

MASS IMPACT

The Bay Area's mass transit infrastructure is some of the most extensive and highest in quality of any region in the nation. But for it to serve working people well and continue to thrive, it must grow and change.

This is the first article in a series exploring the evolution of mass transit throughout the Bay from a building trades perspective. This month, we focus on SF Muni's trolleybuses.

Trolleybuses to the Rescue

Muni's Overhead Lines Could Play Key Role in a Greener Future

By Robert Fulton | CONTRIBUTING WRITER

With the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Association (SFMTA) — which runs Muni — pushing for a zero-emission transit fleet by 2040, a local think tank has proposed a radical concept: Why not utilize, upgrade, and expand a resource that already exists in the City?

The Climate and Community Project (CCP), a climate policy think tank, recently released a report called “San Francisco

Muni Electrification Alternative Analysis.” Its results conclude that “maintaining and expanding San Francisco’s trolleybus fleet with [in-motion-charging] technology could be the fastest and most efficient way to decarbonize” the Muni system.

In other words: There’s a better option than spending a boatload of cash on a fleet of all-electric, battery-powered buses using technology with known limitations. Instead, Muni can

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As an assistant supervisor and electronic maintenance technician at Potrero Yard, IBEW Local 6 member Nelson Doon, seen here in November 2021, is responsible for keeping Muni's trolleybus fleet up and running.



Chris Hannan Rises to State Building Trades Presidency

In Q&A Session, the LA and Orange Counties Building Trades Leader Talks Unifying Trades, Expanding Prospects

By Jacob Bourne | CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Chris Hannan, recently elected president of the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California (SBCTC), stands out as a national figure thanks to the significant contributions he’s made in his previous role as executive secretary of the 48-affiliate-strong Los Angeles/

Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council.

Hannan has built a reputation for solid and determined leadership. He has succeeded in getting the L.A./O.C. building trades involved in impactful projects such as the ARCHES Hydrogen HUB initiative, a statewide public-private partnership working to

harness hydrogen power and local renewable resources to decarbonize California’s state economy.

He has also shown his political mettle, rallying his SoCal building trades brethren to support the ultimately successful United to House L.A. ballot measure. The measure, meant to address the

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Holding the Line

With SAG-AFTRA, the Writers Guild, our local painters' union, and many of our other organized brothers, sisters, and siblings taking to the streets in recent weeks, we are presented with an opportunity to reflect on the time-tested tradition of honoring a picket line.

To put it simply, we're in the throes of a strike summer. And with 340,000 teamsters approaching a contract expiration on Sunday, July 30, this season of organized labor muscle-flexing is only heating up.

So, how do we as building and construction trades members best display solidarity with our fellow unionized workers?

A good place to start is by thinking about the project labor agreements under which we do so much of our work. When we negotiate these pre-hire agreements, we consent to trade our right to slow down or shut down a covered jobsite in return for hiring-hall referral, apprenticeship utilization, and family healthcare coverage, among other worker-focused benefits.

Without a PLA, our local unions are free to use every lawful and available tool at their disposal to secure the work.

So, what happens when you encounter a picket? Well, the expectation is that you honor the line. It's why, PLA or not, trade unionists often declare, "I never cross a picket line because it might just be my own next time."

Exercising our right to withhold our labor is how we maintain and amass our might, and it remains our responsibility to exercise that right when we must. Fortunately, federal law still protects this individual right to never cross a picket line.

We all want to go to work every day and earn a living. So, while we always hope that strikes are few and far between, we as trade unionists must continue doing our duty of safeguarding the fundamental obligation to withhold our labor when we're called to do so. Herein lies our foundational power as workers in solidarity with one another and with the broader labor movement.

Staying Engaged With Large Project Partners

It's not enough anymore to win work or make sure our unions' contractors and subcontractors are out on the job. Successful projects — and future work — are based on forging lasting partnerships built on shared values. They're also based on advocating for new options that can help speed up projects that ultimately result in more work for our trades.

This council stays plugged into the financing, permitting, and phasing of the megaprojects in which we've involved ourselves. Take, for example, our successful partnership with the Power Station project. By working with SF Supervisor Shamann Walton, the development team, officers of this council, and the mayor's administration, we've been able to articulate, support, and win an enhanced infrastructure finance district. The development team will be briefing our board of business representatives next month on some exciting new developments that will spur the next phase of construction.

Elsewhere, we are pursuing zoning changes, fee deferrals, state legislation, and even assistance with construction financing to pursue an additional \$2.5 billion in work for members across several megaprojects. I'm grateful to each of you for taking time to call, write letters, and show up in-person to advocate alongside this council.

When we lift up our voices — which are excluded and even ignored in some cases, as in the Proposition D debacle last year — we

can also be a powerful force to stop policies that would otherwise hurt the City.

In my estimation, the decision is relatively straightforward: If you're looking to advance a policy or project as a government official or a private developer, you have to think about the kind of partners you want on your side, beginning from day one.

Density on the West Side

Many of you have probably seen the recent fevered local press coverage regarding the proposed 55-story residential skyscraper at 2700 Sloat Boulevard in the Outer Sunset. It is, admittedly, a comical proposition; unfortunately, some groups are already using it to agitate the neighbors.

But I view this as an opportunity to begin a serious conversation about expanding housing stock in density and improving public services such as transportation and public safety across the entire city. No matter how absurd it might seem to plop down a high-rise on Sloat right across from the beach, it does raise some uncomfortable but important questions of how serious our city's leadership is about increasing housing stock on the City's west side — and, therefore, increasing San Francisco's overall housing stock equitably and fairly across the entirety of our seven square miles of land.

So far, supervisors Joel Engardio, Connie Chan, and Myrna Melgar have all pledged their support to make sure that trades workers are at the table when these big west-side developments are negotiated. All three supes will be put to the test, and we've already seen Chan step up and lead for us.

Who's Been a Friend

Supervisor Connie Chan, despite having earned broad labor support in her initial candidacy, did not enjoy the full support this council. After she won election, she had a choice to make, just like our other



San Francisco District 1 Supervisor Connie Chan is a friend of the trades.

elected officials: Show real interest in our work and our members or pursue an agenda adverse to working people.

Chan made her choice clear. Since taking office, she has been open-minded, professional, and enthusiastic about learning more about our work and the people we represent. She has gone to bat time after time again for our affiliates, including through her commitment to a skilled-and-trained workforce, when she authored Proposition E in 2022, and in her recent willingness to support the union production of Outside Lands — even though she took heat from the press for being a supposed obstructionist.

Chan has demonstrated an enthusiasm for doing the right thing on behalf of working San Franciscans. She also took the opportunity to support the expansion of downtown concerts and to ensure that the jobs associated with those new events will be done by city employees and union contractors.

