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VOTE!



Ballot measure to build union housing in city of LA.



Tim McOsker for LA City Council, District 15.



Christy Smith for US Congress, District 27.



Rex Richardson for Mayor of Long Beach.



Maria Brenes for LAUSD Board, District 2.

The Nov. 8 midterm election is historic for Southern California voters. Voters have the chance to return a worker-friendly majority to the US Congress, and to pass bond measures that will create billions of dollars in work. Please see p. 4 for a full list of pro-worker candidates and bond measures.



Katrina Foley for OC Supervisor, District 5.



Jay Chen for US Congress, District 45.



David Gomez for Palmdale City Council, District 3.



Ralph Velador for Palmdale School Board.

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CREATE HOMES

CREATE JOBS VOTE YES ON ULA

Measure ULA is a ballot measure for the City of LA on the Nov. 8 ballot.

The Building Trades, our 48 local unions and district councils, support United to House LA—Measure ULA.

IT WILL:

- **CREATE 26,000 NEW HOMES** in 10 years, all under a Project Labor Agreement
- **HELP 475,000 RENTERS** a year, mainly seniors and disabled people, stay in their homes
- **BRING PEOPLE IN** from the street, giving a hand up so they can restore their lives

Where does the money come from?

- **A ONE-TIME TRANSFER TAX** when an owner sells property worth more than \$5 million. You will not pay this tax—unless you sell property worth more than \$5 million.

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Yes on
Measure
ULA

**VOTE FOR
JOBS AND HOMES**

VOTE FOR MEASURE ULA



FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR VOTE

In last month's and this month's "Building Trades News," we have voting guides highlighting our recent endorsements. These endorsements are not to push any type of agenda other than a pro-union, pro-worker agenda.

Sometimes politics on both sides can seem exhausting. I'm not going to highlight differences for either party in this editorial. I'm trying to inspire each and every one of you to turn your ballots in or vote in person.

Our Council, reflecting the will of our affiliated local unions, made the endorsements for these candidates and measures through the lens of increasing work opportunities with the highest standards in the construction industry. These work opportunities will lead to security during your working career and a more secure and prosperous retirement.

We hope the candidates listed will always take the best interest of working families into consideration in the votes that they will make.

Although there is no absolute guarantee to this or many other things in life, we do have track records to look at. The recent significant legislation such as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Act is an example of things going right. This \$1.2 trillion dollar investment in American infrastructure is already helping projects in Los Angeles and Orange Counties. It is the largest investment in our country's infrastructure in over half a century, with the highest labor standards ever seen in federal investment.

Charting Our Future

These recommendations for candidates are only part of the strategy to keep union members of our affiliates going strong into the future.

The ballot measures and bonds may be the best opportunity to chart our own future.

Measure ULA on the City of Los Angeles ballot will create the largest dedicated funding source for affordable housing in any city in the country. Measure ULA will not only build significantly more affordable housing units than at any time in our history, it will build every one of the new construction projects under a Project



BY CHRIS HANNAN
Executive Secretary

Labor Agreement with our Building Trades and your local unions.

This will undoubtedly help approximately 66,000 people in Los Angeles get and stay in housing. And it will radically alter your local union's market share in residential construction. Another important part to note is that it will not raise your taxes or cause rents to go up. It only increases the

transfer tax when a property in the City of Los Angeles sells over \$5 million. There is no ongoing tax to pass on.

There are also six bond measures on the ballot across various communities in LA and Orange Counties totaling \$8.46 billion dollars. These college and school districts either already have a PLA or we are working on a PLA. This means that the



Unions and community groups rally for Measure ULA on the November LA City ballot.

construction jobs will be your jobs.

Although these bond measures are funded with small taxes, a recent study published in the "American Economic Journal" by Julien Lafortune and David Schonholzer titled "The Impact of School Facility Investments on Students and Homeowners: Evidence from Los Angeles" showed that not only did the improved schools lead to student outcomes such as higher attendance and better test scores, the improvement work also raised property values around the updated schools. This is a win-win for students, families and community: Homeowners got a 1.5-1.6 return on investment for every dollar invested.

These ballot and bond measures will improve the quality of life for people that are or could become homeless, and for students and their learning. And they will also improve the quality of your career.

When our unions have plenty of work and market share, your contracts, which cover wages and benefits, also get better. When the 140,000 members of Building Trades Unions work and vote together, our cities, schools and unions do better. Please vote!

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District Council
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**ELECTION DAY
IS
TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 8**

These are the
November 8, 2022
Primary Election
Recommendations of the
Los Angeles/Orange Counties
Building and Construction
Trades Council.

