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Who Are Safaí and Farrell and Why Should We Vote for Them?



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SF District 11 Supervisor Ahsha Safaí, SF Building Trades Council President Larry Mazzola Jr., former SF Mayor Mark Farrell, and SF Building Trades Council Secretary-Treasurer Rudy Gonzalez appear at a dual-endorsement press conference in June.

Get to Know Ahsha Safaí and Mark Farrell, the Mayoral Candidates Who Have Earned the Dual-Endorsement of the SF Building Trades Council

It's a tough call being asked to choose between multiple strong candidates when you cast your ballot in any election, let alone in one that's been as hyped as the City's upcoming mayoral race. Hitting the polls in a municipality that offers ranked-choice voting, however, makes a tough call less tough, since voters can stack their ballots with all of their favored candidates in the top slots. (Deciding what order to put them in is another story.)

That's how San Francisco votes. This relatively new ranked-choice ballot system has, in turn, spurred the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council's first-ever dual-endorsement for mayor.

District 11 Supervisor Ahsha Safaí and former SF Mayor Mark Farrell, two prime contenders among the field of five candidates, have both won the nod from the council.

The two men are running

against each other and everyone else in the race, of course, but a near-equal set of pro-union and building-trades-friendly bona fides make Safaí and Farrell especially well-positioned to root out the City's persistent issues and lead San Franciscans into a brighter future, according to the council.

Our reporter set out to learn what makes these two candidates tick — and not just politically, but personally, too. He returned with a pair of straight-shooting Q&A-style interviews, one with Safaí and one with Farrell. In this edition of *Organized Labor*, we present those interviews to you so that you can assess these two candidates for yourself and decide who you want to slot in at No.1 and at No. 2 on your ranked-choice ballot for mayor this year.

We hope this helps make your call even less tough. Flip to pages 8 and 9 and decide who you like best for SF's next mayor.

Interviews by Robert Fulton | CONTRIBUTING WRITER

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Another One for the Record Books

SF Building Trades Council Wraps Third Annual Public Service Awards Event

By Alex Weber | ORGANIZED LABOR EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

On Friday, September 6, members and boosters of the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council gathered at the InterContinental Hotel in SoMa to celebrate another year of solidarity, to reward a few particularly effective friends of labor, and, of course, to nosh on some top-notch appetizers while basking in



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the camaraderie of the union-strong.

This year, the council's Public Service Awards event theme was "Building Infrastructure to Change Lives," highlighting the importance — and positive outcomes — of infrastructure investment, which drives not just a safer and more efficient built public environment but also well-paying, long-term

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If Voting for Labor Is Your Objective, Then Choosing Harris-Walz Is a No-Brainer



By Rudy Gonzalez
SF BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL
SECRETARY-TREASURER

I've been a teamster since I was 18 years old. Over the decades, I haven't agreed with each and every decision announced to the public on behalf of my union by its national headquarters. That's probably no surprise to anyone.

So, it's probably also no surprise that I think IBT's leadership made the wrong call on Wednesday, September 18, when they officially declined to endorse a candidate for president in our country's critical upcoming election. But rather than Monday-morning quarterbacking, I'll transform my disappointment into positivity and use my voice to empower the members who are reading this right now and might be on the fence about who to vote for on November 5.

I'll ask those members to make what I believe in my head and know in my heart to be the only sensible choice for those of us who call ourselves trade unionists. I'll ask them to cast their votes for Kamala Harris and Tim Walz.

Why do I think members would be wise to vote this way? It's simple — Harris and Walz represent the only major-party ticket in this upcoming election that is staunchly pro-union, let alone pro-union at all, and they have the track record to back it up.

I recall during Harris' time coming up politically in San Francisco that she was a consistently outspoken advocate for working people and union members. Since as far back as her time in the City's district attorney's office, she never had an unkind word to say about our movement. Her unapologetically labor-focused voice carried through during her tenure as state attorney general and as U.S. senator, and she has continued to raise that voice reliably during her vice-presidency.

It's not just talk, either. Harris has turned her pro-

labor pedigree into political action when it's mattered most.

One instance occurred a little over two years ago when she cast the decisive, tie-breaking vote in the U.S. Senate to pass the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Thanks to that legislation, an estimated 1.5 million well-paying jobs per year are being created over the next decade, according to the White House, with a good chunk of that work right here in San Francisco.



Despite the teamsters' national office declaring that the union would not be endorsing a candidate in November's presidential election, numerous teamster locals and regional councils have prominently endorsed the Harris-Walz ticket. As of press time, none appears to have endorsed Trump-Vance.

We're talking once-in-a-generation types of projects offering big-picture, long-term employment on union jobsites all because Harris brought it home for labor.

It's also crucial to note how vital Harris was in getting the Butch Lewis Act passed. That legislation rescued the pensions of half a million teamsters, as well as the pensions of another nearly-half-million union members nationwide, all of whom would have seen their benefits drop by nearly half by 2030 had the act not become law. Financial support for the Butch Lewis Act was made possible by a stipulation in the American Rescue Plan Act, another pro-worker, pro-union law Harris fought successfully to pass in 2021.

These examples only scratch the surface of Harris' pro-labor resume. Walz, for his part, proves he's the right guy for the job of pro-labor VP with his habit of showing up to picket in solidarity with striking unionists, in addition to a raft of impressive pro-worker mandates enacted while he's occupied the governor's seat in Minnesota.

Here's the point: It's our duty to assess our presidential candidates with a laser-focused labor lens and support those who are most likely to improve our lot and the lot of all U.S. workers. If you do that, then supporting the Harris-Walz ticket becomes the obvious and only option. It just makes sense — whether the teamsters home office wants to admit it or not.

So, let's think for ourselves and about ourselves and vote in our interests rather than vote based on our emotions. It's time for us to flex — to show our strength, solidarity, and leadership at the ballot box. It's time to elect the next leaders of our country, and only we can ensure that they are the most pro-union administration possible.