Every time I've approached Chan with a concern, she has been there for us. She even goes the extra mile and follows up, coming back to ask what else she can do for our members. That's the kind of leadership and collaborative approach that our friends need to model.

So, it is without hesitation this month that I call out Supervisor Connie Chan for being a friend of the trades. **OL**



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In Memoriam LARRY GRIFFIN 1954-2023



On Wednesday, July 5, San Francisco lost a local labor heavyweight who never failed to advocate and adjudicate with passion on behalf of working people in his positions as a volunteer member of San Francisco's Elections Commission, Fire Commission, Human Rights Commission, and Recreation and Parks Commission.

Those job titles only scratch the surface of Griffin's formidable resume. He was a dyed-in-the-wool public servant, having also spent 25 years serving the people of the City as a district attorney investigator, child support services investigator, and contract compliance officer in the City's Office of Labor Standards Enforcement.

Griffin was a man of firsts. He was born to one of the first interracial couples to marry in San Francisco shortly after the repeal of the City's anti-miscegenation law in 1954, and he was the son of the first Black labor representative for the retail clerks union in San Francisco. Larry Griffin became a member of the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE) Local 21 and served in multiple leadership roles for the entirety of his time in the union.

Griffin always looked out for building and construction trades workers. His dedication to the labor movement will be greatly missed, but his significant contributions have cemented his legacy and will continue to resonate for generations to come.

Thanks to IFPTE Local 21 for providing crucial background information for this piece.



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Shovels Go Up, Dirt Flies as West Side Bridges Project Gets Underway

Labor and political leaders gathered on Yerba Buena Island on Friday, June 16, for a groundbreaking that officially kicked off the West Side Bridges project. U.S. House Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi joined SF Building Trades Secretary-Treasurer Rudy Gonzalez and others for this photo op, which marked the start of the retrofit project spearheaded by the SF County Transportation Authority and partners the Federal Highway Administration,

Caltrans, the Bay Area Toll Authority, and the Treasure Island Development Authority. With its \$126 million in federal, state, regional, and local grant funding, the project aims to improve circulation and safety for motorists as well as bicyclists and transit-riders — and it promises well-paying and consistent work for the Bay Area's union building and construction trades members through 2026, when the project is expected to wrap.

Thanks and Best of Luck to Brother Meredith



The officers and trustees of the SF Building Trades extend their gratitude to outgoing State Building and Construction Trades Council of California president Andrew Meredith, who served the 450,000-plus trades members throughout the Golden State well during his term. We thank him for always standing up for the working people of California, and we wish him the best in his future endeavors.

CORRECTIONS

In last month's article on the Sistat With Tools program, we misspelled Program Director Rashaida Nirobe's last name. We regret the error.



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DC 16 PAINTERS WIN LARGEST PAY INCREASE IN THEIR HISTORY AFTER STRIKE!

CONGRATULATIONS to all NorCal painters who are unionized under District Council 16 for standing firm and winning what they deserved after successful negotiations following their recent strike. *Organized Labor* will feature full coverage of the strike and its achievements in the August edition.

ELSEWHERE IN THE WIDE WORLD OF LABOR

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An Anchor Steam employee is seen next to one of the brewery's copper stills in June 2010.

Anchor's Away?



Labor Isn't to Blame for the Brewery's Shutdown. Spoiler Alert: Poor Management Might Be.

By Robert Fulton | CONTRIBUTING WRITER

When Warehouse Union Local 6 Business Agent Pedro de Sá heard about the sudden closure of Anchor Brewing, he was surprised — but not woke-up-with-his-head-sewn-to-the-carpet surprised, to paraphrase Clark Griswold from the classic 1989 film “National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation.”

Local 6, which is a part of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, has represented workers at Anchor since 2019, when the storied beer-maker’s staff first unionized as Anchor Union. Recent contract negotiations resulted in a one-year agreement and a 3.5% raise. The contract was ratified near the end of June. All the while, de Sá suspected that something was up.

It turns out he was right. On Wednesday, July 12, Anchor owner Sapporo suddenly announced the brewery’s closure by the end of the month.

“We had a sense that things weren’t going well,” de Sá said. “Production had been slowing down. We knew that the company wasn’t doing as well as it should. It wasn’t a total shock, but it was a big shock considering we’d just settled the contract less than a month ago.”

Anchor Union currently represents 39 of the approximately 61 workers employed at the brewery. Before the Covid pandemic, the number of union-represented Anchor workers was closer to 80.

According to Sam Singer, public relations specialist and spokesperson for Sapporo and Anchor, workers are receiving 60 days’ notice, severance based upon years of service, and job retraining and referral services.

“This was an extremely difficult decision that Anchor reached only after many months of careful evaluation,” Singer said in a press release. “We recognize the importance and historic significance of Anchor to San Francisco and to the craft brewing industry, but the impacts of the pandemic, inflation, especially in San Francisco, and a highly competitive market left the company with no option but to make this sad decision to cease operations.”

De Sá also cited the pandemic as one of the reasons for Anchor’s troubles — really, other than mask and vaccine producers, who *didn’t* hurt during the pandemic? — but like many others, he also pointed the finger at the \$2 billion Japan-based multinational beer giant Sapporo and its many missteps.

Established in San Francisco in 1896, Anchor Brewing Company was America’s first craft brewery. The Potrero Hill-based facility has been in operation for 127 years. After more than a century of independent ownership, Anchor was purchased in 2017 by Sapporo, whose stated goal was to distribute and market San Francisco’s signature beer nationwide.

This strategy included a wildly misguided corporate rebranding that has been described as a “technicolor disaster” and compared (unfavorably) to the Ikea aesthetic.

While its parent company was looking beyond the Bay, Anchor’s home turf suffered from production, mechanical, and distribution issues. De Sá believes that the corporate-minded Sapporo didn’t grasp what made Anchor, well, Anchor.

“From our perspective, Sapporo bought Anchor but they didn’t understand what Anchor was,” de Sá said. “Anchor Steam is [...] a working-class beer.”

De Sá pushed back against suggestions that have been making the rounds in right-wing media that the 2019 organizing effort had anything to do with Anchor’s fall.

Anchor might not have been dropped for good, though. Ideas are being kicked around about how to save the legendary brewery.

Maybe an investor — or, better yet, a workers’ co-op — will sweep in and save the day, wresting the rights to revitalize the storied brand from the international conglomerate’s clutches. Maybe the City will buy the brewery and turn it into a public taproom for the people, complete with a jobs program for budding brewers. Or — who knows? — maybe Anchor Union members will occupy the brewery and turn it into their own beer-producing commune.

One thing’s for sure: With the closing of Anchor, the City’s manufacturing base takes another hit. De Sá said that he’s had Anchor Union members tell him that working at the brewery was the last thing keeping them in the Bay.