All of California's registered
voters will receive a ballot,
starting Oct. 6.

<https://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/>

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LA County and Orange County
Return ballot to secure dropbox,
starting Oct. 11
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WHAT'S A VOTE CENTER?

It's a polling place where you
can vote in person. Many open
between Oct. 29 and Nov. 8,
and you can vote at any vote
center in your home county

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

STATE PROP. 30

Increases tax on income above
\$2 million for zero-emission
vehicle projects and wildfire
prevention programs.

SUPPORT

LOS ANGELES COUNTY



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BALLOT MEASURES AND BONDS

MEASURE ULA,

City of Los Angeles
United to House Los Angeles
\$875 million per year

SUPPORT

United to House LA will raise funds
for affordable housing and renter
protection. Work will be under a
Project Labor Agreement and
prevailing wage.



Yes on ULA

**MEASURE LA, LOS ANGELES
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**
\$5.3 billion bond
SUPPORT

**UNITED STATES
SENATOR**
Alex Padilla



Alex Padilla

GOVERNOR
Gavin Newsom

**LIEUTENANT
GOVERNOR**
Eleni Kounalakis

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STATE**
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**STATE
SUPERINTENDENT
OF PUBLIC
INSTRUCTION**
Tony Thurmond



Tony Thurmond

**ATTORNEY
GENERAL**
Rob Bonta

BUILDING TRADES ENDORSEMENTS: NOVEMBER 8 ELECTION

District 30 (Pasadena/
Burbank/Glendale):
Adam Schiff

District 31 (Azusa/West
Covina):
Grace Napolitano

District 32 (Malibu/
Canoga Park):
Brad Sherman

District 34 (Downtown
LA/Boyle Heights):
Jimmy Gomez

District 35 (Pomona):
Norma Torres

District 36 (Santa
Monica/Redondo
Beach):
Ted Lieu

District 37 (Culver City/
Baldwin Hills):
Sydney Kamlager

District 38 (Whittier/
Norwalk):
Linda Sanchez

District 42 (Long Beach):
Robert Garcia

District 43 (Inglewood/Torrance):
Maxine Waters

District 44 (Wilmington/Carson):
Nanette Barragan

STATE SENATE

District 20 (Burbank/
San Fernando Valley):
Daniel Hertzberg

District 22 (Arcadia,
Covina, El Monte):
No endorsement

District 24 (West LA,
Redondo Beach):
No endorsement

District 26 (Downtown LA):
Maria Elena Durazo

District 28 (South LA/Culver City):
Lola Smallwood-Cuevas

District 30 (Pico
Rivera/Whittier):
Bob Archuleta

STATE ASSEMBLY

District 34 (Quartz Hill):
Tom Lackey

District 39 (Lancaster,
Palmdale, Hesperia):
Juan Carrillo

District 40 (Santa Clarita/Castaic):
Pilar Schiavo



Grace Napolitano



Sydney Kamlager



Lola Smallwood-Cuevas



Tom Lackey

District 41 (Pasadena):
Chris Holden

District 46 (San
Fernando Valley/Bell
Canyon):
No endorsement

District 48 (Baldwin
Park):
Blanca Rubio

District 49 (Montebello):
Mike Fong

District 50 (Santa
Monica/Malibu/Agoura
Hills):
No endorsement

District 51 (Beverly Hills/
Hollywood/West LA):
Rick Chavez Zbur

District 52 (East LA/
Glendale/Highland
Park):
Wendy Carrillo

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Freddie Rodriguez

District 54 (Downtown
LA/Boyle Heights):
Miguel Santiago

District 55 (Culver
City/Baldwin Hills):
Isaac Bryan

District 56 (Whittier/La
Puebla):
Lisa Calderon

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Park/South LA):
Reggie Jones-Sawyer