Let's do it. **OL**



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CANDIDATES FOR CALIFORNIA STATE OFFICE

CA Assemblymember, District 17..... Matt Haney

CA Assemblymember, District 19.....Catherine Stefani

CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

- ☒ Yes on 2: School bond
- ☒ Yes on 3: Marriage equality (constitutional amendment)
- ☒ Yes on 4: Climate bond
- ☒ Yes on 5: 55% approval for local affordable housing and infrastructure projects
- ☒ Yes on 6: Ends involuntary servitude in prisons (constitutional amendment)
- ☒ Yes on 32: Raises state minimum wage

CANDIDATES FOR SF CITY/COUNTY OFFICE

- ☒ Mayor Ahsha Safaí, Mark Farrell (rank both)
- ☒ City Attorney David Chiu
- ☒ City Treasurer/Tax Collector José Cisneros
- ☒ BART Board of Directors..... Joe Sangirardi, Victor Flores
- ☒ City College Trustees..... Aliya Chisti, Alan Wong, Louis Zamora
- ☒ SF Board of Education.... Matt Alexander, Jaime Huling, John Jersin
- ☒ District 1 Supervisor..... Connie Chan (No. 1)
- ☒ District 3 Supervisor.....Moe Jamil (No. 1)
- ☒ District 5 Supervisor..... Dean Preston (No. 1), Bilal Mahmood (No. 2)
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- ☒ District 9 Supervisor..... Roberto Hernandez (No. 1)
- ☒ District 11 Supervisor Ernest Jones (No. 1), Michael Lai (No. 2)

If you're returning your ballot by mail, it must be postmarked on or before **November 5, 2024**. You can return your ballot in-person to your county elections office or any polling or ballot drop-off location in California by 8 p.m. on November 5. To locate an early voting or ballot drop-off location near you, visit caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov or contact your county elections office.

SF CITY/COUNTY QUALIFIED MEASURES

- ☒ Yes on A: School bond
- ☒ Yes on B: Community health
- ☐ No on C: Inspector general
- ☒ Yes on D: City commissions and mayoral authority
- ☐ No on E: Create a task force on city commissions
- ☒ Yes on F: Police staffing and deferred retirement
- ☐ No position on G: Rental subsidies for affordable housing
- ☒ Yes on H: Retirement for firefighters
- ☒ Yes on I: Retirement for 911 operators and nurses
- ☐ No position on J: Funding programs serving children, youth, and families
- ☐ No on K: Permanently close Great Highway
- ☒ Yes on L: Business tax on TNCs
- ☒ Yes on M: Changes to business tax
- ☒ Yes on N: First responder student loans and training
- ☒ Yes on O: Supporting reproductive rights

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Vice President Kamala Harris and Governor Tim Walz have dedicated their lives to empowering working families.

Vice President Harris worked with President Joe Biden to win historic gains for our members:

- Vice President Harris helped secure the passage of the **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act**, a \$1.2 trillion investment to fix our roads, bridges, transit, and airports. California's hydrogen hub (ARCHES), which has project labor agreements on all construction work, received \$1.2 billion in IJA funding. Throughout California, you are seeing our members working on projects created by this once-in-a-lifetime piece of legislation.
- The Biden-Harris administration also passed the **American Rescue Plan** that included the Butch Lewis Act, which helped save our union pensions and ensure generations of our members get to retire with dignity.
- Vice President Harris was the tie-breaking vote to pass the landmark **Inflation Reduction Act**, one of the largest investments in renewable energy and union construction jobs the world has ever seen.
- Passed the **CHIPS and Science Act** in 2022, which brings manufacturing jobs back to the U.S. and creates thousands of jobs for our members building the plants and surrounding infrastructure.
- After President Biden nominated pro-union attorney Jennifer Abruzzo as the National Labor Relations Board's General Counsel, Vice President Harris helped ensure her confirmation by the Senate.
- Vice President Harris fought corporate monopolies that attempted to rip off workers and has been an unapologetic supporter of the PRO Act, which would help more workers organize into unions.

**The true friends of organized labor in this race are clear.
We must work to elect Harris/Walz to the White House.**

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What Would Happen to Trade Unions Under Project 2025?

Cut overtime pay back to salary only (no fringe benefits included). This will mean you won't be able to earn pension credits or retirement benefits

Ban “card check.” Congress should discard “card check” as the basis of union recognition and mandate the secret ballot exclusively. This means that it will be harder for workers to join together to form a union and fight for better pay and working conditions. (p. 602)

Courtesy the State Building & Construction Trades Council of California

BY DAVID JAMES SMITH



Pelosi Joins Council to Swear in Leadership Team



By Alain McLaughlin | CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER



On Thursday, September 5, friends, family, and delegates of the SF Building Trades Council gathered at UA Local 38 Plumbers and Pipefitters' Larry Mazzola Sr. Union Hall for the official

induction of officers to the council. The 2024 leadership team was sworn in to its term by none other than U.S. House Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, congresswoman representing San Francisco. **OL**



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jobs for union workers nationwide.

Keynote speakers included SF City Attorney David Chiu and California Attorney General Rob Bonta, both of whom praised the labor movement in general and the building trades in particular for its members’ strength and resiliency. California State Building Trades President Chris Hannan also took to the podium for a short but sweet affirmation of the formidable power of the City’s hardworking trades unionists.

This year’s Public Service Award recipient, the former U.S. Labor Secretary Marty Walsh, was unable to attend the event. Fortunately, however, the night’s other guest of honor more than made up for Walsh’s absence: stalwart building trades ally and California District 17 Assembly-member Matt Haney, who received the council’s 2024 California Labor Leadership Award.

Haney was introduced by council Secretary-Treasurer Rudy Gonzalez, who gave the state legislator his props for working tooth-and-nail up until the last minute to get pro-building-trades laws passed before the end of session in Sacramento — even when some of those efforts would prove to be in vein. Haney followed with a rousing and heartfelt speech that made crystal-clear his gratitude to the City’s building trades, whose members have supported his political career and encouraged his advocacy for our movement in the halls of power.

Finally, what SF Building Trades event would be complete without the jocular of ever-jovial council President Larry Mazzola Jr.? Though he’d pledged earlier on in the night to keep a lid on any outrageous jokes this year, the perpetual bachelor was good enough to regale the crowd with one riff for the road, quipping during his closing speech that he’d hire Chiu to litigate his inevitable future divorce.

All in all, it was a classic SF Building Trades night. Enjoy the photos. **OL**



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Keeping Transit on Track

A Coalition of Labor and Community Members Rises to Ensure That Bay Area Transit Finally Gets the Stable, Steadfast Funding It Deserves



This guest column was co-written by **Richard Marcantonio**, managing attorney and head of transportation advocacy at SF law firm Public Advocates; and **Alex Lantsberg**, research and advocacy director for the SF Electrical Construction Industry, the labor management cooperation committee of IBEW Local 6 and the SF Electrical Contractors Association.



Twice in the past six months, Bay Area leaders failed to move forward two regional revenue initiatives: an affordable housing bond and a measure to fund the region's public transportation and related needs. In both cases, the labor movement missed the opportunity to demonstrate to the broader public that workers' interests mirror the interests of the community.