“I think the main issue overall [is that] this is also part of this trend of deindustrialization of the Bay Area,” he said. “The Bay Area’s losing more and more and more industrial jobs.”

If, indeed, the City’s last drops of its treasured working-class beer are getting poured out for good, so will another pint of its working-class heart and soul. But here’s hoping this isn’t the last we’ve heard of Anchor Steam. **OL**

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create more electrified routes by expanding and improving overhead catenary lines used by trolleybuses.

“San Francisco’s existing overhead line system is an invaluable resource that SFMTA should exploit fully as it electrifies its fleet,” IBEW Local 6 Business Manager John Doherty said in a press release announcing the CCP report, which the IBEW participated in crafting.

At the end of 2018, the state’s air quality management agency, the California Air Resources Board (CARB), adopted regulations requiring public transit agencies throughout the state to transition to 100% zero-emission bus fleets by 2040. Beginning in 2029, all new purchases by transit agencies must be zero-emission buses.

In 2021, SFMTA presented a rollout plan to CARB to transition Muni’s bus fleet to 100% zero-emission. The plan calls for the procurement of battery-powered buses.

The prevailing thought expressed in the CCP report, however, is that using and expanding the existing trolleybus lines would in fact be the easier and more efficient route to take. According to the report, a mere 33% increase in overhead line infrastructure would allow Muni to more than double its zero-emission fleet and add 210 miles of electrified service.

Better technology is also an asset in improving the overhead catenary system. In-motion-charging trolleybuses come with on-board batteries and do not need overhead wires for their entire routes, allowing them more flexibility.

And, of course, a well-trained and experienced workforce is in place to expand and maintain such overhead lines.



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A herd of Muni trolleybuses is seen at Potrero Yard in November 2021.

“This report shows that leveraging our overhead line system to electrify SFMTA’s bus fleet is not only the most practical way to eliminate transit-related diesel exhaust as soon as possible but is also fiscally responsible to taxpayers and riders,” Doherty said.

San Francisco’s trolleybus system first started operating in 1935. The system now boasts 12 routes traversed by 185 standard and 93 articulated buses, and it utilizes hydroelectric power.

One concern with a fleet of battery-only buses is that the charge isn’t strong enough to complete a shift, necessitating a more

extensive fleet.

Alex Lantsberg is research and advocacy director of the San Francisco Electrical Construction Industry, the labor-management cooperation committee of IBEW Local 6 and the San Francisco Electrical Contractors Association. He co-authored the CCP report. He called the catenary lines a “priceless asset” and cautioned against falling in love with new technology that might not be a good fit for its intended use.

Speaking before SFMTA’s Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, July 18, Lantsberg said, “Our catenary-powered

rubber-tire fleet [is] ideally suited to San Francisco’s challenging operating environment, and orienting a decarbonization plan around a battery-powered fleet would not serve San Francisco well.”

Lantsberg sees using, upgrading, and expanding the Muni trolleybus system as a good alternative with multiple benefits that go beyond simple common-sense solutions to deliver better-quality transit overall.

“When our transit system works well and is efficient and gets people where they need to go, it makes the City a much better place to do business,” he said. **OL**

Summer skin safety



As temperatures rise and you start to plan your summer fun, one thing that should not fall off your to-do list is protecting your skin. Regardless of skin type, race, or ethnicity – anyone can benefit from the 3 S’s:

Sunscreen

Choose an SPF that’s 30 or higher and water-resistant

Shade

When hosting a BBQ or at the beach, choose a spot under a tree or set up an umbrella

Shirts

Dark colored clothing and hats will help block UV rays better than light-colored/thin fabrics. Don’t forget your sunglasses to protect your eyes!

Following these simple guidelines will ensure that you (and your skin) will be made in the shade – all summer long.

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Guess Who's Coming to Breakfast. Two State Assembly Heavyweights — That's Who.

Building and construction trades leadership and rank-and-file members alike from throughout the Bay Area headed to the City bright and early on Friday, July 7, for a special labor breakfast at the Mission District headquarters of Laborers Local 261.

The breakfast, which was organized by the SF Building Trades and SF Labor councils in collaboration with Local 261, brought in California Assembly Speaker-

Elect Robert Rivas and 17th District Assemblymember Matt Haney.

Rivas and Haney, as well as newly elected State Building and Construction Trades Council of California President Chris Hannan and a variety of local labor luminaries, spoke about their goals and accomplishments on labor-related bills and legislation, the problem of pervasive inequality statewide, the California Dream, and more. [OL](#)

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Why Are Unions the Best Option for all Construction Workers?

I've been on staff with BAC Local 3 for almost two years, and I continue to learn every day. My time is primarily spent trying to organize new contractors and stripping non-union workers to provide our current signatory contractors with the workforce they need.

We know that being part of a union provides many perks and benefits. A challenging part of my job is conveying this message to non-union workers who aren't aware of what the union has to offer. Addressing this means putting boots on the ground and having conversations with these workers.

The following list shows some of the messaging I use to organize the non-union workers I meet. Every worker has different questions about joining a union, but as you'll see, we focus on the benefits that tend

to address overall working-class concerns in an effort to attract individual workers into joining BAC Local 3.

Unity is strength. Unions provide workers with a powerful collective voice to communicate to management their dissatisfaction and frustration.

Unions negotiate better terms and conditions. All aspects of working life should be the subject of discussion and agreement between employers and employees under the protection of a trade union.

You'll earn more in a unionized workplace. Trade union members earn an average 10% more than non-union workers.

You'll enjoy better health and welfare plans. Union members have superior H&W coverage, including dental and vision.

You'll have better job security. Trade union members are most likely to stay in their jobs longer.

Unions fight for equal opportunities in the workplace. They stand for equal pay.

Union workplaces are safer. Accident rates are 50% lower in unionized workplaces.

You'll be able to secure a retirement. Unions have great pensions and are able to provide something to look forward to when you retire.

Top-down organizing or trying to sign new contractors is imperative to growing our union. With the construction market continuing to expand, we are focused on signing new contractors to build a larger signatory contractor base.

It's not just better for workers to be unionized — there are many benefits to being a union contractor as well.

One of the most substantial is our ability to provide the most qualified craftworkers. We offer the best apprenticeship programs and continually upgrade training for our trades. Being a union contractor makes working on a PLA project much easier, and there can also be tax incentives available for using a union workforce on a project.

These are just a few of the advantages to going union. As we continue to talk with numerous non-union contractors, the newly organized contractors will increase our market share and create more work opportunities for our members.

A variety of ways exist for you to participate in our organizing efforts and our union. Attend your local chapter meetings. When



Congratulations to S. Mark Wuelfing on receiving his gold card commemorating 50 years of membership last month.

you're out of work, call the union hall and put your name on the out-of-work list. Even if you're going to be off work for only a few days, let us know. We can use your help banner or picketing.