District 61 (Inglewood):
Tina McKinnor

District 62 (Lakewood/
Lynwood):
No endorsement

District 64 (Downey/
Norwalk):
Blanca Pacheco

District 65 (Compton/Wilmington):
Mike Gipson

District 66 (Torrance):
No endorsement

District 69 (Long
Beach):
Josh Lowenthal

CITY ELECTIONS

**LOS ANGELES
MAYOR**
No endorsement;
check with your local union



Chris Holden



Rick Chavez Zbur



Lisa Calderon



Blanca Pacheco



Josh Lowenthal

**LOS ANGELES
CONTROLLER**
Paul Koretz

**LOS ANGELES CITY
COUNCIL**
District 5:
No endorsement

District 11:
No endorsement

District 13:
Mitch O'Farrell

District 15:
Tim McOsker

**LONG BEACH
MAYOR**
Rex Richardson

**LONG BEACH CITY
COUNCIL**
District 3:
No endorsement

District 5:
Megan Kerr

District 9:
Dr. Joni Ricks-Oddie

**BALDWIN PARK
COUNCIL**
Ralph Galvan
Paul Hernandez

**BELLFLOWER
COUNCIL**
District 5:
Juan Garza

BURBANK COUNCIL
Nikki Perez

EL MONTE MAYOR
Jessica Ancona

**HAWTHORNE
COUNCIL**
Katrina Manning

**INGLEWOOD
MAYOR**
James Butts

**INGLEWOOD
COUNCIL**
District 2:
Alex Padilla

**MONTEBELLO
COUNCIL**
District 2:
Scarlet Peralta

District 4:
David Torres



Paul Koretz



Rex Richardson



Megan Kerr



Juan Garza



James Butts

BUILDING TRADES ENDORSEMENTS: NOVEMBER 8 ELECTION

PALMDALE COUNCIL
District 3:
David T. Gomez

District 4:
Eric Ohlsen

District 5:
Andrea Alarcon

PICO RIVERA COUNCIL
Gustavo Camacho
Johnny Garcia

RANCHO PALOS VERDES COUNCIL
Paul Seo

SANTA MONICA COUNCIL
Lana Negrete
Caroline Torosis

WEST HOLLYWOOD COUNCIL
Chelsea Byers
Zekiah Wright

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARDS

ANTELOPE VALLEY
Area 2:
Steve Buffalo

COMPTON
Area 1:
Andres Ramos

Area 4:
Juanita Doplemore

Area 5:
Dr. Sharoni Little

EL CAMINO
Area 2:
Nilo Vega Michelin

Area 5:
Cliff Numark

LONG BEACH
Area 1:
Uduak-Joe Ntuk

Area 3:
Sunny Zia

Area 5:
Virginia Baxter

LOS ANGELES
Seat 2:
Steve Veres

Seat 4:
Sara Hernandez

Seat 6:
Gabriel Buelna

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Seat 7:
Kelsey Iino

SANTA MONICA
Tom Peters

SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS

LOS ANGELES
District 2:
Maria Brenes

District 6:
Kelly Gonez

LONG BEACH
District 1:
Nubia Flores

ANTELOPE VALLEY JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL
District 1:
Charles Hughes

District 4:
Carla Corona

District 5:
Miguel Sanchez

BELLFLOWER
Bradlee Crinfield

HART UNION HIGH SCHOOL
Area 2:
Andrew Taban

INGLEWOOD UNIFIED
Seat 2:
Carliss R. McGhee

Seat 3:
Brandon Myers

Seat 5:
Ernesto Castillo

KEPPEL
Andrew Ramirez

MONTEBELLO
Nelly Nieblas

MOUNTAIN VIEW
Adam Carranza
Veronica Sifuentes
Cindy Wu

NORWALK-LA MIRADA UNIFIED
Norma Amezcua

PALMDALE
Nancy Smith
Ralph Velador



Paul Seo



Caroline Torosis



Andres Ramos



Uduak-Joe Ntuk



Sara Hernandez



Kelly Gonez



Nubia Flores



Andrew Taban



Carliss R. McGhee

PASADENA
District 5:
Patrice Marshall McKenzie

District 7:
Yarma Velazquez

POMONA
Area 1:
Lisa Nashua

SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED
Laurie Lieberman
Alicia Mignano
Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein

SAUGUS
Area 5:
Chris Trunkey

WATER DISTRICTS

CENTRAL BASIN
Division 3:
Art Chacon

PALMDALE
Division 5:
Vincent Dino

SANTA CLARITA VALLEY
Division 1:
Bill Cooper

Division 2:
Dirk Marks

Division 3:
Maria Gutzeit

UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
Division 1:
Serge Haddad

WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
Division 1:
Joy Langford

Division 3:
John Allen

WEST BASIN
District 1:
Harold Williams

District 4:
Scott Houston

ADDITIONAL ELECTIONS

Antelope Valley Health Care District
Steve Hofbauer



Alicia Mignano



Art Chacon



Maria Gutzeit



Joy Langford



Steve Hofbauer

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Superior Court Judge
Seat 90:
Melissa Lyons