As SF Building Trades Council Secretary-Treasurer Rudy Gonzalez wrote in his June "Building the Trades" column in this newspaper, "Voters won't pull the lever for such measures unless they hear a strong coalition arguing in favor of them and see a comprehensive policy vision laid out in the ballot language."

That strong labor and community coalition is now coming together with a policy vision for a 2026 transportation ballot measure.

What's at Stake for Labor and the Community

Transit offers an array of advantages. It's far safer than driving. It's more accessible to lower-income workers. It reduces traffic for those who must drive. It's central to growing the economy while achieving our climate goals.

For these reasons and more, transit is essential to all of us — whether or not we use it ourselves.

The Covid pandemic made life much worse for transit workers and riders alike. Emergency federal and state funding that kept transit running will begin to dry up in 2026. In his June column, Gonzalez was direct about the consequences that inevitably fall on those of us working in the trades.

"Everyone is impacted if transit fails," he wrote. "There's no question that we need to fund public transit if we expect our own downtown to recover."

To avoid major cuts to service and



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building trades jobs alike, we need a sustainable, dedicated source of operations funding. The solution is a nine-county ballot measure in 2026 that can raise at least \$1.5 billion a year to run transit and make our roads safer. Similar legislative efforts failed earlier this year due to a civic climate dominated by political and corporate elites.

Now, labor and the community are leading this charge. Our future depends on it.

A Growing Coalition Is Forging Ahead

The coalition, which includes both transit and building trades unions alongside community supporters, came together around a set of principles that will ensure the transit-funding measure does three things: sustains and improves Bay Area transit; supports safe and dignified working conditions and jobs for transit and tradespeople alike; and overcomes opposition to 2024's failed bill.

Sustaining and improving Bay Area transit requires adequate resources. The

coalition envisions a nine-county measure that will raise at least \$1.5 billion a year. That's enough to ensure that BART, Muni, and every other Bay Area transit agency has the operations funding it needs and that additional funds are available for critical infrastructure, such as fixing potholes.

Also important is the question of who should pay.

Corporations are insisting on a sales tax that would mainly fall on working-class families that already shoulder some of the highest sales tax rates in California. The coalition, however, insists on progressive taxation. Measures that ask the wealthiest among us to pay a bit more, like a payroll tax on large employers, must remain on the table.

Labor standards are a linchpin of this coalition. Transit jobs must be good jobs. The workers who maintain and operate our transit systems, who build transit facilities, and who rely on transit systems understand that job quality and fair wages are crucial to keeping these systems resilient, fully staffed,

and able to serve the public.

Finally, the measure must overcome the opposition that doomed Senate Bill 1031. (More on that shortly.) This requires consensus within labor and with transit agencies, counties, and lawmakers on how funds are distributed and spent, and on accountability.

These principles will prepare us to defend working-class and community interests against those of the corporate class and to move forward together in solidarity with the power to win in both the California Legislature in 2025 and at the ballot box in 2026.

The Path to the Ballot

Before the measure can go on the 2026 ballot, the state legislature must authorize it in a bill in 2025. Earlier this year, a bill to authorize the measure, SB 1031 (authored by Sen. Scott Wiener and Sen. Aisha Wahab), failed due to a lack of consensus.

In an effort to build consensus for a 2025 bill, the Bay Area's Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the nine-county regional agency, has convened a "select committee" of MTC commissioners and labor and rider representatives to try to forge a regional consensus. We're asking unions and community organizations to sign on to the principles to show our unity to the MTC and Bay Area legislators during this critical time in the development of the bill for 2025.

To learn more about our push for principled transit funding and to add your name or labor organization to our growing list of supporters, scan the QR code below. **OL**



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Transit jobs must be good jobs. Fair wages and a high standard of quality are crucial to keeping these systems resilient, fully staffed, and able to serve the public.

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Ahsha Safaí

Age: 51

Born: Iran, raised in Massachusetts

Current residence: Excelsior District

Family life: Married, two children

Professions: Political director at SEIU Local 87 (San Francisco's janitors' union), principal at Kitchen Cabinet Public Affairs

Public service: Served on the SF Board of Supervisors, District 11, from 2017 to present; worked under mayors Willie Brown and Gavin Newsom with the SF Housing Authority, the Mayor's Office of Community Development, and the SF Department of Public Works

San Francisco District 11 Supervisor Ahsha Safaí's route to running for SF mayor took a few turns before landing him here, now, as a candidate. Born in Iran, he and his mother moved to Cambridge, MA, when he was 5 years old. He earned a master's degree in city planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology before heading out west for San Francisco 24 years ago.

Safaí shared several highlights of recent legislation and spoke about what losing a supervisorial election in 2008 taught him.

This interview has been edited and condensed for clarity.

Organized Labor: What's your vision for the role of mayor of San Francisco?

Ahsha Safaí: At the end of the day, we need a city that's for all San Franciscans. I'm running to represent working- and middle-class families, not just the rich. This is a city that has been turned upside-down by wealth, and we have to make sure that you don't have to be rich to live here — that working- and middle-class families can live here as well. That's my vision for San Francisco. Whether we're talking about creating housing for working families; or creating accessible, affordable childcare; or continuing and supporting free city college — all of the things that working middle-class families can really benefit from — that's what I have fought for and will continue to fight for.

OL: What's your approach to construction in San Francisco?

AS: We just passed legislation that will lower the transfer tax on properties that use pension-fund money for investment. There are over 40,000 units in the pipeline that are waiting to get unstuck, and they need additional financing. So, if we can put union members to work with their own money using

pension fund dollars to generate growth and jump-start the economy, all while reducing the transfer tax and inviting more pension fund investment, I think it'll make a significant impact on putting union people to work.

I've always pushed and advocated for the philosophy that if union members build it, they should be able to live in it. Unfortunately, for so much of what they build and maintain in this city, they're forced to travel from far outside of San Francisco to even be able to work on it. They should be able to live in the city where they work. That's why I supported the Citywide Project Labor Agreement. I was the leader of that, and we were able to get that passed.

OL: What other achievements or pieces of legislation are you most proud of during your time in office?

AS: The Citywide PLA was something that was started by Mark Farrell when he was a supervisor, and he handed it off to me when he became interim mayor in 2018. That PLA has been a really big benefit to working people on city projects. It also created pathways, using CityBuild, to get more people involved in the trades.

Increasing the inclusionary number when our economy was really strong to create more on-site affordable housing — I led that effort. Right when I was elected in 2017, I worked on and led the effort to get the Student Success Fund created. That creates grants of up to \$1 million per school for public schools, allowing them to have things that many of them can't afford because they don't have robust PTAs. So, this is a game-changer and an equalizer for public schools.