The BAC staff looks forward to seeing you all at our chapter meetings.

In Solidarity,
Emmanuel "Manny" Enriquez
Organizer

Service Awards, July

- 25 years: Jose F. Aguiar, Siu Hung Ng, Rigoberto Ramirez
 - 40 years: Song I. Kim
- Congratulations on your many years of service.

In Memoriam

We are sorry to announce the passing of our brothers:

- Phillip Lobdell, PC, 9/19/2022, 07-CA, 48-year member
- Emilio Castillo, TL, 6/21/2023, 19-CA, two-year member

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Second Wed., 5:30 p.m., San Jose — 1535 Meridian Ave., San Jose (Rookies Sports Lodge)
Third Thu., 6 p.m., Manteca — 1120 N. Main St., Manteca (Mountain Mike's)
Third Tue., even months only, 6 p.m., Fresno — 324 E. Shaw Rd. (Ramada Inn)

ROOFERS & WATERPROOFERS LOCAL 40



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Dear Members of Local 40,

Exciting updates and promising prospects await us as we navigate through the year. Work is steadily picking up, presenting opportunities for all. While the first half of the year witnessed its share of ups and downs due to weather and the economy, we find ourselves in a more favorable position now as work begins to accumulate.

With the arrival of summer, our focus naturally shifts to roofing projects. We must remain vigilant about our well-being, particularly when working under the scorching sun. Heat stroke, heat exhaustion, and the risk of falling all demand our attention. Remember to stay hydrated, take regular

breaks, and prioritize safety.

I'm thrilled to introduce Abraham Estrella in his new role as Local 40's delegate to the San Mateo Building Trades Council. I'm pleased to see our acting president and full-time compliance officer take on this role. We eagerly anticipate the positive contributions Estrella will bring to our local and to the San Mateo Building Trades. Congratulations, Abraham!

We will be holding a special called meeting in July. This is a significant gathering, as we'll be discussing the allocation of our new raise. Your participation is vital to ensure that your voice is heard and your preferences are considered regarding how our wages

should be allocated. You'll all receive a letter of notice for this allocation meeting, so please be on the lookout for that.

While we celebrate our progress, it's also essential to acknowledge the loss of Byron Coyle, the son of our esteemed retired member Donald Coyle. Don, who dedicated a significant portion of his career to Lawson Roofing, has been an exceptional presence within our local. Byron, too, contributed his skills while at Lawson Roofing before transitioning to a new craft with the electricians.

We extend our deepest condolences to the Coyle family during this difficult time. Let us all take a moment of silence to honor Byron's memory and recognize the sacrifices made by our members and their families.

Let's also embrace the future with optimism and a shared sense of purpose as we forge ahead. Together we can continue to build a stronger and more prosperous future for Local 40 and its members.

In Solidarity,
Peter Lang
Business Manager



San Mateo Building Trades Council Business Manager/Financial Secretary-Treasurer Bart Pantoja, at left, stands with Abraham Estrella, at right, after swearing in Estrella as Local 40's new delegate to the council.



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MEETING NOTICES 55 FILLMORE STREET

Unit One Committee
Tue., Aug. 1, 4:30 p.m.

Unit Five, Muni Railway Shop
Wed., Aug. 2, 4:30 p.m.

Executive Board
Tue., Aug. 8, 4:30 p.m.

General Membership
Wed., Aug. 9, 4:30 p.m.

Unit Six, Sound & Communications
No Meeting Scheduled

Retired Members (Senior Sixes)
Thu., Aug. 17, 10:45 a.m.

Executive Board
Wed., Aug. 23, 4:30 p.m.

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Randy E. Finch, sound and communications apprentice, who passed away on March 7, 2023; and to the family and friends of Byron C. Coyle, inside journeyman, who passed away on June 12, 2023; and to the family and friends of Enrico Columbo, inside journeyman, who passed away on June 12, 2023; and to the family and friends of Carmine C. Agnone, inside journeyman, who passed away on October 9, 2022.

Best Wishes to Our Recently Retired Members

Billy "Smiley" Vaden II
Jennifer Mezey
Scott W. Brauer
Timothy J. Donovan

Senior Sixes: Save the Date

Local 6 retirees and guests should plan for this year's Senior Sixes Summer Barbecue to be held on Thursday, September 21, at Junipero Serra County Park in San Bruno. Look for the monthly mailing from EISB with more info — it'll be out in September. Please RSVP at that time.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

2023 Local 6 Election

The results are in for Local 6's recent election.

All of the constitutional officers were elected without opposition, but there were changes to the makeup of the executive board. Douglas Wydler and Christie Peterson will replace Michael O'Mahoney and Brendan Greene on that board. Brendan Greene is our new treasurer, replacing Steve Cloherty, who chose not to run for re-election.

The two candidates for the examining board were successful in their runs as well.

With open seats available on that board, interested members can submit a letter to the executive board if they'd like to be considered for examining board office.

Congratulations to all candidates who were elected, and thanks to all candidates who made the effort and stood for election. Ours is a democratic organization that elects its leadership from within its own ranks, as it has done for over 128 years. Your participation in the democratic process is what makes it work.

However, I regret to report that voting member turnout was down significantly compared to the last election. We must all remember that Local 6 is our organization — our local union — and that we must participate to keep it strong.

As Steve Cloherty and Michael O'Mahoney move on from the executive board, I extend my thanks to them both for the time and effort they have put in over these past three years. You have represented your fellow members well.

Local 6 Pride Contingent

This year, Local 6 joined in the San Francisco Pride Parade once again. A group of our members marched with their loved ones and fellow members — some LGBTQ+ and some not — to show their pride in being part of the IBEW family.

We have proudly sponsored a Local 6 Pride Parade contingent since 2017, and we have sisters, brothers, and siblings from other IBEW locals and other building trades unions march with us in the San Francisco parade.

Thanks to all who were able to participate, especially those who helped to make it all possible. Check out the photos from the parade that appear alongside this column.

State Certification Renewal

Please remember that it is your responsibility to ensure that you submit your renewal applications with enough lead time.

The state of California is currently taking several months to turn these renewals around. Consider this due warning. Don't put yourself in a situation where you're not certified to go to work because you're still waiting for a cert to be renewed that you turned in at the last minute.

If you need a copy of transcripts for the classes you've taken, reach out to SFJATC. They will not forward that information on your behalf, nor will they know when you need it. It's up to you to get it from them yourself.

Please take ownership of your licensing issues if you want to remain in working order.

Safety Doesn't End When Your Shift Ends

We spend a lot of time talking about safety, whether we're at home, on the bus, at the coffee shop, at school, or — hopefully — at regularly scheduled worksite safety meetings.