ORANGE COUNTY



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SUPERVISOR

District 4:
Doug Chaffee

District 5:
Katrina Foley

U.S. CONGRESS

District 38
(La Palma/La Habra Heights):
Linda Sanchez

District 40
(Tustin/Chino Hills):
Dr. Asif Mahmood

District 45 (Fullerton/
Westminster):
Jay Chen

District 46 (Anaheim/
Santa Ana):
Lou Correa

District 47
(Irvine/Laguna):
Katie Porter

District 49
(San Clemente):
Mike Levin

STATE SENATE

District 30 (Brea):
Bob Archuleta

District 34 (Anaheim/
Santa Ana):
Tom Umberg

District 36 (Huntington
Beach):
Kim Carr

District 38
(San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano):
Catherine Blakespear

STATE ASSEMBLY

District 59 (Brea):
Phil Chen

District 64 (La Habra):
Blanca Pacheco

District 68
(Anaheim/ Orange/
Santa Ana):
Avelino Valencia

District 70
(Garden Grove):
Diedre Thu Ha Nguyen

District 71
(Mission Viejo):
Matt Rahn

District 72 (Huntington
Beach/Laguna Beach):
No endorsement

District 73 (Irvine/Costa
Mesa):
Cottie Petrie-Norris

District 74
(San Clemente/Dana
Point):
Chris Duncan

CITY ELECTIONS

ANAHEIM MAYOR
Ashleigh Aitken

ANAHEIM COUNCIL
District 3:
Natalie Rubalcava

BUENA PARK COUNCIL
District 1:
Joyce Ahn

District 5:
Connor Traut

COSTA MESA MAYOR
John Stephens

COSTA MESA COUNCIL
District 3:
Andrea Marr

District 4:
Manuel Chavez

District 5:
Arlis Reynolds

FULLERTON COUNCIL
District 3:
Shana Charles

District 5:
Ahmad Zahra



Avelino Valencia



Chris Duncan



Ashleigh Aitken



Andrea Marr



Ahmad Zahra

GARDEN GROVE MAYOR
Steve Jones

IRVINE MAYOR
Farrah Khan

IRVINE COUNCIL
Dr. Kathleen Treseder

LA HABRA COUNCIL
Michelle Juarez
Bernier

ORANGE COUNCIL
District 1:
Arianna Barrios

District 6:
Adrienne Gladson

SANTA ANA COUNCIL
Ward 2:
Nelida Mendoza

Ward 4:
Phil Bacerra

Ward 6:
David Penaloza

TUSTIN MAYOR
Rebecca "Beckie"
Gomez

TUSTIN COUNCIL
District 3:
Frank Gomez

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARDS

COAST
Area 1:
Jim Moreno

RANCHO SANTIAGO
Area 2:
John Hanna

Area 6:
Phil Yarbrough

SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS

ANAHEIM ELEMENTARY
Area 5:
Ryan Ruelas

ANAHEIM UNION HIGH SCHOOL
Area 2:
Annemarie Randle-Trejo

CENTRALIA ELEMENTARY
Area 1:
Henry Charoen



Arianna Barrios



David Penaloza



Jim Moreno



Annemarie Randle-Trejo


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Area 2:
Art Montez

Area 5:
Luis Jerry Flores

GARDEN GROVE
District 2:
Mark Paredes

HUNTINGTON
BEACH UNION HIGH SCHOOL
Bonnie Castrey




ORANGE UNIFIED
Area 1:
Andrea Yamasaki

Area 5:
Kris Erickson

OTHER
ELECTIONS


MESA WATER
DISTRICT
Division 5:
Shayanne Wright



MIDWAY CITY
SANITARY DISTRICT
Sergio Contreras

ORANGE COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
Judge Seat 30:
Michele Bell

ORANGE COUNTY
WATER DISTRICT
Division 1:
Dina Nguyen



CITY OF LA VOTERS:

VOTE YES

ON MEASURE ULA!



Yes on
ULA

FROM THE STATE BUILDING TRADES PRESIDENT

BIDEN ADMINISTRATION DELIVERS
WIN FOR WORKING FAMILIES
Inflation Reduction Act Makes Historic Investments



BY ANDREW MEREDITH
President, State Building and Construction
Trades Council of California

In August, President Joe Biden worked with Congressional leaders to approve a historic measure aimed at curbing inflation. The “Inflation Reduction Act of 2022” (IRA), as the legislation is titled, marks a milestone achievement for President Biden and a massive win for working families in California. With historic investments in renewable and clean energy technologies, coupled with a commitment to skilled and trained craft workers, the IRA could dramatically jumpstart the development of energy projects up and down the state.

During a recent visit with Vice President Kamala Harris in Washington, DC, I explained how bullish I was that the IRA could be a game-changer toward our efforts to build renewable projects in California. The Vice President was particularly proud that the legislation incentivizes paying prevailing wages and using registered apprentices by increasing tax credits for companies that do so, a sentiment that we share. This opens significant opportunities for our contractor partners around the state to expand their presence in the construction of energy-efficient homes, buildings and related infrastructure, creating significant job opportunities for our current and future members.

