clarity.

**How did you first get into the trade?**

My brother was going through the apprenticeship, and the company he was working for needed some workers. He told me to apply because, at the time, I was going to college, with no end in sight. So, I went and applied and got hired on the same day that I applied.

You basically applied to the apprenticeship program and got hired for the job at the same time.

Exactly.

**You've obviously stuck with it. What do you like about it?**

I like using my hands and learning the different aspects of building stuff. I've been in construction pretty much my whole life, other than a short stint as a personal trainer. I like being out in the elements, meeting new people, and being able to say, ‘Hey, look — I built this.’

**What are some challenges you face in the trade?**

The learning curve. There are so many different aspects of sheet metal. You have everything from lockers and kitchen equipment all the way up to large ducts and air handlers and architectural work. The learning curve to development in each one of those, I think, can be a big challenge.

**How have you benefited from being a member of the union?**

I have great healthcare and retirement. Those are the biggest things for me. I'm able to provide for my family, and my wife doesn't have to work, which is nice.

We have two kids, so that's a big plus. We don't have to pay for childcare.

**What’s your response to somebody who might not be sold on being part of a union?**

I've dealt with this in the past. Unions provide great healthcare. They offer multiple working opportunities where you don't have to go out and put your name out there for a job. Your name's already there — it's on a list. The multiple retirement programs we have, and being able to provide for myself and my family with a living wage in California, where prices are so high... It just provides benefits tenfold.

**What do you hope to accomplish as a business rep?**

I want to help our members understand that we at the local are here for you. This is a family, and we're working together.

I'm not here to butt heads with you or get you in trouble. I'm here to show you that we can work on things together.
Relations between the San Francisco Chronicle Guild and the newspaper’s management took a rather pathetic turn recently. The guild, which is organized under the larger SF-based Pacific Media Workers Guild, represents roughly 165 employees at the Chron and its sister publication, SFGate. Its contract expired on June 30, 2021, and a series of at-times-tense negotiations with management has been the working norm ever since.

In September, employees decorated their workspaces with guild pennants in a show of solidarity. It wasn’t long before someone with the company swooped in to pluck the little flags out of decorative planters and confiscate other pro-union fliers in an act described by Chron copy editor Caroline Grannan as “somebody’s silly childish fit of pique.”

“It was shocking that they would go to that level to try to silence the message of our union,” said reporter Dustin Gardiner, who, along with Grannan, is on the guild’s bargaining team. “It just seems petty and small [...] They were clearly censoring one kind of speech.”

No other personal items were touched, making it obvious that this was a matter of ideological rather than practical housekeeping.

“This wasn’t some unintentional effort to clean up the newsroom,” Gardiner said. “This was a very targeted effort to silence the messaging of the guild.”

The primary sticking point in current negotiations comes down to pay. The Chron’s owners — global media conglomerate Hearst Corporation — are keen to dismantle the newspaper’s long-established pay-scale policy, which grants its employees regular, incremental raises. Instead, ownership is pushing hard for a minimum salary, with raises provided solely at management’s discretion.

Grannan called the proposal “draconian” and worried that its implementation would make it harder for the Chron to attract and retain newsroom talent. She also expressed concern that without a pay-scale policy, the news industry’s long tradition of discrimination and inequity might only get worse.

And with Hearst projected to earn $12 billion in revenue this year, according to a recent article on news website Axios, the notion of eliminating the policy as a cost-cutting strategy struck guild members as outrageous and offensive.

“Beyond salary, other issues the guild has brought to the bargaining table include the return of a fifth week of vacation for employees with 10 or more years of experience and hazard rules and guidelines for staff covering wildfires,” Gardiner said. “Yet they’re choosing to be tightwads with this contract.”

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FIRE RISK
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SoMa seeing a rise of over 70%, according to data compiled by SF news outlet Mission Local. In addition to the Double Play fire, there have been several greater-alarm fires on Divisadero, McAllister, and Haight streets in recent months.

Adam Wood, SF Fire Department Rescue Squad 2 firefighter and vice-president of SFFD Local 798, expects this year’s final tally to be at least as bad as last year’s in terms of total fires, with a potential greater share of large fires. He said outdoor fires associated with the City’s significant unhoused population have spiked over the past two and a half years and can often spread to buildings and automobiles.

“Most of the buildings where the outside fires tend to do the most collateral damage are older housing stock that don’t have modernized fire protection systems in them,” Wood confirmed.

Although all new construction does contain such fire safety systems, Wood said he hasn’t seen any significant movement on adding fire suppression to existing housing stock. The reason for that likely comes down to a simple fact: Building owners generally don’t want to spend the money on such upgrades because they can get expensive.

“You can’t put a price on life safety,” said Dan Torres, business agent at Sprinkler Fitters Local 483. “Although a lot of people always want to save money, fire sprinklers save lives, and that’s the bottom line. The more buildings that have fire protection, I think the less loss of life there’ll be — as long as the fire protection is installed correctly.”

Given the housing affordability crunch in the City, there’s been consistent focus lately on new housing creation, and for good reason. But despite all the time and energy being spent on making it easier to construct new residences, the reality remains that most of the City’s inhabitants live in older housing stock that lacks fire suppression systems — not to mention all of those who work, shop, eat, and drink in those buildings’ ground-floor establishments, or in dedicated commercial spaces that aren’t fitted with sprinkler systems, either.

Without modern fire suppression infrastructure, which is generally very effective at stopping blazes before they become conflagrations, the City’s old buildings are literal tinderboxes that become conflagrations, the City’s old buildings are literal tinderboxes that stand ready to burn.

“The oldest housing is the least protected and in the most danger,” Wood said. “Concentrated in areas with older housing stock, a lot of the homeless population who are just trying to survive on the street need heat and electricity. It’s something that building owners should keep in mind when they’re weighing the cost of fire protection systems in their buildings.”