No matter where we are, we focus on making sure we all get home in one piece. We remind one another that we all have loved ones who look forward to seeing us

walk back in the door every day. Whether we're coming home to feed our dog or cat, to educate our children, to take care of our parents, or just to enjoy our "me time," we all have someone depending on us to make it through the day (in that last case, it's you).

We've gotten particularly good at having these conversations, and we should be proud of that. Not long ago, safety was treated as an afterthought and to ask for safety equipment would open one up to ridicule. Luckily, we've moved in the right direction on workplace safety.

What we build, remodel, and repair today must be safe for those who use it tomorrow. We must never forget that. Pride in our work goes beyond a good-looking installation. It goes beyond the praise we receive from our peers for a job well-done. By taking pride in our work, we are far more likely to provide the end user with what they paid for: a top-notch union-made product.

Our mechanics and technicians who repair and maintain trolleybuses, LRVs, and cable cars have received the training they need to perform the proper service. Take a drive around San Francisco and you'll see that accidents happen all the time. It's

the repairs that our members do on these vehicles that helps to minimize the damage caused by those accidents. Their hard work helps John Q. Public get home safely.

All of our public-sector members — traffic signal workers, line workers, airport electricians, powerhouse operators, and so many more — are highly trained and understand that their work is essential to the functioning of this great city. Whether it serves to guide a plane to a safe landing or allow an elderly person to cross the street more easily, these electricians' jobs all depend on attention to detail and proper installation.

Taking pride in the work we do is justified. We are critical to the City both today and tomorrow.

We don't cut corners because we've been trained to do it right the first time. We don't cut corners because we know that it's not safe to do so. We don't cut corners because we know that safety doesn't end when our shift ends. Let's never forget that.

*Stay Safe, Save for a Rainy Day,
and Come to a Union Meeting!*
John J. Doherty
Business Manager/Financial Secretary

Local 6 at the 2023 San Francisco Pride Parade

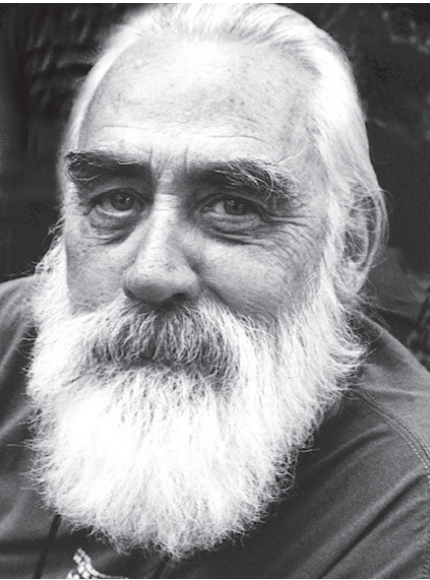


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Our retired brother Michael McClure recently passed away. With 54 years of service to Local 718, Mike was a Habenicht & Howlett guy and well-known to many of this local's veteran members, who will recall his handmade knives. Mike is survived by his wife, Rose.



Local 718 Event:
Stanford Vs. Cal Football Game
All members are invited to the upcoming Stanford Union Day on Saturday, November 18. This'll be for the Big Game — Stanford's Cardinals versus UC Berkeley's California Golden Bears. We're in the early stages of planning the event and have discussed covering costs for tickets, parking, food, and Local 718 Big Game shirts, so call the hall and put your name on the list now if you'd like to attend.

MEETINGS

General Membership
Tue., Aug. 8, 6 p.m.

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

Brothers and Sisters,
Our current contract is up next summer. That means that now is the time to start thinking about what we liked and didn't like about this year's contract. To that end, Local 718 has traditionally sent out surveys to members asking for feedback to help with the negotiation process.
Unfortunately, it seems that these surveys have resulted in responses from only a small percentage of our members. My goal as this local's business rep is to represent all of our members' interests. I believe that the best way to do that is to directly discuss the upcoming contract with everyone.
So, for this go-round, I'll be doing things differently. As we get closer to negotiations, expect a call from me to gather your input. You're welcome to beat me to



Local 718 members with Mission Glass work on a reglaze project near the ballpark on Berry Street in San Francisco.

the punch by reaching out to me via text or phone call at 415-342-0835 or by emailing me at nick@dc16.us.
Another way to get in touch, of course, is to attend the monthly Local 718 general meeting and tell us what you think during the Good of the Union portion of the meeting agenda.

Respectfully,
Nick King
Business Representative



Local 718 VAC Coordinator Danny Linares put in some political footwork recently by attending a labor breakfast on Friday, July 7, and meeting with Rudy Gonzales of the SF Building Trades Council; California Assemblymember Matt Haney; and State Building and Construction Trades Council of California President-Elect Chris Hannan; as well as California Assembly Speaker-Elect Robert Rivas (not pictured). Haney and Rivas both shared their past experiences with unions and pledged their support to Linares for future union projects, he said.

SIGN & DISPLAY LOCAL 510



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August Schedule 2023

Show	Venue	Company	Move In	Show Dates	Size
Cannabis	Moscone S	TBD	7/30	8/2-3	TBD
Data Dog	Moscone W	FDC	7/31	8/2	Special
August					
Flash	SCCC	Tricord	8/7	8/9	60
Chemical	Moscone N,S,W	FDC	8/9	8/14-16	200
Google Cloud	Moscone N,S,W	FDC	8/23	8/29-30	Special
SaaStr	San Mateo EC	FDC	8/24	9/7	Special
September					
Dreamforce	Moscone N,S,W	FDC	9/3	9/13-14	Full
CDA	SJCC	GES	9/4	9/8-9	TBD
Intel	SJCC	T3	9/15	9/19-20	Special
Disrupt	Moscone W	Curtin	9/17	9/19-21	Special
ADAS	SCCC	GES	9/18	9/19	Special
Workday	Moscone N, S, W	FDC	9/20	9/27-29	Special
Oktane	Moscone W	T3	9/30	10/2-4	Special

If you can't show up as scheduled, call your employer:
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All dates are tentative and subject to change. This schedule is updated from time to time as new information becomes available. Check www.local510.org for the most recent show and training schedule information.

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Representatives from SF Public Works and the SF Building Trades Council joined Local 261 members for an event celebrating this year's William Hammond Hall Employee Award winners. Shout-out to the people at the Gold Mirror Restaurant, which hosted the event. The staff did an outstanding job.



Congratulations to this year's William Hammond Hall Employee Award recipients. These awardees represent the best of what public workers are all about — these are the people who really make the City shine. **Next month, *Organized Labor* will profile each of this year's winners, so be on the lookout for that.**



SF Public Utilities Commission workers from Local 261 are proud to serve you, San Francisco.