OL: How did the experience of losing the 2008 election affect you?

AS: At the end of the day, not winning allowed me to go to work for organized labor. I worked with the labor movement. I worked

with the janitors as their political director. I did a lot of work with the teamsters and with the laborers. We fought on the front lines for free city college and to save SF City College when it was in the dire position of being shut down. So much of that time has informed the work that I do now on the Board of Supervisors. Much of the work that I've approached — whether it's environmental legislation or it's legislation for housing construction, or whether it's something that's about good government or school support — on every piece of legislation, I worked with organized labor. That includes United Educators, the building trades, janitors, UFCW, and laborers. Every step of the way, everything that I've done has been about looking at things through the lens of working families.

OL: Not counting the SF Building Trades, what endorsement have you earned so far that you're most proud of?

AS: Obviously, I come from the janitor's union, so I carry a lot of pride in that. I don't ever take anything for granted. In my prior elections — in 2008; 2016, even; and in 2020 — I never received an endorsement from the United Educators. And this time around, I was very proud to earn their endorsement in my run for mayor. I'm also proud to have spent a lot of time working with them over the past four years. I think we've really grown to respect one another and the work we're all doing.

OL: There's a lot of vacant office space in San Francisco. What are your plans to address that issue?

AS: I put forward legislation recently, which was passed, to create a public university downtown fund so that we can raise public dollars to go out and purchase some buildings and can convert them, in partnership with some public universities, into downtown campuses. Having more students live, study, and thrive in downtown

San Francisco and helping downtown become a more 24-hour environment, I think, is an important thing. We've done legislation to better facilitate office-to-residential conversion. It's part of the reason why the transfer tax is so important.

We want people to occupy, move into, and transform downtown, but we have to really make it clean and safe first. That's where we are. So, we have to start with the basics. But definitely having a university vision and downtown campus is one goal. Making it clean and safe, with foot patrols, bike patrols, and officers present, is also important.

OL: As mayor, how will you hold people accountable, including yourself? What does accountability mean to you?

AS: Accountability is one of the major job descriptions of mayor. It's one of the things that's missing right now. It's one of the reasons why we're in this current state as a city — because the mayor's not fulfilling that part of her job description. From the beginning to the end, her administration has been rotten to the core, and a lot of that stems from how she sets the tone at the top.

OL: Is there any San Francisco icon — an athlete, a politician, anybody that you look up to — who inspires you?

AS: I mean, there are a lot of people. A lot of them are just everyday San Franciscans who get up and do their work. I have a lot of respect for hardworking men and women. As District 11 supervisor, I represent the highest concentration of working families among all of San Francisco's supervisorial districts. So, whether they're transit operators from Muni, or janitors, or workers in the construction industry, they're the people who get up and make the City tick every day. To be honest with you, it's the hard-working ones who are often forgotten and overlooked. Those are really the people who inspire me more than anyone else. **OL**



This is a city that has been turned upside-down by wealth, and we have to make sure that you don't have to be rich to live here — that working- and middle-class families can live here as well.

Why Should We Vote for Them?

Mark Farrell

Age: 50

Born: San Francisco

Current residence: Jordan Park, near Laurel Village

Family life: Married, three children

Professions: Attorney, investment banker, venture capitalist, former mayor of San Francisco

Public service: Served on the SF Board of Supervisors representing District 2 from January 2011 to January 2018; chaired the City's Budget and Finance Committee; served as interim SF mayor from January 2018 to July 2018 following the death of Ed Lee



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Before he embarked on his bid to be 46th mayor of San Francisco, Mark Farrell was its 44th, having served as interim mayor after the untimely passing of Ed Lee. Following his stint out of the bullpen and two terms as supervisor of District 2, Farrell returned to the private sector, in part to slow the pace of life so that he could spend more time raising his three children in the city where he was also born and raised.

He shared his vision for San Francisco, discussed creating construction jobs, and spoke candidly about his return to politics.

This interview has been edited and condensed for clarity.

Organized Labor: What is your vision for the role of mayor of San Francisco?

Mark Farrell: The mayor of San Francisco is a recognizable figure around the world for one of the most iconic cities in the world, and it is so important that the residents of our city elect someone who will represent everybody in the City. I'm running for mayor because I believe I can combine my seven and a half years of experience inside of City Hall with my 20-plus years in the private sector to hit the ground running on day one.

I believe experience matters. I also believe a track record of success matters. That's where this current mayor has completely failed the city of San Francisco and our residents. I want to bring back public safety, clean up our streets, bring back a vibrant economy, get the members of our trades working once again, and move our city forward.

OL: You were interim mayor for a brief period. What did you take away from that experience that you could apply in the future?

MF: How powerful the position of mayor of San Francisco is. Mayor Breed uses every excuse in the book to try and explain away why she can't get anything done inside of City Hall,

but in my experience, that office is incredibly powerful. Mayor Breed has failed to use it effectively, and that's why I believe change is needed to move San Francisco forward.

OL: Why run for mayor now as opposed to back then?

MF: I left City Hall in 2018 because of my children. I am a father first. At the time, our kids were 5, 10, and 12 years old. I simply love coaching their sports teams, traveling with them when we can, and being really engaged in their schools and their daily lives. I don't regret a single second of the last five years focusing on my career outside of City Hall, but in particular, my family.

I'm running for mayor this year because of my kids again. Our daughter is our oldest, and she's now in college in Boston. I want her to be proud to call San Francisco home, more than anything. I want her to move back to San Francisco when she graduates. But that means our city has to change. It has to become safe once again. There have to be jobs and economic opportunities for young grads, and our city has to be affordable, too.

OL: What are one or two things that you're most proud of having accomplished during your time in elected office?

MF: No. 1 is having a core focus and success around public safety and street conditions. During my time in office as budget chair and when I became mayor, we grew our police department to record staffing levels. In my six months as mayor, I took out all of the large tent encampments on our streets and the drug crisis simply wasn't what it is today.

No. 2 is my relationship with and continued progress with labor inside of City Hall. I grew up as an only child, and both of my parents were not only members of labor unions, but heads of their labor unions. So, for me, as I think about the building and construction trades, I think about other

unions here in San Francisco. To me, this is not political — this is personal.

The Citywide Project Labor Agreement that I authored while mayor proves my ability and willingness to partner with labor. I'm proud of that, and I look forward to working on more legislation like it to make sure that San Francisco continues to be a strong union town.