But the notion that building owners will voluntarily foot the bill for such upgrades in the absence of a public mandate to do so is wishful thinking.

“I expect we’re just going to keep seeing more fires,” Wood said. Despite the stubborn issue, the City and state are both making strides toward fire safety in other ways. In 2016, the office of the State Fire Marshal began mandating that anyone who installs, alters, or repairs fire sprinkler systems hold a valid fire sprinkler fitter certification that’s renewed once every three years with proof of 30 hours of continuing education through a state-approved program.

SF has taken the requirements a step further: The City’s fire code mandates that anyone who conducts testing and maintenance of the systems must hold a valid fire sprinkler fitter certification.

“San Francisco has gone above and beyond the rest of the state,” Torres said. “All of our active members are required to maintain their state certification for employment. We’re leading the way.”

Torres estimated there are about 130 residential high-rises in the City that lack a fully operational fire sprinkler system. However, as of 2011, all new residential construction in California is required to have it. Currently, there is no mechanism to require that those 130 buildings be retrofitted with fire safety systems, but Torres said that the union still has considerable residential retrofit work underway.

“Fire sprinklers save lives, and the more buildings we can retrofit in order to get fire protection in there, the better,” he said. “The important thing is having the fire protection installed and maintained by certified fire sprinkler fitters.

“Of all the fires, any structure in San Francisco that currently doesn’t have a fire sprinkler system should consider putting one in — but it needs to be installed by certified fire sprinkler fitters.”

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Solidarity With the United Farm Workers

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

The labor movement has been increasingly engaged and active in the past couple of years, making progress organizing throughout all sectors. There is no question that now is the time to act: Based on recent public opinion polling, unions across the board are enjoying an all-time high in approval ratings. In fact, I’ve heard it’s somewhere near 65%.

It doesn’t hurt that the Biden Administration also happens to be extremely union-friendly. This is the most union-friendly president I’ve seen in my lifetime.

It’s great news for all unions.

I know that everyone’s probably heard of California Assembly Bill 2183, which would offer more protections for farmworkers while voting for union elections. To show their support for the legislation, the United Farm Workers (UFW) organized a 335-mile walk from Delano to Sacramento that began August 3 and concluded on the 26th.

This march was undertaken in the thick of the midsummer Central Valley heat, with participants braving temperatures well into the 100s. Every step of the way, brothers and sisters from other unions walked in solidarity alongside the UFW cavalcade. Brick organizer Emmanuel Enriquez and I met a group of marchers in Ceres on August 19 to hand out ice-cold Gatorade and bottles of water. We also were able to rally in solidarity with them after they arrived at the California State Capitol in Sacramento.

I am the son of an immigrant farmworker, so I found it very rewarding to hear that Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB 2183 on September 28. When everyone sticks together and fights, we win!

November 8 will be another crucial election cycle, and we all must do our part in electing candidates who are pro-labor. Please participate in this essential democratic institution — make sure you go vote on the 8th.

In Solidarity,
Dave Tafoya
Organizing Director

Service Awards, October
25 years: Victor Bernal, Jose Camacho, Martin Espinosa Garcia,

Joseph Sammarcelli
Congratulations on your many years of service.

In Memoriam
We are sorry to announce the passing of our brothers:
• Salvatore Lagana, TL, 9/4/2022, 16-CA, 58-year member
• Jack Dadalto, BL, 9/7/2022, 07-CA, 74-year member
• Tony Nelson, TL, 9/8/2022, 19-CA, 60-year member

Meetings are now being held in-person. We will contact you if anything changes.

On August 3, the United Farm Workers embarked on a sweltering 24-day, 335-mile march northwest from Delano up through the Central Valley and all the way to Sacramento, where they rallied at the capitol in support of AB 2183. BAC Local 3 was one of many California unions that stood in solidarity with the UFW during its march.
We Regret the Loss of the Following Members

James Montoya, 61, passed away on September 25, 2022, with 16+ years of membership. He is survived by his son, Joseph; his mother, Guadalupe; and siblings Juan, Martha Fealey (James), Rafael (Jackie), and Carol Montoya (Carlos Chanduvi); as well as his nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his father, Rafael. He worked as a modular installer and resided in San Francisco.

George Bukowski, 88, passed away on September 22, 2022, with 63+ years of membership. He is survived by his wife, Ingrid, and daughter, Barbara. He resided in Reno.

50-Year Honorary Member
Richard Wester

Retired Members
Gustavo Amador
Mitchell Maddox
Feng Q. Zhou

Here’s the Deal By Kenny Lukas

Many of today's right-wing radio hacks are perpetuating the myth that somehow President Joe Biden is responsible for the inflation that we’re all experiencing.

The reason that we’re seeing higher prices is a result of too few workers unable to keep up with demand for products. When this happens, prices rise. This is a global problem that’s not likely to end soon because millions of people spread throughout a worldwide workforce produce parts for products that we need. Covid killed such a wide swath of our planet’s workforce, and now we need well-trained workers to replace those deceased workers.

It’s simply low supply and high demand that’s driving this problem.

Retirees in Action
Calling all retired carpenters: You might have retired from your job, but there's still a place for you in your union. Retirees in Action is a recently formed group whose goal is to empower retired carpenters, to ensure that your voices are heard, and to help you retain your connection with your brothers and sisters.