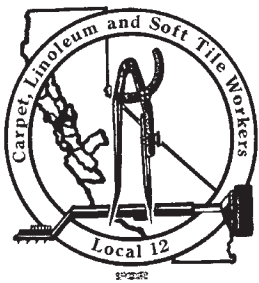


The Local 261 apprenticeship liaison has arrived!



On Friday, July 7, Local 261 hosted a labor breakfast at its headquarters in the Mission. The event featured California Assembly Speaker-Elect Robert Rivas and California Assemblymember Matt Haney.

CARPET, LINOLEUM & SOFT TILE WORKERS LOCAL 12



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Meetings are held every third Thursday of the month
at 6:30 p.m. at 2020 Williams Street in San Leandro.



The Hoem and Associates crew appears on a recent jobsite.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Congratulations to all Local 12 members and special thanks to all who participated in ratifying the new collective bargaining agreement on Friday, June 23.

This contract is a \$14-over-four-year deal that will run from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2027. Beginning January 1, 2024, we'll start with a \$3 increase, followed by a \$3.25 increase in 2025, a \$3.75 increase in 2026, and a \$4 increase in 2027.

During the second week of July, Local 12 members participated in a wage allocation vote for our first increase. Option No. 3 won, with \$1.30 going to wages, \$1 to vacation pay, 30 cents to market recovery, 35 cents to health and welfare, 3 cents to FTI, and 2 cents to work preservation.

I would like to congratulate Ernie Can-

chola on his well-deserved retirement. Ernie has been an active member of Local 12 for 37 years! For the past eight years, he has served on Local 12's executive board, first as a trustee and currently as our treasurer. Ernie is a frequent volunteer in the DC 16 VAC program, too.

Ernie: We hope that you continue to stay involved with this local — and we hope that all of your days are filled with relaxation and zero stress for years to come.

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, Edgar Flores, or me to share a photo and a few words in a future article.

Respectfully,
Anthony Nuanes



Happy retirement, Ernie Canchola!



Ray Balderas passed ICRI's slab moisture technician certification recently.

PLASTERERS & CEMENT MASONS LOCAL 300

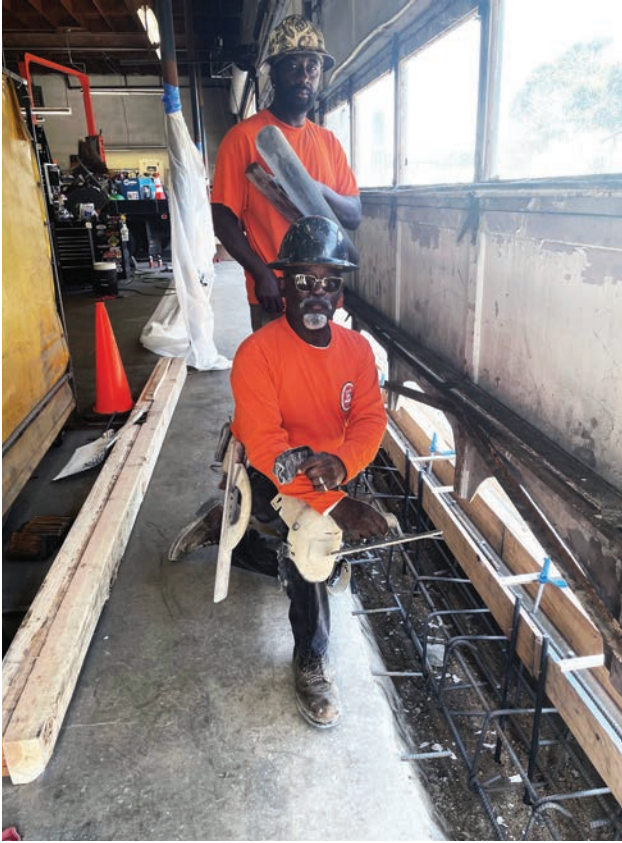


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Local 300 cement masons Leon Smith and Isaiah Daniels work in Pacifica at the fire station.



Local 300 cement masons who work with RK Engineering install new ADA-compliant ramps in San Bruno.



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MEETINGS

San Francisco General Meeting
Wed., Aug. 23, 5:30 p.m.
690 Potrero Ave., SF

Monterey/Watsonville
Mon., July 31, 5:30 p.m.
Round Table Pizza
1975 Main St., Watsonville

Tahoe
Thu., July 27, 11:30 a.m.
Mott Canyon Tavern & Grill
259 Kingsbury Grade Rd., Stateline, NV

Reno
Thu., July 27, 5:30 p.m.
Northern Nevada Labor Temple
1819 Hymer Ave., Sparks, NV

Sacramento
Wed., Aug. 2, 5:30 p.m.
Sheet Metal Workers Apprentice &
Journeyman Training Building
3665 Bleckely St., Mather

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

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

Bakersfield
Wed., Aug. 9, 7 a.m.
Tina Marie's Downtown Cafe
1534 19th St., Bakersfield

Fresno
Wed., Aug. 9, 5:30 p.m.
Riley's Brew Pub
2674 Owens Mountain Pkwy., Clovis

Our Boots Are Made for Workin', and This Shoe Store Was Made for Workers

I had to retire a pair of boots this month. ... I know, I know. Cue the "But you haven't worked in years!" jokes. Contrary to popular belief, however, I *do* get away from my desk from time to time, and some days, I miss lacing up my work boots. Turns out that with the work we've been doing at the training center, I seem to be wearing them a bit more often lately.

In any case, I think we can all agree that it's always clear when the time is nigh for a new set of boots. For me, it's when my Barney-Rubble ankles start hurting. So, considering my increasing ankle discomfort over the past six months or so, I set out to replace my boots.

I've been going to the same place to buy boots for the past 16 years (less one year, when I tried Red Wing boots but found that I wore through them too fast). This particular shoe store is where my dad, who was a teamster, bought me my first pair of work boots when I became a probationary elevator constructor apprentice. I remember walking into this store and eventually finding a set of boots after a process that felt like it took forever simply because I had no idea what I was looking for.

When we went to pay, my dad and I approached the clerk, and I suddenly realized that everything in sight was covered with union stickers. Pick a trade — it was represented there on the counter pressboard, on the glass, on the register. As I looked around, I noticed that there were even union stickers plastered all over the doors of this shoe store.

I began scouring for a Local 8 sticker. Maybe when I got sworn in, I thought, I could bring a sticker, too — but it turns out we were already represented!

My experience at this shoe store felt like being let into a secret club. Places like this existed that celebrated unionism and rewarded people for it? I was blown away.

At the counter, my dad showed his dues card to the clerk and received 10% off the

price of the boots he bought me. I was elated when the next time I visited this shoe store, I was able to do the same: Walk in, bring my boots to the counter, show my union card, and get my discount from a friendly cashier.