OL: What's your approach to construction in the City?

MF: The lack of cranes in the air and people at work is a true problem. It's another output of Mayor Breed's failed leadership in City Hall to get our economy going — people don't want to invest in San Francisco right now. We need to be incredibly proactive with our developer community. When we have 35,000 units entitled in City Hall but people aren't breaking ground, there's a problem.

We have to work with developers proactively and get them to break ground to ensure that they're using union labor here in San Francisco. We need to get people working once again and get people developing and investing in San Francisco once again. We need a mayor who is not only engaged with our developer community and with our construction community — someone who really asks them what it's going to take to break ground — but someone who also focuses on the core issues around public safety and street conditions so that when developers look at buildings and people look to invest, they can see reasonable returns here in the City once again.

OL: There's plenty of empty office space. How do you plan on tackling that issue?

MF: I believe conversion from commercial to residential is a big part of our future, but in this area in particular, we also have to think outside the box. Right now, people are talking about the 10 buildings downtown that have

the right floor plates and light wells to convert. I think we need to be bigger and bolder. We should look at these class-B and class-C buildings right now that are contributing no value to downtown and SoMa and allow them to demo. Then, we need to massively up-zone these parts of San Francisco and commit to tax abatement vehicles for developers so that these projects actually pencil out today.

That way, we can get people back to work and start really building for the future. There's just no way all of the existing office space is going to get subsumed in the near future.

OL: How do you go about creating more housing that's affordable for everyone?

MF: We have to build more housing, period. We're under the mandate to build approximately 10,000 units a year, and last year, we built just 2,000 units. It looks like this year, we'll build 400. We are failing every step of the way as a city government, so much so that the state is allowing developers to utilize builder's remedy, with density and zoning allowances, which I think is going to create unintended consequences and outcomes in our neighborhoods.

I want to exceed our goals here locally so that we get the state off our backs. When we do that, we can lower the cost of housing for everybody. If you build it, you should be able to live in it as well.

OL: Why should a member of the building trades vote for you?

MF: There will be no bigger and more effective supporter of our building and construction trades members than me. I want to get people back to work doing sustainable jobs in sustainable careers and livelihoods in San Francisco. I'll fight to grow our economy in a proactive manner like our city has never seen. With that will come opportunities, careers, and sustained living for our trades members. I look forward to partnering with them. **OL**



Our city has to change. It has to become safe once again. There have to be jobs and economic opportunities for young grads, and our city has to be affordable, too.

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Brothers and Sisters,
We stand at one of the better parts of our time in labor history; policies are being put in place that will create more union jobs. With our local and state building trades, we have been able to get local and citywide project labor agreements, which means union contractors and more union jobs for our members. We also have a very favorable presidential administration that supports PLAs and organized labor. These PLAs will resort to increased membership for our local unions. PLAs will allow our membership to



Oscar Bulnes Jr. and Oscar Bulnes Sr. with California Tile Installers at the La Avenida Apartments in Mountain View



BAC Local 3 member James Jordan

Chapter Meetings

October 2024							November 2024						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5							
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	All chapter meetings in November are canceled. General membership meeting: Nov. 2, 10 a.m.						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19							
20	21	22	23	24	25	26							
27	28	29	30	31									

First Tue., 6 p.m., Monterey — 1945 Natividad Rd., Salinas (The Pizza Factory)
First Thu., 5:30 p.m., Sacramento — 9840 Business Park Dr., Suite B (BAC 3 Sac Office)
Second Tue., 5 p.m., San Francisco — 379 Gellert Blvd., Daly City (Celia's)
Second Wed., 5:30 p.m., San Jose — 1535 Meridian Ave., San Jose (Rookies Sports Lodge)
Second Thu., 5 p.m., Oakland — 15301 Wicks Blvd., San Leandro (Marina Community Center)
Third Thu., 6 p.m., Manteca — 253 Spreckels Ave., Manteca (Round Table Pizza)
Third Tue., even months only, 6 p.m., Fresno — via Zoom

grow, with requirements to hire union journeyman and apprentices. Our training facilities are the best in the country. They turn out exceptionally well-prepared journeyman bricklayers, tile setters, marble masons, and pointer-cleaner-caulkers for today's construction needs. We have a big election cycle coming up this fall (November 5). Make sure you do your homework on the issues and the candidates. BAC Local 3 will feature endorsements on our website. Become familiar with the candidates and your local and state issues. Right now is our time to raise a bigger voice for organized labor. Get involved with your local politics. I know some people say they don't get involved in political matters, but a little voice can make an enormous difference in local matters. I am a second-generation bricklayer. My father was a bricklayer, and my brother James is a bricklayer. Local 3 has given me the ability to provide a home, healthcare, and retirement for my family. But the best part of my membership in Local 3 has been my fellow members. We have the hardest-working people in the business.

In Solidarity,
Wayne A. Jordan

Service Awards, September
• 25 years: Manuel Hurtado, Ernesto Meza
• 40 years: Steven Gomes
Congratulations on your many years of service.

In Memoriam
We are sorry to announce the passing of our brothers:
• Larry Kitchuck, BL, 7/15/2024, 08-CA, 58-year member
• Francis Bachofer, BL, 8/8/2024, 09-CA, 73-year member

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MEETINGS
55 FILLMORE STREET

- Unit 1 Committee**
Tue., Oct. 1, 4:30 p.m.
- Unit 5 (Muni Railway Shop)**
Wed., Oct. 2, 4:30 p.m.
- Executive Board**
Tue., Oct. 8, 4:30 p.m.
- General Membership**
Wed., Oct. 9, 4:30 p.m.
- Unit 6 (Sound & Communications)**
No Meeting Scheduled
- Retired Members (Senior Sixes)**
Thu., Oct. 17, 10:45 a.m.
- Executive Board**
Wed., Oct. 23, 4:30 p.m.

In Memoriam

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Sean Beel, inside journeyman, who passed away on September 3, 2024; and Olaf Beyer, inside journeyman, who passed away on August 16, 2024; and Marty Conroy, inside journeyman, who passed away on August 22, 2024; and John P. Conroy, inside journeyman, who passed away on August 15, 2024.
May they rest in peace.

Best Wishes to Our Recently Retired Members

Christopher J. Baumann
Raymond Bao
Frank L. Billa
Patrick J. O'Connell

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Get Ready to Vote

We need to win these priority campaigns in order to protect our work for IBEW Local 6 members. We can only do that if you register to vote and then go cast your ballot!