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Journey-Level Upgrade Courses

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Local 22 Has Rendered the Following Political Endorsements

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San Francisco Supervisor, District 4................................ Gordon Mar
San Francisco Supervisor, District 6................................ Matt Dorsey
San Francisco Supervisor, District 8................................ Rafael Mandelman
San Francisco Supervisor, District 10.............................. Shamann Walton
San Francisco District Attorney.................................. Brooke Jenkins
San Francisco Public Defender................................. Mano Raju
San Francisco Community College Board.............. Theo Selby, John Rizzo, and Susan Solomon
San Francisco Assessor Recorder............................... Joaquin Torres
BART Director, District 8............................................. Janice Li
California State Assembly, District 17......................... Matt Haney
California State Assembly, District 19............................ Phil Ting
U.S. Congress .................................................................... Nancy Pelosi and Kevin Mullin

BALLOT MEASURES
Yes on Proposition A......................Retire Supplemental Cost-of-Living Adjustment
Yes on Proposition D...............................Affordable Housing Now
No on Proposition E..............................Affordable Housing Opposition
Yes on Proposition L.........................Sales Tax for Transportation Projects

STATEWIDE COUNCIL ENDORSEMENTS
Governor............................................................. Gavin Newsom
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Attorney General........................................Rob Bonta
Superintendent of Schools....................Tony Thurmond
Insurance Commissioner.........................Ricardo Lara
Secretary of State.................................Shirley Weber
Controller.....................................................Malia Cohen
Treasurer..........................................................Fiona Ma

OTHER ENDORSEMENTS
Martinez City Council......................................Jay Howard

Election Day: Tuesday, Nov. 8
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Check for your local polling location.
More information can be found online at sflections.sfgov.org.

A Time to Give Thanks
As we wind down this year and prepare for the next — and as we get into the holiday season — I want to take time to thank some people...well, a whole lot of people.

I’ll start with our active military members and their families, as well as all of our veterans and their families: Thank you for all that you do and all that you have provided us. And what is it that you’ve provided us? As one of my friends have provided us. And what is it that you for all that you do and all that you of our veterans and their families: Thank you for all that you do and all that you have provided us. And what is it that you’ve provided us? As one of my friends — an Air Force vet (yes, they count, too) — succinctly puts it, it’s the blanket of freedom we sleep under at night.

None of what we do would be possible without the servicemembers who protect us as citizens and fight for the freedoms that we so often take for granted. So, thank you to all of you.

I’d also like to thank my teachers. That includes all those who’ve ever instructed me: my parents, my grammar school and high school teachers, and my college professors. After college, when I mistakenly figured my education was finally complete, I entered my apprenticeship, so I’d also like to express my deepest appreciation to my instructors and training coordinators who did so much to help shape me into the tradesman I am today.

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For some inexcusable reason, we continually undervalue our teachers in this country. I couldn’t even begin to understand that travesty if you so much as tried to explain why. Teachers are the backbone of this country — the veritable nerve center that controls everything we do and all we know, from reading and writing to math and science. They’ve taught us invaluable, fundamental lessons whose importance we fail to recognize and which we all too often take for granted. But if you sit and think for a minute, you’ll most likely recall at least one teacher who really inspired you.

These people spent their careers educating us, pushing us, and encouraging us to become better students, and, in so doing, showed us how to be good citizens and decent human beings.

My parents, whom I mentioned briefly above, deserve a letter unto themselves for the tireless work they put into making sure my siblings and I were living up to our potential. They educated us and challenged us, and, when we needed it, they picked us up and dusted us off. They cared for us when we were down and built us back up when we were broken. I don’t know that I ever truly appreciated all of the hard work they did until I had my own kids and discovered firsthand the amount of time, effort, love, and money that it takes to make a family work.

Last but certainly not least, I’d like to thank all of you — you, my union siblings. We are part of something in San Francisco that we can truly feel proud of. We’ve built a union that we can all get behind. This is a support network that transcends shirt colors. What we have is a true camaraderie. We’ve built unbreakable bonds through our collective realization that if we choose to embrace the notion of working for the good of the many, it can lift us all up and inspire us to go the distance to preserve, protect, and create a more perfect union for the benefit of all.

No, it is not the benefit of the few for which we work, but the benefit of the few thousand who call and have called this local home: the active members, the retirees, and the honoraries. We are all together as part of this union, and we will be forever.

For those of you who have retired, thank you for paving the way. You’ve given us the blueprint to success. Thank you for coming back to teach the apprentices — those, like me, who thought they were done with school but now find themselves back in class for another four years.

Enjoy the holidays, brothers and sisters, and please take the time to thank someone who matters to you — someone who has made a difference for good in your life.

Stay safe out there. We’ll see you on the jobsite.

In Solidarity,
Matt Russo
Business Manager
Financial Secretary

MEETINGS
San Francisco General Meeting
Wed., Nov. 16, 5:30 p.m.
690 Potrero Ave.

Sacramento
Wed., Nov. 2, 5:30 p.m.
Sheet Metal Workers Apprentice & Journeymen Training Building
3665 Beeckley St., Mather

Stockton
Fri., Nov. 4, 11:30 a.m.
Black Bear Diner
1703 Yosemite Ave., Manteca

Monterey/Watsonville
Mon., Nov. 7, 5:30 p.m.
Round Table Pizza
1973 Main St., Watsonville

San Luis Obispo
Tue., Nov. 8, 11:30 a.m.
Firestone Grill
1001 Higuera St., San Luis Obispo

Tahoe
Thu., Dec. 1, 11:30 a.m.
Mott Canyon Tavern & Grill
259 Kingsbury Grade Rd., Stateline, NV

Reno
Thu., Dec. 1, 5:30 p.m.
Northern Nevada Labor Temple
1819 Hymer Ave., Sparks, NV

More information can be found online at sfelections.sfgov.org.
In Memoriam

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Richard G. Fraser, inside journeyman, who passed away on June 28, 2022; and to the family and friends of Davon R. Marshall, inside journeyman, who passed away on June 28, 2022; and to the family and friends of Greg Serna, S&C technician, who passed away on September 5, 2022.

Best Wishes to Our Recently Retired Members

Gloria L. Barnes
Matt A. Oakes
Dick K. Tom

The 2022 Senior Sixes Picnic was held on Thursday, September 22, at Junipero Serra County Park in San Bruno.