So, back to my more recent new set of boots: For years, I've been waiting for the proverbial other shoe to drop (forgive me) at this particular shoe store but, thankfully, it wasn't during my visit the other day. It's still the same good business with the same union-friendly approach. In fact, I walked in only to see a fellow Local 8 member there buying some new boots of his own. He and I chatted for a bit, and then I set out to find myself a new pair of Thorogoods.

It's nice walking into a store knowing exactly what I'm looking for, knowing that I'm going to find exactly what I'm looking for in-stock, and knowing that a friendly sales associate will be happy to grab it from an upper shelf for me. As usual, I found just the boots I wanted — same pair I've been wearing since I first saw them: black moc toe with a white sole. Love those boots. They look so clean when they're... well... clean.

I headed to the checkout counter just like I had dozens of times before. I recognized the clerk as the same polite and kind lady who has worked there for years. This time, though, as I began digging out my union card for my discount, I looked up to see that she was already holding out her hand to shake mine. Turns out my union brother told her who I am. (Thanks, Dominic.)

She thanked me for doing what I do. I apologized to her for not wearing out my boots as fast as I used to, but she would hear nothing of it.

Instead, she said, "I'm happy that you came back, and thank you for the work that you do."

This hit me hard. I can't explain why a simple "thank you" goes so far — when someone expresses a genuine appreciation of the work that you do, and, ultimately, of the labor movement in general. But here's a woman who's been supporting working people and, more explicitly, supporting union labor as best she can for as long as she's been in business.

Wow.

You know that light feeling in your stomach when you're super-happy and everything just seems right in the world? That slowly transcendent feeling of rising exuberance? Well, I got that from this simple conversation.

What we do matters. How we act matters. Who we support matters. That is our America. This is what I think of when I think of solidarity, unionism, and togetherness: all of us working for the common good of the working men and women of this beautiful country.

This camaraderie exists, and it is special, and where we see it, we ought to bask in its glory and do whatever we can to continue to perpetuate that bond we all share in being American. Right, left, religious, agnostic, whatever — we are one people.

I'm not one to do plugs, but if you need a good pair of work boots from a store that actually celebrates the labor movement, check out the store that was the topic of this column: Shoe Depot in Colma. Be sure to show them your union card for 10% off your new boots — and thank them for being a bastion of the labor movement.

Now that I have a shiny new pair of boots, I should probably start breaking them in. I'll see you all on the jobsite.

In Solidarity,
Matt Russo
Business Manager

Special Called Meeting Items for August

- SF Building Trades' 2023 Public Service Awards, Apprentice Sponsorship: \$5,338
- Tradeswomen Build Nations Conference in Las Vegas: \$15,000

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State Building Trades Council President-Elect Chris Hannan (top row) and SF Building Trades Council Secretary-Treasurer Rudy Gonzalez (bottom row) testify together before the California State Assembly Labor and Employment Committee in support of State Bill 740 on Wednesday, July 12.



Hannan Q&A

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housing and homelessness crises in L.A., will raise hundreds of millions of dollars a year to build new homes under PLAs, as well as protect renters.

As the president-elect of the SBCTC, Hannan now represents nearly a half-million union members throughout the Golden State. He said that in his new role, he is committed to ensuring that the voices of California's construction workers are heard in the state's capitol while creating new opportunities within the industry.

The following interview has been edited and condensed for clarity.

Organized Labor: Tell us about your history in the trades and how you progressed into leadership.

Chris Hannan: I started as an apprentice with [Whittier-based] Sprinkler Fitters U.A. Local 709 over 27 years ago. After completing my apprenticeship, I became a journey-level member and foreman. In 2006, I began working full-time for the same local union.

OL: How did your path evolve and bring you to where you are today?

CH: I worked with the sprinkler fitters

for six years as an officer and a full-time business representative and organizer. I then joined the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council as a council representative for L.A. County. When Executive Secretary Ron Miller retired in 2021, I took over his position, which I served in for two years before being sworn in as president of the SBCTC on July 14.

OL: What's your vision for your new role as president?

CH: My goal is to unify our building trades unions and advance opportunities for their members across every sector in construction. I want to grow opportunities for journey-level members and apprentices alike. I aim to work with local building trades councils to develop robust apprenticeship readiness networks, collaborating with local school districts, community colleges, and community-based organizations. The goal is to raise awareness about the trades and apprenticeships and to advance them as far as we can.

OL: Do you have a particular approach to promoting the rights of working people?

CH: We need to be proactive and continue organizing. The Biden administration has

proven to be very pro-union, but we can't rest. We need to keep fighting for working people, as it's increasingly more difficult for them. Our union construction careers offer great opportunities, but we must strive to further these opportunities, ensuring they can comfortably raise their families and enjoy the wages, benefits, and opportunities that they rightly deserve.

OL: Can you share some recent wins and positive developments?

CH: Absolutely. Under former SBCTC president Robbie Hunter's leadership, we made refineries in California safer places through Senate Bill 54. Refineries are now highly unionized, offering safety for workers and surrounding communities. In collaboration with the Biden administration, North America's Building Trades Unions passed the largest infrastructure package of the last half-century. The bipartisan infrastructure package, the Inflation Reduction Act, and the CHIPS Act were all positive steps forward for working people throughout the United States.

OL: What current challenges face the building trades statewide?

CH: Although California has many positives, it's becoming increasingly expensive to live here. Working people are struggling, and we need to work with our labor siblings to advance the agenda for working people. We need to collaborate with the State Senate and Assembly and the governor's office to enact laws that benefit workers. Issues like housing and access to healthcare can be addressed through good union careers and project labor agreements, which set standards for collective bargaining.

OL: What message do you have for the San Francisco Bay Area's building trades members?

CH: I want to personally acknowledge all of the members of the San Francisco building trades and the surrounding building trades councils. Your leaders — people like Rudy Gonzalez, Andreas Culver, Bill Whitney, Dave Bini, Danny Bernardini, Manny Pinheiro, and so many more — are extremely dedicated, and I look forward to working with them. The Bay Area labor movement is strong because of your commitment, and it's envied throughout the state and across the country. I look forward to collaborating with all of you. **OL**

“The Bay Area labor movement is strong, and it's envied throughout the state and across the country. I look forward to collaborating with all of you.”

—Chris Hannan
President-Elect, State Building Trades Council

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BOARD OF BUSINESS REPS MEETING

May 23, 10 a.m.

Via Zoom

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

Vice-President John Doherty and Secretary-Treasurer Rudy Gonzalez present. President Larry Mazzola and Vice-President Ramon Hernandez excused.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

REQUEST FOR FUNDS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 5/9/2023 minutes, M/S/C.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

- Housing panel with Council of Community Housing Organizations.
- Whole Foods project: VP Doherty and ST Gonzalez met with UFCW.
- Amazon Coalition: Extending last mile parcel delivery legislation.
- CalTrain.