Regarding this election, now is the time to:
Register to vote. If you recently moved or changed your name or political party, you must re-register to vote. You can register quickly online at registertovote.ca.gov.
Find your polling place. If you plan to vote in-person on Election Day but aren't sure where to go, you can look up your polling place and view your personal ballot at votersedge.org/ca.
View IBEW's endorsements. Visit ibewvotes.com to find out who the union is backing. You'll find our endorsements there as well. Of course, the decision you choose to make when you vote is yours alone.

2024 Mayoral Election

Local 6 joins the other local unions of the AFL-CIO and the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council in issuing a dual endorsement of former SF Mayor Mark Farrell and current SF Supervisor Ahsha Safai for the November 2024 San Francisco mayoral contest. Local 6 asks that its members and all San Franciscans consider voting Farrell and Safai No. 1 and No. 2 on their ranked-choice ballots in either order depending on their personal preference.

Farrell and Safai have consistently consulted with and listened to our membership on matters related to the electrical industry in San Francisco. Five years of watching the failing, insider-pandering Breed administration is enough time to know that our great city needs to take a new direction.

The current mayor's office appears to use an endless stream of press releases to obscure its lack of concern for the local workforce. London Breed has repeatedly stated her commitment to San Francisco's workers only to turn around and sign secretive contracts awarding their work to San Diego- and Sacramento-based firms rather than the many signatory contractors that employ local building trades apprentices here in the City. This hypocrisy is perhaps most damaging to the City's youth, who are denied an opportunity to be hired, trained, and set on a proven pathway to the middle class.

As previously noted, it's time to send a message in San Francisco, throughout California, and across our great nation that a municipality's recovery must prioritize

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LET'S FLEX OUR POWER!!

This Is An Important Election For San Francisco

The news is filled with talk of the Presidential Election, which is obviously very, very important to the members of the IBEW. But there is an almost equally important election in San Francisco for the office of Mayor and seats on the Board of Supervisors. You as Union members need to help facilitate the change needed to get San Francisco Back on Track. We also have important ballot measures to fight for and against.

The last five years have been a serious disappointment in leadership as our current Mayor has failed to act swiftly and address the fallout from the skyrocketing office vacancy and resulting lack of work for the construction trades. In addition, critical City Services face cuts due to the corruption, squandering of resources and poor leadership at enterprise departments like the SFMTA.

We as a Local Union cannot expect other groups to advocate for our livelihoods. We must put in the effort in to get the change we want. Join your fellow Union members and participate in phone banks or precinct walks to advocate for our candidates and positions.

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putting labor back to work to stimulate the economies of both a city and a region. Had Breed stood on the side of workers, safeguarded labor protections, honored agreements reached, and cleaned out the corrupt — and federally convicted — pay-to-play elements of city management, we might not be in this dire position today.

It is the view of Local 6 leadership that Mark Farrell and Ahsha Safai are ready, willing, and able to repair the damage done under the Breed administration, with both candidates possessing the experience necessary to move San Francisco forward without leaving working families behind. If elected, either Farrell or Safai would represent a break from the corrupt practices plaguing San Francisco and work to rehabilitate the City's tarnished stature on the global stage.

The IBEW has proudly endorsed Vice-President Kamala Harris because her track record has been one of success, collaboration, and promises fulfilled. Vice-President Harris' work with President Joe Biden and the IBEW will provide excellent job opportunities for decades to come as we rebuild our nation's infrastructure and transition to a carbon-free energy future.

Sadly, Breed stands in the way of that progress and opportunity in San Francisco. It's time for the City to get back on track and make it clear to the world once again that we are open for business and that you can invest in San Francisco without fear of a shakedown.

Local 6's members are not counted in the billionaire class, and their futures are on the line. This union believes we need to flip the script in San Francisco and keep up the momentum throughout the United States by re-establishing the pro-worker agenda that seeks an honest day's wage for an honest day's work, reasonable healthcare, and dignity in retirement. Harris will keep us on that right path, and so will Farrell and Safai.

Breed, however, will not — and, certainly, neither will Donald Trump.

Other Ballot Measures/Elections

This year's ballot contains more than just the presidential and mayoral races. There are many important issues to vote on up and down the ballot. We're electing a supervisor and a senator and voting on statewide propositions and dozens of other offices and local initiatives. Local 6, along with the California State Association of Electrical Workers, has made accessing this year's slate of recommendations as easy as ever.

We'll provide more detailed information in a mailer directed to your home address. These are the recommendations of the IBEW and the broader labor community where you live. Your vote is, of course, yours to use as you see fit. But we are hopeful that you'll take these recommendations to heart and vote in the interest of all working families in your area.

Visit ibewvotes.com to see who and what the IBEW has endorsed in this year's election. You can download and print the endorsements, or just pull them up on your smartphone before you fill out your ballot. You can access this information via the local union website, and you can also register to vote via the website.

2024 IBEW 6 Picnic

Thanks to all who made it out for an enjoyable day in the park for the Local 6 picnic. Thanks to Christie Peterson and Jennifer Kramer for leading the efforts, to the work of Aaron Mott and others from our RENEW group, and to the many others who volunteered their time to make the return of the Local 6 picnic a success.

Stay Safe, Save for a Rainy Day, and Come to a Union Meeting!
John J. Doherty



Left to right: SF Building Trades Council VP Ramon Hernandez, President Larry Mazzola, U.S. House Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, VP John Doherty, and Secretary-Treasurer Rudy Gonzalez



Local 6 Business Manager/Financial Secretary John Doherty provides the opening remarks for the installation of SFBCTC officers.



Local 6 staff at the installation of SF Building Trades council officers

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You Matter. Don't Ever Forget That.

September is suicide awareness month. Those of you who read my articles know that I spend a lot of time talking about mental health. Maybe that's because the first check that I had to bring to a widow as your business manager was for a member who took his own life. Maybe it's because I've seen how our lives can be affected by the untimely death of a loved one — an abrupt and unplanned-for ending to a life that leaves family and friends shocked and wondering what they could have done differently.

I want to reiterate that you matter. People matter. The next time you talk to someone close, remind them that they matter to you, and that they matter to others. Remind them that their life is special and shouldn't be taken for granted.

I know that things get rough sometimes. I know that sometimes, life just doesn't seem to go your way, and every day can feel like a

kick in the gut.

I get it because I've been there. I've experienced low times, high times, and all of the in-between times. That's life.

I encourage any of you who are feeling down to please talk to someone. Mention how you feel to someone. And if you suspect that someone you know isn't doing so well, give them a call. For the record, it's OK to ask someone if they've ever thought about hurting themselves. You're not going to give them the idea. It's already there. Everyone has wondered at one time or another if the world would be a better place without them.