Local 6 member Joe Vasquez preparing food for the Senior Sixes Picnic.

BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT

Dreamforce

The Dreamforce trade show returned in all of its glory last month, bringing tens of thousands of visitors to San Francisco to partake in the annual event. Our Local 6 crews working for Freeman Expo proved once again that when you choose the IBEW, you’re making the right choice.

I received calls from the employer and their customer expressing sincere gratitude for the hard work and professional behavior of our workforce. They said the show couldn’t have gone off without all of the crews’ help. It was a great foot forward for the trade show sector, the Moscone Center, and the City. Well done!

Get Out the Vote

It seems like during every election cycle, we find ourselves being told, “This is the most important election that organized labor has ever faced.” This election is no exception.

Across the country, those who wish to cripple and destroy our movement have mounted an all-out attack on your rights as a union member. The Silicon Valley billionaire and right-wing political activist Peter Thiel and those of his ilk have spared no expense in spreading misinformation about labor-friendly candidates. Their goals are simple: Destroy unions, privatize public institutions and services, and, finally, balance government on the backs of working people.

They must be stopped, and the IBEW is working hard to stop them. Your help is needed, too — all you have to do is vote. If you’re wondering how to vote pro-labor, please see Local 6’s endorsements on this page. If you don’t live in San Francisco, you can view what matters to our sisters and brothers in surrounding locals by visiting the California State Association of Electrical Workers website at ibewvotes.com and entering your Zip code.

Vote! Vote! Vote! John J. Doherty
Business Manager Financial Secretary

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S.F. CITY/COUNTY BALLOT MEASURES

SUPPORT Proposition A: Pre-1996 Retiree Supplemental Cost-of-Living Adjustment

SUPPORT Proposition B: Elimination of Sanitation & Streets Department

SUPPORT Proposition C: Homelessness Oversight Commission

OPPOSE Proposition D: Affordable Homes Now

SUPPORT Proposition E: Homes for Workers & Families, Affordable Housing Production

SUPPORT Proposition F: Library Preservation Fund

NO POSITION on Proposition G: Grants to SFUSD

NO POSITION on Proposition H: City Elections in Even-numbered Years

SUPPORT Proposition I: Vehicles on JFK Drive & Great Highway

SUPPORT Proposition J: Recreational Use of JFK Drive

SUPPORT Proposition K: Better Roads & Transit

SUPPORT Proposition L: Residential Vacancy Tax

NO POSITION on Proposition M: Golden Gate Park Parking

SUPPORT Proposition N: Workforce Education & Reinvestment for City College

CA STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES

ENDORSEMENTS FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS (CSAEW)

SUPPORT Proposition 1

SUPPORT Proposition 26

SUPPORT Proposition 27

SUPPORT Proposition 28

SUPPORT Proposition 29

SUPPORT Proposition 30

CSAEW helped write Proposition 30, which would generate $35 billion in new funds for zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) infrastructure, including electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure, to be built by EVTP-certified electricians; $20 billion for wildlife protection, inclusive of work for IBEW utility locals; and $45 billion for ZEV purchase subsidies to help bolster the ZEV market by funding the transition to ZEVs. Prop 30 will create jobs for IBEW members. Funds will be generated by a nominal 1.75% tax increase on persons with an income above $2 million. Visit yeson30.org to learn more.

SUPPORT Proposition 31

U.S. CONGRESS

Congressional District 11 _______________________________ Nancy Pelosi
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U.S. SENATE

Alex Padilla

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BART Director, District 8 ………………………………. Janice Li

SUPPORT Proposition 31
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It’s hard to believe that we’re already well into the fourth quarter of 2022. After almost three years of living with a pandemic, I think it might finally be safe to say we’ve turned that pivotal corner where we’re finally existing with some semblance of normality once again.

That being said, I’m pleased to announce that the annual Local 12 Holiday Dinner and Party is back on. Invitations will be sent out soon, so be on the lookout for one to arrive in your mailbox. Space is limited, and an RSVP will be required to attend.

This year’s party will be held at the San Ramon Marriott on Saturday, December 17, so save the date. We’ll see you at the party!

During the first three days of October, Steve and I attended the first annual IUPAT Flooring Industry Summit. IUPAT General President Jimmy Williams spoke about his focus in flooring and relayed how the international will be working on developing marketing strategies, as well as putting the focus on organizing and getting our brand out there in the coming months.

DC 16 Director of Organizing Lance Ryken was also a featured speaker; he discussed the success of the southern Nevada blitz. Some of our signatory contractors attended the summit, and they had the opportunity to express what they felt our industry needed to do to grow, which was useful.

I believe everyone who attended left with the feeling that IUPAT is headed in the right direction.

It is with great sorrow that I must announce the passing of Sergio Lomeli and Gary Douglas.

Sergio, who died at home on September 19, 2022, was a Local 12 member for 16 years and was well-known in the North Bay shops. Gary, who died on February 8, 2022, joined Local 6 and put in 69 years of service. Both of these members will be missed by family and friends. Rest in peace, brothers.

As always, I invite members with a special moment in their lives such as a birth, graduation, marriage, retirement, or, sadly, a death to contact Steve Belong or me to share a photo and a few words in a future article.

Respectfully,
Anthony Nuanes
Business Representative

DUES INCREASE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2023

Effective January 2023, quarterly dues will increase to $159.

Dues are due and payable in advance not later than the first Local 6 general membership meeting in January, April, July, and October of each year. Dues can be mailed to Local 6 or paid in person at the Local 6 business office. If they so desire, members can make one payment of $636 for the entire year.

Dues can be paid online at ibew6.workingsystems.com.
An additional Dreamforce Down

Dreamforce burst into town in mid-September and brought along all of its usual joys and headaches.

