



Los Angeles/Orange Counties

Building and Construction Trades Council

BUILDING TRADES AND LAUSD RENEW LABOR AGREEMENT

Construction commitment achieves local and diverse hire in unions

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LOS ANGELES, Nov. 14, 2023—The Los Angeles Board of Education voted unanimously at its Nov. 14 meeting to renew a labor agreement with the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council.

The Project Stabilization Agreement will cover all bond-funded work on LAUSD schools and facilities for the next 10 years. It brings union collective bargaining to construction projects.

“Along with better schools, the partnership between the Building Trades and LAUSD has been an economic engine for workforce development,” said Council Executive Secretary Ernesto Medrano, himself a graduate of LAUSD’s historic Roosevelt High School, now the site of a Trades-built renovation.

The PSA started in 1999 and is an integral part of LAUSD’s massive, \$33 billion makeover initiative. It has been renewed several times, covering new construction, campus expansion and renovation. The PSA contains a 50 percent target for hiring LAUSD residents and graduates. Military veterans and graduates of the Council’s Apprenticeship Readiness Fund training programs will also be eligible for expedited hire.

The PSA is a huge success story, exceeding its goals and employing thousands of Angelenos.

Building Trades union members testified that the PSA is creating opportunity in their lives.

“The LAUSD PSA allowed me to pursue my career as an Electrician with IBEW,” Ivan Pimental, an IBEW Local 11 fourth-year apprentice, told the board. “Thanks to the training I received, I was able to turn my life around.” Pimental is now a husband, father and future homeowner. He’s working on LAUSD sites including North Hollywood High School.

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Ricardo Gonzalez, Business Manager of Cement Masons Local 600, graduated from LAUSD's John C. Fremont High School. "It's a privilege going back to upgrade all those facilities, to make them state-of-the-art," he said. Gonzalez is now a leader in his union and a candidate for a BA at UC Irvine, he told the board.

Board President Jackie Goldberg praised the PSA. "People came together for the kids and the community," she said. "I am thrilled to see the PSA come back, to be updated. We believe that this is the way to go forward."

The Building Trades Council is an umbrella organization of 48 local unions and district councils, representing 150,000 skilled men and women in 14 Trades.

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