PICKET SANCTIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF UNIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

DELEGATES MEETING

June 1, 5 p.m.

Via Zoom

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

President Larry Mazzola, Vice-President John Doherty, and Secretary-Treasurer Rudy Gonzalez present. Vice-President Ramon Hernandez excused.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 5/23/2023 response letter to OE 3.

REQUEST FOR FUNDS

- Request reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses for Colombian Pacific Trades not to exceed \$4000.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 5/18/2023 minutes, M/S/C.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

- Supreme court decision on construction teamster local up north. ST Gonzalez to send out any legal analysis received.
- Council participated in community housing panel. REHA goals review. Renewed sense of commitment. A couple of key bonds to come up.
- SFUSD March school bond: Possible campaign for \$1 million bond.
- Advocacy opportunities around Whole Foods project and autonomous vehicles bill.
- Closely engaged with SF Supervisor Ahsha Safai

and SFPUC General Manager Dennis Herrera on rate increases, as improved by commission. Three ratepayer seats are vacant. ST asked members to support rate increases.

PICKET SANCTIONS

- Joe Sanders (Painters 913) requested strike sanction against Grand Hyatt pending negotiations, M/S/C.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF UNIONS

- Sanders reported that Painters 913 will be participating in the Juneteenth parade on June 10. Joe to email flyer to ST.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

BOARD OF BUSINESS REPS MEETING

June 13, 10 a.m.

Zoom call

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

President Larry Mazzola, Vice-President John Doherty, and Secretary-Treasurer Rudy Gonzalez present. Vice-President Ramon Hernandez excused.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Labor breakfast with CA Assemblymember Matt Haney and CA Assembly Speaker-Designate Robert Rivas on July 7.
- NorCal Carpenters jurisdictional dispute letter.

REQUEST FOR FUNDS

None

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

- ST Gonzalez recommended business reps meetings go back to being in-person.
- Potrero Power Station: Meetings have been held this week.
- UCSF: First building underway in October; four to five buildings are expected in September.
- ST thanked all for a quick turnaround on SB 273 support letters.
- Upcoming JAC meetings to discuss TIPA relocation plan. Important to stay engaged.
- Labor breakfast with Haney and Rivas set for July 7.
- SFBCTC Public Service Awards event save-the-date: September 22.
- Regional summit planning with AFL-CIO: Date TBD.
- SFUSD: Contract raises to go before the board on June 20. Step-2 grievance has moved up to Step 3.

PICKET SANCTIONS

- John Corso (UA 38) requested citywide strike sanction against Sullivan Heating and Air, M/S/C.

OLD BUSINESS

- 5/23/2023 response letter to OE 3.

NEW BUSINESS

- ST recommended In-person meetings effective beginning in August, M/S/C.

REPORTS OF UNIONS

- ST recommended setting up committee for upcoming SFBCTC event on September 22, M/S/C.
- Jose Padilla (IBEW 6) reported on current elections for executive board at Local 6.

- Colin Johnson (BAC 3) reported that Local 3 just finalized agreement for contract.
- President Mazzola (UA 38) provided update on contract negotiation at Local 38, pending ratification on the opposite side.
- ST reported on women's conference and thanked members for attending.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

DELEGATES MEETING

June 15, 5 p.m.

Via Zoom

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

President Larry Mazzola, Vice-President John Doherty, and Secretary-Treasurer Rudy Gonzalez present. Vice-President Ramon Hernandez excused.

CORRESPONDENCE

- NorCal Carpenters jurisdictional dispute letter.

REQUEST FOR FUNDS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 6/1/2023 minutes, M/S/C.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

- Council's board of business reps voted to return to in-person meetings effective in August.
- Downtown recovery update.
- PUC rate increases went through this week. These funds directly impact capital improvement plan projects. Working with SFPUC General Manager Dennis Herrera and SF Supervisor Ashah Safai.
- Power Station is moving forward aggressively. Presentation to be made to council's board of business reps in August.
- Pier 30-32: Sailed through CA Senate with a dozen letters of support received by locals. Focus now is on CA Assembly.
- ST Gonzalez thanked President Mazzola for his help using JACs as vehicles to cover more jobs.

PICKET SANCTIONS

- Luis Lima (IBEW 6) inquired about strike sanction requests and appropriate timing. Contract negotiations are upcoming in November. VP Doherty recommended requesting in October.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- Save the Date: Labor breakfast with CA Assemblymember Matt Haney and CA Assembly Speaker-Designate Robert Rivas on July 7.

REPORTS OF UNIONS

- VP Doherty (IBEW 6) reported on the election of union officers at Local 6. Doherty and Christie Peterson ran for executive board.
- President Mazzola (UA 38) reported on Local 38's ratification of contract negotiations for a six-year deal.
- AJ Thomas (IFPTE 21) thanked members for running for seats in ADEM elections.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

BOARD OF BUSINESS REPS MEETING

June 27, 10 a.m.

Zoom call

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

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

CORRESPONDENCE

None

REQUEST FOR FUNDS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 5/23/2023 minutes, M/S/C.
- 6/13/2023 minutes, M/S/C.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

- All council meetings will return to in-person starting in August and will be held at IBEW 6 for the remainder of the year.
- Potrero Power Plant team as guest.
- Private sector and public sector PLAs and pre-jobs.
- SB 284 letter of support request. Council members would like to stay neutral. President Mazzola recommended the council stick with State Building Trades of CA. VP Hernandez shared that Laborers 261 are in support of SB 284 and asked members to review the bill. Motion to table the matter until the next meeting, M/S/C.
- Prologis: Still fine-tuning tentative agreement.
- Pier 30-32 project is on-track.
- SFUSD raises approved and are coming with 15% interest. ST Gonzalez will work on a firm date by which increases can be expected.

PICKET SANCTIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- Tony Guzzetta (UA 38) reported hearing Legacy is bidding work going against Local 38's contract. ST recommended the council push UCSF to stay in compliance with picket sanctions.
- SF Labor Council has formed a committee to revitalize the City and convert commercial buildings into residential and recommends the SF Building Trades Council get involved and reach out to Advance SF, M/S/C.

REPORTS OF UNIONS

- Joe Sanders (Painters 913) reported Local 913's master agreement has been in negotiations. Ratifications were overwhelmingly rejected. If no proposal is agreed to by tomorrow, Local 913 will strike on July 1.
- Anthony Nuanes (Carpet/Tile 12) announced that Local 12 has ratified collective bargaining agreement and thanked the council for its support.
- Greg Hardeman (IUEC 8) inquired on where to purchase paint for Local 8's new building. Sanders recommended Kelly Moore.
- Bill Blackwell (UA 38) reported on a 40-story building project at which a slab is being poured and backing off for a while.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

The deadline to
submit content
for next month's
issue is Aug. 9.



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