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LA/OC Building and Construction Trades Council Re-Elects Ernesto Medrano as Executive Secretary

Los Angeles – Ernesto Medrano was re-elected to his first full term as the Executive Secretary of the LA/OC Building and Construction Trades Council at the organization’s Delegates’ Meeting on January 4, 2024. The offices of President, Vice President, Trustees, and Sargent of Arms were also elected.

In July of 2023, Ernesto Medrano was unanimously elected by the LA/OC Building and Construction Trades Council delegates to fill the role of Executive Secretary following the departure of Chris Hannan to the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California. On Thursday, January 4, Ernesto Medrano was elected to his first full four-year term as Executive Secretary.

“It is an honor and a privilege to serve the hard-working men and women of the Los Angeles and Orange County union building and construction trades, and I am grateful for the continued support from our officers and delegates,” said Executive Secretary Ernesto Medrano. “I believe we have built a great team here and I am excited to complete what we have started.”

Medrano previously served as the Building Trades Council's Representative for Orange County from 2015 to 2023. He led a dynamic coalition to transform the once-conservative OC into a center of union opportunity for working people. Medrano organized Building Trades members, elected officials, and activists to win Community Workforce Agreements in the county's three biggest cities Anaheim, Irvine, and Santa Ana. As Executive Secretary, Ernesto Medrano represents nearly 150,000 union construction workers across Los Angeles and Orange County.

“Union construction trades are the most professional and skilled craftsmen in the industry and because of this, they enjoy the best wages, benefits, and working conditions. Unfortunately, less than 1 in 5 construction workers enjoys these union benefits,” said Medrano. “Our project labor agreements make it possible for all workers to enjoy this pathway to the middle class, and as we gain market share in residential housing and the clean energy sectors we can expand these opportunities to even more of our brothers and sisters for years to come.”

On Thursday night, 6 other officers were also elected including President Tony Gazzaniga (International Union Of Elevator Constructors Local 18), Vice President Eric Brown (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 11), Trustees David Sikorski (International Union of Operating Engineers Local 12), Lupe Aldaco (Bricklayers and Allied Craft Workers Local 4), and Keith Harkey (Ironworkers Local 433), and Sargent at Arms Tony Olea (Laborers' International Union of North America Local 300).

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