The primary joy — for the City of San Francisco, at least — was that of once again hosting a world-class event. Significantly, this year’s Dreamforce signaled the City’s return to business as usual after the years-long pandemic setback. The event’s headaches were familiar ones: a closed thoroughfare, congested streets, and South-of-Market parking nightmares.

For members of Local 510 and other locals, the list of headaches also included long hours and too little sleep. The joys, however, were found in the satisfaction of a job well-done — not to mention a well-earned paycheck for those willing to endure the whole ride.

Dreamforce 2022 was exponentially larger than last year’s affair, which was limited to just 5,000 attendees and relegated only to Howard Street. This year’s spectacles, on the other hand, encompassed all three Moscone Halls as well as Howard Street and myriad nearby hotels. Attendance was estimated at 40,000 people.

Next year’s fete promises to be even larger.

This year, as in years past, Dreamforce acted as a stress-test for Local 510 membership and our dispatch system, providing us an opportunity to assess our labor needs as we move into the future. And the report card from our employers and their clients indicates that Local 510 passed with flying colors.

In the run-up to Dreamforce, this local recruited and indentured 40 new apprentices. The intake was done specifically in anticipation of Dreamforce and the busy fall that our workforce is experiencing presently. While there seemed to some to be an abundance of extra workers on the show, their presence was expected and their help appreciated. In fact, our extras numbered fewer than at past installments of Dreamforce.

Despite the union’s proper planning for this current busy season, there were members who insisted the addition of the new apprentices was overkill. Cries of woe — “There are too many apprentices!” — could be heard immediately following the intake and into August’s VM Ware show. However, with Dreamforce on our plate, the same critics’ complaints suddenly shifted to the lack of membership labor, now crying, “We had too many extras working!”

Critics will form their judgments in the shifting wind, changing their evaluations from one show to the next based only upon what’s right in front of them. They remind us of the parable of the blind men assessing an elephant.

Briefly, this fable describes a group of sightless men who touch different parts of an elephant, an animal with which they are unfamiliar. Then, each man asserts his unsuited understanding of what it is he’s feeling. Upon touching the trunk, one man concludes that an elephant is a kind of snake. Another, upon touching a leg, asserts that an elephant is a tree. Still another, feeling the animal’s ear, claims that an elephant is a fan.

There is a bigger picture, and it is the elephant — which is, of course, an elephant.

What is the Big Picture?

The waiver of dues by the international has kept our membership intact for two years. Our numbers were virtually unchanged.

A larger-than-usual share of members applied for their pension during this period, moving them into the “39er” category. Our local’s attrition rate, particularly among journeymen, was due almost entirely to death and retirement. Among apprentices, attrition during the pandemic was limited to those who looked for other jobs or joined other apprenticeships.

While Local 510 seems to have retained an overwhelming portion of its membership during the pandemic, the post-pandemic change in this local’s workforce is noteworthy.

Pensioners are beginning to transfer from regular-status membership to life membership, making a permanent departure from the industry. Some pensioners are even resigning from the union altogether. A portion of our apprentices has not worked since 2020 primarily because they have other, more “regular” jobs that offer them steadier hours.

The departure of experienced, long-term members is unsurprising, and it was anticipated, so it does not pose an insurmountable problem. The Local 510 apprenticeship program began in 2011 to deal with this transition. Our program’s curriculum is well-developed, with experienced lead persons as trainers, and the apprenticeship intake process has been streamlined.

Our apprenticeship is the mechanism for both replacing our retirees and expanding our workforce. It is well-prepared to meet a growing demand for labor as it arises.

In evaluating the big picture, members should be reassured in the knowledge that our dispatch system works to fill the large calls when needed and that Local 510 has a robust apprenticeship program in place to replenish our membership with trained workers. Additionally, all accounts suggest that 2023 will bring with it more work than 2022.

Odds & Ends

Throughout the third quarter, the Local 510 office fielded numerous calls from members who wished to pay dues.

Members should send all dues payments to: District Council 36 c/o Central Dues Department, 1155 Corporate Center Dr., Monterey Park, CA 91754. Please include your name and the last four digits of your Social Security number on your check or money order and make it payable to Local 510.

If you’d like to pay by phone with a credit or debit card, contact the Central Dues Department at 626-296-0854, 626-296-8031, or 626-296-8060 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you’re enrolled in an autopay plan, make sure you’ve updated your bank to direct your dues payments to the address listed above.

The Local 510 office does not process dues payments.

Fourth Quarter Dues

… They’re now due. Please pay them sooner rather than later. Members who tried to call the district council within the last three days of the quarter ended up struggling to get through to the Central Dues Department. Remember: The council has more than 10,000 members, and many — like Local 510 members — are trying to pay dues via phone. Waiting until the last minute only increases your odds of becoming frustrated.

In Memoriam

Sadly, brother George Erickson passed away in early October. “Big George,” as he was known to many, had been with Local 510 since October 1, 1969.

The office is searching for a member who worked with George to reflect on his life and death in a future column. In the meantime, Local 510 offers its sincerest condolences to George’s family and to those who worked with him during his lengthy career in the trade show industry.
**MEETINGS**

General Membership
Tue., Nov. 8, 8 p.m.

Executive Board
Tue., Nov. 8, 5 p.m.

**DDO/Holidays**
Nov. 11 (Veteran’s Day): Designated day off
Nov. 24 (Thanksgiving): Holiday
Nov. 25 (Christmas): Designated day off

**Holiday Boat Party**
Sat., Nov. 12, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
RSVP by Mon., Oct. 24, by calling Diana at 415-625-0225 ASAP to RSVP. The event consists of 100 targets, and participants win awards based on their performance. John Claitor took home the Journeyman Hunter Class Award. The event consists of 100 targets, and participants win awards based on their performance. John Claitor took home the Journeyman Hunter Class Award.

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Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 4:30 p.m.