The point is: Please take the time for someone who needs it, if for no other reason than that they deserve it. And so do you, frankly. It's not that misery loves company, but sometimes, it's just nice to hear a friendly voice. It feels good to have someone tell you that you matter, that you're cared about, and that someone is looking out for you and

your well-being. It feels good to just pick up the phone and shoot the breeze with a friend or acquaintance, or to go grab a coffee or a beer together.

It feels good to know that you're not alone. When you do feel alone, it feels good to remember that someone is right there with you.

It's like that old proverb about footsteps in the sand: Sometimes we need to be lifted up, and sometimes we need a helping hand. Make a promise to do that for someone else. Don't make it a resolution for some future date — do it today, or at least this week. Just pick up the phone and call an old friend, or a new one, and check up on them. You might not know how much you've changed their life by showing them you care.

Lastly, I want you all to be aware of a new(-ish) national suicide prevention hotline. It's 988, and it can be dialed from any phone anywhere. It's there to help you if you're in need or to help you help someone else you know who might be in crisis. Don't wait. If there's any question, then there should be no question.

You can never be too early, but you can be too late. So never hesitate to pick up the phone and call someone. And if you ever find yourself in need of someone to talk to, my phone is always on.

In Solidarity,
Matt Russo

MEETINGS

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

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

Bakersfield
Wed., Oct. 9, 7 a.m.
Village Grill
1534 19th St., Bakersfield

Fresno
Wed., Oct. 9, 5:30 p.m.
TBA — please contact the union hall for location.

North Bay
Mon., Oct. 21, 5:30 p.m.
Mi Pueblo Restaurant
7384 Commerce Blvd., Cotati

Tahoe
Thu., Oct. 31, 11:30 a.m.
Mott Canyon Tavern & Grill
259 Kingsbury Grade Rd., Stateline, NV

Reno
Thu., Oct. 31, 5:30 p.m.
Northern Nevada Labor Temple
1819 Hymer Ave., Sparks, NV

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As fall approaches and school projects wrap up, we want to remind everyone that there's still work available. If you're currently not working, please call the hall to get on the out-of-work list. Staying on the list is crucial to keeping our members actively employed, especially as we head into the colder months.

We also encourage you to attend our next union meeting, during which we'll be announcing our endorsements for upcoming elections. We remain very active in our counties and need your participation.

Now is the time to get out, register, and vote! This is an important time for labor unions, and if we don't put our best efforts forward, we could see shifts that are highly unfavorable for our members. We're also involved in precinct walks and literature drops to spread the word about our labor-friendly

candidates, and we need your support.

On a personal note, I'm honored to have recently been sworn in as a trustee of the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council. Learning about the council's long history of labor advocacy was inspiring, and being sworn in by the honorable Nancy Pelosi was a true highlight. Her impressive career as a champion for labor has motivated me, and I hope to continue pushing forward with that same energy for the next generation of labor leaders.

We continue to grow as a union and are proud to welcome new members at each of our meetings. Together, we remain positive and focused on keeping our union-strong.

Stay active, stay informed, and let's keep building a better future for us all.

Fraternally Yours,
Peter Lang



Local 40 has recently been involved in community outreach efforts.



The honorable U.S. House Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi appears with members of the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council during a recent swearing-in of new trustees and officers.

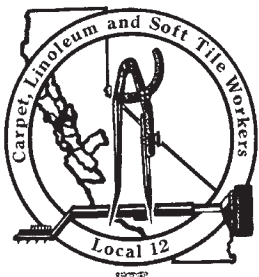


A proud moment with Speaker Pelosi (center) and the family of Local 40 Business Manager Peter Lang, a newly sworn-in trustee of the SF Building Trades Council.



Local 40 President Abraham Estrella swears in a new member of Local 40.

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Meetings are held every third Thursday of the month
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Congratulations, Justin Lopez!



Hoem and Associates work at Stanford Mall.



Happy retirement, Kimo.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We just completed another year of the STAR Program (Supervisor Training Awards Recognition). With that comes the awards and recognition barbecue and raffle.

This year had more participants than ever, with close to 1,100 members qualifying for the event. It was held at the Alameda Fairgrounds, with the families having fun on the jumpers, at the rock-climbing wall, and with face-painting and balloon animals.

The lunch was excellent all-you-can-eat barbecue, plus unlimited churros and snow cones. Fifty \$1,000 gift cards were raffled

off to those who received an early-bird raffle ticket. For the main raffle, big-screen TVs, gift cards, jet skis, all-terrain vehicles, and — yes — three cars were all given away. Many Local 12 members walked away with prizes, and Ronald Huyuk won another car after having won one in 2022.

This event is always a highlight for me every year. Watching the members and their families enjoying the day away from the jobsite with a chance to win prizes is unforgettable. If you haven't participated in the STAR Program, please register and complete your 16 hours of training to qualify for the big event.

I'd like to give Anderson's journey worker Justin Lopez a shout-out for winning the TISE regional installer competition in Seattle. Justin is now qualified for the national competition in Las Vegas that will be held early next year.

I'd also like to offer my sincerest congratulations to James "Kimo" Lamont. After 31 years of service to Local 12, he is officially retiring.

Local 12 Business Representative Steve Belong said: "As an apprentice who

was trained by Kimo, I will tell you firsthand that he was one of the best mechanics in the field and trained every apprentice by showing them how to install instead of just telling them."

Thank you, Kimo, for training the next generation of installers to be the best at what they do. We wish you many relaxing days on the lake. Enjoy your well-deserved retirement!

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

Respectfully,
Anthony Nuanes



Congratulations, Justin Lopez!

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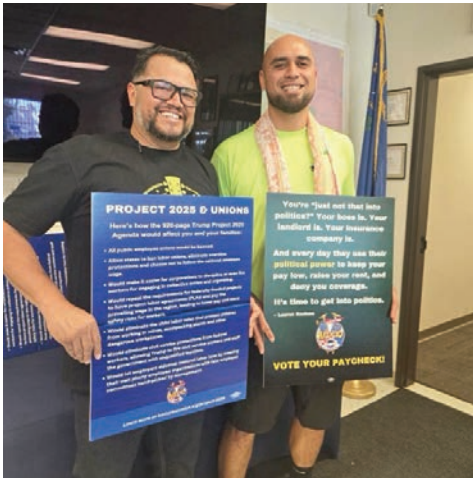
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This month, I'd like to salute the members of Local 16 who have been donating their valuable time during recent months to do the hard work of political advocacy on behalf of the pro-labor candidates we're supporting in the run-up to the November election. Many members have spent countless hours phone-banking, knocking on doors, and precinct-walking throughout our jurisdictions, spreading the good word to our neighbors about the candidates we're supporting.