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Local 718 has been consistently supporting political candidates who support labor. This photo comes from a recent Local 718 VAC event, during which volunteer members went canvassing with the San Mateo Building Trades in Foster City.

Special thanks to Danny Linares, Marlon Rodriguez, and Chris Lasalle for helping to host this event.

I had the pleasure of presenting Local 718 member Greg Escower with his Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship and Carhartt Jacket on the Walters & Wolf jobsite. Greg completed his apprenticeship last year during Covid, which meant he missed the opportunity to attend the graduation. Congratulations, Greg — you’re now officially a journeyman!

**Local 718**
Member Pedro Gonzales, seen here working for National Glass, has been promoted from production worker to apprentice. This is no easy step up, and what makes it extra-special is that it happened very recently, at a time when employers are experiencing post-bid increases in material costs.

Typically, in times like these, we see demotions — not promotions. I would like to acknowledge Pedro for this significant achievement and thank Tavo with National Glass for providing him the opportunity for advancement.

If you don’t know Melvin Herring, that might be because he worked for the San Francisco Housing Authority for the past 20 years. Melvin started glazing straight out of high school in 1983, doing hack-outs for a non-union shop. In 1996, he joined Local 169 and worked for Hayward Glass. Shortly after that, he transferred to Local 718 and worked for United California Glass and a handful of other shops before getting hired at the Housing Authority in 2002.

For the past 20 years, Melvin has been the Housing Authority’s go-to guy for hack-outs and replacements. Freshly retired, he has 25 years of service with Local 718. We recognize Melvin for his lifetime of service and congratulate him on his retirement.

Applying left to right in the middle photo above, Local 718 members Jim Claitor (retired Progress Glass foreman), Jimmy Claitor (Paige Glass apprentice), and John Claitor (Paige Glass journeyman — along with Paige Glass owner Mark Shelley — represented us well at the 20th annual Shoot for a Cure charity sporting clays shoot at the Quail Point Hunt Club in Zamora. Money raised was donated to the March of Dimes.

The event consists of 100 targets, and participants win awards based on their performance. John Claitor took home the Journeyman Hunter Class Award.
Ratification Special Called Meeting

By the time you read this, we will have convened the special called meeting for ratification of the Pile Driver Master Labor Agreement. Notices were sent out to all members who are eligible to vote at the meeting. Included in that mailer was a document with every language change that was negotiated, including a complete breakdown of the economic package.

Field representatives phone-banked members to encourage their participation in such an important meeting. I hope to report next month that we officially reached a yes-vote majority on the ratification of our agreement. With the much-needed language changes and the largest economic package increase in the history of Local 34, we hope this agreement will help provide and secure a better future for our next-generation pile drivers.

Our membership is growing each and every month, with new indentured apprentices coming in to make membership on a regular basis. The ready-to-work list numbers are still very low for both journeymen and apprentices, and the amount of work that’s been forecasted for the upcoming two years looks very promising.

Marine construction has been booming, and not only in the Bay Area, but also in the valley — at the Port of Stockton, for instance, as well as at various other regional marinas. Heavy highway infrastructure will be putting our members to work for the foreseeable future, too, and we’re seeing a significant number of multimillion-dollar bridge retrofits and widenings throughout the state — many of those are being handled by contractors from both the valley and farther up north.

We went in big with the economic package and language changes for a reason: because our members are second to none. We invest millions each year in training because we want our pile drivers to continue to collectively comprise the absolute best workforce in the industry. When they need anything built on the water or on land, everyone knows to call Local 34. That’s because our members always rise to the occasion thanks to their skills, their pride, and their constant preparedness for whatever this industry might throw their way.

I’d like to recognize United Contractors (UCON) for engaging in a collaborative negotiation process. UCON put together an outstanding negotiating committee made up of some of their finest contractors who regularly employ our members. Without exception, each of those owners had nothing but great things to say about our membership. They see the worth in our pile drivers, and they know a strong partnership with our members is key to their continued success.

I’d also like to recognize Executive Secretary-Treasurer (EST) Jay Bradshaw of the NorCal Carpenters Union. Jay, who was the lead negotiator and the voice of Local 34 throughout the process, refused to take no for an answer. He was very influential in the outcome of our negotiations and what we were able to secure for the membership.

Finally, I’d like to recognize our rank-and-file committee members Joe Karinen, Patrick Zubillaga, and Allen Deaver. They were exceedingly effective at ensuring the voice of the membership was heard and that member concerns remained at the forefront of every decision.

In Memoriam

We are sorry to inform you that Brother Bob Alvarado, EST of the NorCal Carpenters Union from 2001 through 2021, passed away on September 4.

We honor his many years of service and his accomplishments for our union. Bob always stood by Local 34 and helped guide our council through some tough times. His memory will live on in the hearts of many within our membership. We send our thoughts and prayers to his friends and family.

Rest easy, Bobby.

Upcoming Meeting

Our next union meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 26, and we’re looking to pack the house — we want total participation from the membership on this one.

We’ve had a huge uptick in appren- tice participation at recent meetings, which is a phenomenon that we’ve not experienced before. It’s extremely exciting to see the next generation of our membership getting involved and enthusiastic about making their voice heard.

Thanks again for everything you do and for protecting your work on the jobsite. As always, stay safe — I look forward to seeing you.

Oh, and be sure to check out our website at piledriverslocal34.org.

In Solidarity,
Martin Espinoza Jr
Senior Field Representative

Heat & Frost Local 16

The Vallejo Waterfront Weekend took place on October 1 and 2. Local 16’s whale rowing team raced in the Labor Division on Saturday and took first place. On Sunday, they raced in the Open Division and came up just 4 seconds short to take second place.


A special thanks goes out to Mel Breshears, who was instrumental in establishing the whale boat teams seven years ago. Mel is a member of the Straights of Mare Island Rowing Association, which supplies the boats and practice time. He also filled in on one of our races and was a coxswain both days.