The Local 16 members who have been working to get out the vote are serving this union, our communities, and our livelihoods by doing their part to win hearts and minds among the electorate. Flexing our political muscle is a brave and important exercise in defending both our work and our rights as trade unionists. Let's all recognize our fellow members' desire to affect positive political change through their committed volunteer campaigning efforts.

A huge thank-you to all of you who have gotten involved this election season. If you haven't gone out campaigning, there's still time before Election Day on November 5. Join with your brothers and sisters in helping drive support for our candidates. Contact the hall to find out where we'll be and who we'll be out supporting next.

In Solidarity,
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Local 300 plasterers work with Freas Plastering at 400 China Basin in San Francisco.



Local 300 cement masons work with Bauman Construction on Mission Street in San Francisco.



Local 300 plasterer Luis Carrillo sprays cementitious fireproofing for California Drywall at 1601 El Camino Real in Redwood City.



Local 300 business agents Walter Orellana and Israel Vargas represent Local 300 during Career Day at San Mateo High School.

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BUSINESS AGENTS MEETING

Aug. 13, 10 a.m.
55 Fillmore St.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

President Larry Mazzola Jr.; Secretary-Treasurer Rudy Gonzalez; Vice-Presidents John Doherty and Ramon Hernandez; Trustees Greg Hardeman, Peter Lang, Anthony Nuanes, Eddie Reyes, and Dan Torres; Sergeant-at-Arms Josh Vallis

GUESTS

- Richard Marcantonio, Public Advocates
- Dan Thompson, Goyette, Ruano & Thompson
- Ally from Mike Farrell campaign

CORRESPONDENCE

- Memo from the Field: Kamala Harris Gains, but Long Road Remains
- NorCal LERA September 20th Event Flyer for Distribution, members asked to register for virtual event.

REQUEST FOR FUNDS

- ST recommends \$150 organizational affiliation to NorCal LERA (Labor Employee Relations Association), M/S/C.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

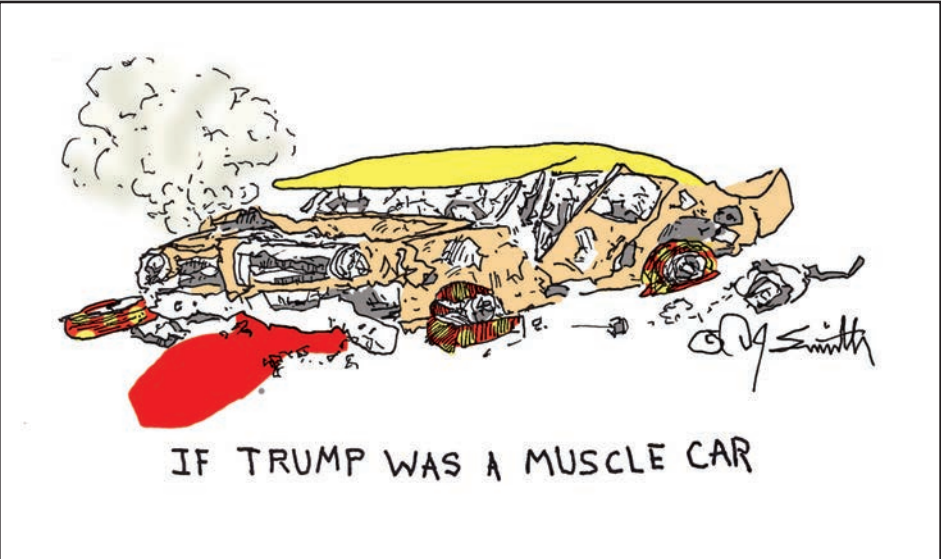
- 7/23/24 minutes, M/S/C

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

- Ally from Mike Farrell campaign.
- Caltrain went forward with first electrified rides. Senator Padilla acknowledged Union Workers, and Emeritus Speaker Nancy Pelosi thanked the SFBCTC.
- Funded transit is essential to bringing back downtown.
- Negotiations on Parcel G at Hunter's Point. Navy's Parcel. There general contractors they're going for and negotiating with us. Jurisdictional language issue from the Carpenters. ST asked members for feedback.
- Troy Notarangelo (Carpet Layers 718) Napa Solano reported on current discussions in his area with Carpenters. Sabrina IBEW6 reported Carpenters are making efforts to put themselves on par with building trades.

PENCILING OUT

BY DAVID JAMES SMITH



Affiliates: Your content
deadline for next month's
paper is Oct. 9.

- proposed in the Fillmore District. McFarland on PLA have made verbal commitment.
- Brookfield is wrapping up. PLA will be complete soon.
- University of CA, finalizing PERAB.
- 555 Bryant, ST did job walk yesterday. Approx. 70% done.
- Glaziers 718 have settled their contract. Successfully ratified.
- Campaign season is coming up. Volunteers will be dispatched. School Bond and Proposition 5 review.

PICKET SANCTIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

- Memo from the Field: Kamala Harris Gains, but Long Road Remains
- NorCal LERA September 20 Event Flyer for Distribution. \$150 organizational affiliation to NorCal LERA (Labor Employee Relations Association) approved.

NEW BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF UNIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Presidents John Doherty and Ramon Hernandez and Trustee Anthony Nuanes were excused.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

REQUEST FOR FUNDS

- MSC \$350 contribution to San Mateo Newspaper for Labor Day
- MSC up to \$2,000 for cost of food and supplies for Officer Induction

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- MSC approval of 8/13/24 minutes of the Board of Business Reps

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

- Candlestick
- Office to Residential Conversion (OTR, aka Adaptive Resuse) Legislation in Sacramento
- Annual Fundraiser
- Labor Day at Biosolids
- Brookfield at Stonestown
- Treasure Island
- Union Built-Union Backed legislation
- Upcoming mobilizations
- SFUSD School Bond

PICKET SANCTIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

- Local 2 strike
- Officer Induction on September 5

NEW BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF UNIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Reps, the meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.

BUSINESS AGENTS MEETING

Aug. 27, 10 a.m.
55 Fillmore St.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Mazzola Jr., with Secretary-Treasurer Rudy Gonzalez; Trustees Greg Hardeman, Peter Lang, and Dan Torres; and Sergeant-at-Arms Josh Vallis present. Vice-

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\$10.5 MILLION SETTLEMENT FOR BANKING CLASS ACTION
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