To see pictures from the Waterfront Weekend, visit local16photos.com/whaleboat-races-2022.

Submitted by Alan Pierce
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our most recent union meeting at the time of this column’s writing was held on Thursday, September 15. This was a special called meeting for nominations of officers and delegates for Local 40’s 2023-2025 term.

On Thursday, December 15, elections will be held to choose those leaders. Each member in good standing shall be entitled to cast one ballot. Mark your calendar and be in attendance to vote for your future representatives.

In Solidarity,
Jose Oscar Padilla
Business Manager

Treasurer Rudy Gonzalez said he was impressed with DECA’s approach to the project, applauding the developer for looking beyond base extraction of value from a land parcel but, instead, for going about the project “the right way.”

“I think it’s both strategic and the right thing to do for a developer to want to partner with people who have legitimate relationships in the community,” Gonzalez said. “A smart developer, a responsible developer, is going to do that work. I thought it was both strategic and refreshing that DECA was just like, ‘We want to do this high-road in every aspect.’”

Founded in 2014, San Francisco-based DECA currently has 4 million square feet of projects under development. Sachs said DECA’s investment in the neighborhood surrounding 2270 McKinnon is a way for the company to build relationships and demonstrate the firm’s long-term commitment to the Bayview.

“I think it’s important for us to be partners with our community,” he said. The 2270 McKinnon project parcel, which sits at the corner of McKinnon and Upton streets, is currently an old taxicab yard. The new structure will replace an unsightly lot of jumbled cars with the new five-story, 174,400-square-foot structure, the majority of which will be dedicated to self-storage (150,000 square feet) while the remainder is designated for PDR use — that’s production, distribution, and repair, which is planning-speak for the space the Brown Bombers will be utilizing.

The project also proposes improvements to McKinnon and Upton, including sidewalks, street trees and curb cuts. While 2270 McKinnon is still working its way through the permitting process, it’s scheduled to go before the San Francisco Planning Commission on November 3.

Once it gains approval, Sachs estimates 16 to 18 months of construction time.

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In this rendering of one face of the 2270 McKinnon project, the “Joe’s Repair” space will be occupied by the Brown Bombers Youth Football and Cheer Program.

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It’s uncommon to have so many craftspeople together at work in one place, so Organized Labor headed out to take advantage of these unique circumstances and get some photos of the people who are hard at work bringing the project together. Specifically, we focused our lens on the building trades workers finishing off the first residential building of the Mission Rock project, Parcel A (nicknamed “the Canyon”). This 24-story, Swinerton-built apartment complex is the result of a public-private partnership among the San Francisco Giants, Tishman Speyer, and the Port of San Francisco. While visiting the building, we found carpenters, drywall finishers, electricians, painters, and tile setters all at work across multiple floors. We also snapped some shots of an outside crew that included landscape architects, laborers, and engineers. They were moving rebar and laying the groundwork for what will become the inland portion of China Basin Park.
Jesus Nieves
Drywall Finisher & Taper, Local 507

Shantel Rhodes
Painter, Local 913

Zakiya Willis
Carpenter Apprentice, Local 22

Simon Yiu
Tile Setter, Local 3

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DELEGATES MEETING
MINUTES

Sept. 1, 5 p.m.
Zoom call

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS
President Larry Mazzola, Vice Presidents John Doherty and Ramon Hernandez, and Secretary-Treasurer Rudy Gonzalez present.

CORRESPONDENCE
• SMW 104 letter of appointment.
• SFBCTC new appointments: Motion to ratify SMW 104 letter of appointment.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS
Treasurer Rudy Gonzalez present. President Larry Mazzola excused. Vice-Presidents John Doherty and Ramon Hernandez, and Secretary-Treasurer Rudy Gonzalez present. President Larry Mazzola excused. Guest: Commissioner Lainie Motamedi

REQUEST FOR FUNDS
None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
• 8/18/22 minutes, M/S/C.

REPORTS OF UNIONS
• AJ Thomas (IFPTE) announced Local 21 mobilization event on Sunday, Sept. 25, at 10 a.m.
• Armie Morgan (OE 3) asked for volunteers for Saturday (Sept. 3) event in support of Gordon Mar.

PICKET SANCTIONS
None

OLD BUSINESS
None

NEW BUSINESS
None

REPORTS OF UNIONS
• Ramon Hernandez (Laborers 261) invited all to Local 261’s half day event tomorrow (Sept. 14) from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., and thanked ST Rudy Gonzalez for a job well-done with UCSF.
• Joe Sanders (Painters 913) reported on ongoing negotiations with multiple hotels. Local 913 cleaned up some language and reported a $10 raise with Stanford Court Hotel.

ADJOURNMENT
Adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

BUSINESS AGENTS
MEETING MINUTES

Sept. 13, 10 a.m.
Zoom call

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS
Vice-Presidents John Doherty and Ramon Hernandez and Secretary-Treasurer Rudy Gonzalez present. President Larry Mazzola excused.

CORRESPONDENCE
• AB 1717 (Aguiar-Curry). Request for signature to Governor Gavin Newsom.
• TJP letters of support.

REQUEST FOR FUNDS None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
• 9/23/22 minutes, M/S/C.

SECRETARY-TREASURER’S REPORT
• Charles Shin from Treasure Island Development Group has been invited as guest to next business agents meeting. ST asked reps to turn in any questions they want to ask Shin. Site walk coming up.
• ST reported on active picket sanction at 555 South. Work there has been shut down.
• ST reported on Central Subway staffing update.
• ST thanked all for attending Post-Labor Day Breakfast and Friends of Sinn Féin event.

PICKET SANCTIONS
None

OLD BUSINESS
• SMW 104 letter of appointment.
• SFBCTC new appointments.
• Prop L. tax renewal update. Charles Lawery (OE 3) reported on the latest developments. Event being held at 11 a.m. this Saturday (Sept. 17) at McCoppin Square, 23rd and Taraval in the Sunset District in SF. Calendar invite sent.

NEW BUSINESS
None

REPORTS OF UNIONS
• Ramon Hernandez (Laborers 261) invited all to Local 261’s half day event tomorrow (Sept. 14) from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., and thanked ST Rudy Gonzalez for a job well-done with UCSF.
• Joe Sanders (Painters 913) reported on ongoing negotiations with multiple hotels. Local 913 cleaned up some language and reported a $10 raise with Stanford Court Hotel.

ADJOURNMENT
Adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

DELEGATES MEETING
MINUTES

Sept. 15, 5 p.m.
Zoom call

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS
President Larry Mazzola, Vice-Presidents John Doherty and Ramon Hernandez, and Secretary-Treasurer Rudy Gonzalez present.

CORRESPONDENCE
• Matt Haney DTX support letter.
• COPE questionnaire, November 2022: Lainie Motamedi

REQUEST FOR FUNDS
• Contribution ask for two candidates: Honey Mahogany and Susan Solomon (the latter from PAC), $500 each, M/S/C.
• Contribution ask for three issue campaigns:
  • No on B, from PIC: ST recommends $5,000, M/S/C.
  • O Parcel Tax from PIC: ST recommends $10,000, M/S/C.
  • Yes on L from PIC: ST recommends $12,500, M/S/C.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
• 9/1/22 minutes, M/S/C.

SECRETARY-TREASURER’S REPORT
• Yes on L mobilization event this Saturday (Sept. 15) at 11 a.m. Meet up on Taraval and 23rd in the Sunset in SF. Prop L will produce greener city and jobs. Calendar invites already sent to reps, will also be sent to delegates tonight (Sept. 15).

PICKET SANCTIONS
None

OLD BUSINESS
• AB 1717 (Aguiar-Curry).
• TJP support letter.

NEW BUSINESS
None

REPORTS OF UNIONS
• Patrick Mulligan (Carpenters 22) announced the death of brother Bob Alvarado, member of Local 22.
• Luis Lima (IFPTE) requested volunteers sign up for remote phone banking or door-to-door groups to support Gordon Mar and Honey Mahogany. Follow link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDYUcYNtzw0WNzvD995DKenD1TQyGoCJze_u9HMMB1e3uZ3F3tViewForm

ADJOURNMENT
Adjourned at 5:47 p.m.
San Francisco Building & Construction Trades Council’s
OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENTS

CANDIDATES FOR SF CITY/COUNTY OFFICE
 Supervisor, District 2 ............................... Catherine Stefani
 Supervisor, District 4 ................................. Gordon Mar
 Supervisor, District 6 ............................... Honey Mahogany
 Supervisor, District 8 ................................. Rafael Mandelman
 Supervisor, District 10 ......................... Shamann Walton
 SFUSD Board of Education ...................... Lisa Weissman-Ward
 Community College Board of Trustees (3) .... Susan Solomon, John Rizzo, Thea Selby
 SF Assessor-Recorder ......................... Joaquin Torres
 SF City Attorney ............................................. David Chiu
 SF District Attorney ............................ Joseph Akioto Veronese
 SF Public Defender ......................... Mano Raju
 BART Director, District 8 ...................... Janice Li

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 11th Congressional District Representative...... Nancy Pelosi
 CA State Assemblymember, District 17 .. Matt Haney
 CA State Assemblymember, District 19 .... Phil Ting

STATEWIDE CANDIDATES FOR STATE OFFICE
 CA Governor ............................................. Gavin Newsom
 CA Attorney General .............................. Rob Bonta
 CA Secretary of State ...................... Shirley Weber
 CA Controller .............................................. Malia Cohen

SF CITY/COUNTY QUALIFIED MEASURES
 SUPPORT Proposition A: Pre-1996 Retiree Supplemental Cost-of-Living Adjustment
 OPPOSE Proposition B: Elimination of Sanitation & Streets Department
 SUPPORT Proposition C: Homelessness Oversight Commission
 OPPOSE Proposition D: Affordable Homes Now
 SUPPORT Proposition E: Homes for Workers & Families, Affordable Housing Production
 SUPPORT Proposition F: Library Preservation Fund
 NO POSITION on Proposition G: Grants to SFUSD
 NO POSITION on Proposition H: City Elections in Even-Numbered Years
 SUPPORT Proposition I: Vehicles on JFK Drive & Great Highway
 OPPOSE Proposition J: Recreational Use of JFK Drive
 SUPPORT Proposition L: Better Roads and Transit
 SUPPORT Proposition M: Residential Vacancy Tax
 NO POSITION on Proposition N: Golden Gate Park Parking
 SUPPORT Proposition O: Workforce Education & Reinvestment for City College

NOVEMBER 8 CALIFORNIA CONSOLIDATED GENERAL ELECTION

POLLS ARE OPEN ON ELECTION DAY, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, FROM 7 A.M. TO 8 P.M.
Health wisdom for women

Nothing matters more than your health — and many of the biggest health risks for women are preventable. Simple things like regular screenings and making healthy lifestyle choices can help you stay healthier, longer.

Take your health to heart
You may think of heart disease as a men’s health issue — but it’s not. The good news is that lifestyle changes can prevent 80% of heart attacks and strokes.* Eat right, exercise, don’t smoke, and talk to your doctor about your risk.

Be proactive
Stay on top of breast and cervical cancer screenings. If you’re pregnant, start prenatal care early. Share your family health history with your doctor. Most importantly, listen to your body — and get care when you need it.

Care for the whole you
With all you do, it can be easy to put your needs last, which can leave you feeling drained, stressed, or depressed. Sleeping and eating well and connecting with others is important — and if you’re struggling, ask for help.

Visit kp.org/womenshealth or kp.org/maternity.

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*American Heart Association.