The IRA also focuses on the domestic production of components needed for clean energy technologies like wind, hydrogen, commercial-scale solar and carbon capture. This is especially exciting in the wind industry, as California is entering a crucial stage in the deployment of off-shore wind energy.

Under the IRA, substantial incentives will be available for wind developers to manufacture components in California ports, examples of which could include steel towers, blades or



Andrew Meredith, President of State Building and Construction Trades Council of California, third from right, participates Oct. 6 at the Port of Long Beach in the launch of the Alliance for Renewable Clean Hydrogen Energy Systems (ARCHES). ARCHES is a public-private partnership formed to help capture federal funding to assist in developing a robust renewable hydrogen market in California and to advance zero-emissions goals. Meredith joins officials from the Port of Long Beach, City of Long Beach, Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development, University of California Office of the President, unions, Renewables 100, and state and local legislatures.

floating platforms. Our goal at the State Building Trades has always been to leverage off-shore wind generation potential into good-paying union jobs in the construction of these assets and the manufacturing of components needed to deploy them. The Newsom Administration has fought for the same, and President Biden is helping us all deliver on those ambitions.

A Practical Approach

The IRA similarly takes a practical approach as it relates to bridge technologies like biofuels, hydrogen and carbon capture. The Biden Administration has long touted the benefits of these technologies, as have we here in California. Now, thanks to the framework of the IRA, we may see substantial investment in these technologies in California.

Instead of laying regulatory roadblocks at the base of these technologies like we’ve seen from California politicians, the IRA embraces them, offering substantial extensions for incentives in these industries. As we transition to a cleaner, more renewable energy portfolio in California, these technologies can keep manufacturing alive, transportation functioning, and agriculture producing in the short term. Those are important priorities if we are to keep our budget in the black.

While naysayers have been quick to label this a “tax increase” for the working class, the truth is that the IRA will not raise taxes on families making less than \$400,000 per year. What the IRA does is go after those wealthy and large corporations that have made dodging tax obligations an art form. The largest ones, who often pay little to no federal taxes, will see a flat 15 percent corporate tax thanks to the IRA.

“President Biden
is the most
pro-labor
President in most
of our lifetimes.”

As President Biden has consistently said, these measures are “an important component of building an economy that rewards work rather than wealth.” As we all know, our members embody that spirit every day, from San Diego to Redding, and from San Francisco to Lake Tahoe.

I’d be remiss not to acknowledge that in addition to President Biden,

many labor allies in Washington, DC played a part in ushering this landmark legislation to the finish line, including some familiar faces to those of us in California. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Vice President Harris, two of California’s own, unsurprisingly played a role. As my good friend Rudy Gonzalez, Secretary-Treasurer of the San Francisco Building Trades, likes to say, these two are no strangers to “bringing home the Davis-Bacon” (a reference to federal prevailing wages) for workers. Bring home the Davis-Bacon they did.

Above all else, the IRA presents a tremendous opportunity for the State Building Trades and our nearly half-million members in California. There are hundreds of thousands of jobs that will potentially be made available in the Golden State thanks to President Biden’s bold action. To deliver our end of the bargain, we must work tirelessly to organize new members, engage new contractors, train a diverse and inclusive workforce in our apprenticeship programs, and continue to build projects on time and under budget like we have done for generations.

President Biden is the most pro-labor President in most of our lifetimes... let’s show the rest of America why he puts his faith in the Building Trades!

WHO LIVES IN A PINEAPPLE BUILT BY A UNION?

Nickelodeon Hotel Will Create Smiles and Jobs in Garden Grove



The pineapple home of SpongeBob SquarePants becomes a hotel suite at the Nickelodeon resort.

BY LESLIE BERKMAN

A \$277 million, four-star Nickelodeon resort hotel will come to Garden Grove with a Community Workforce Agreement. In a major victory for the Building Trades, the Garden Grove City Council added a requirement to adopt the agreement when it approved the project by unanimous vote September 13.

The city, directly to the south of Anaheim, hopes to become a prime

tourist attraction in its own right.

The developer will now negotiate a workforce agreement with the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council that will bring collective bargaining and other labor standards.

“This is a historic project for Garden Grove,” said Councilwoman Stephanie Klopfenstein. “It will drive tourism.” She also said having the Building Trades involved is very important. “I love the idea of local hire and having

people live and work here in the local community.”

The resort hotel is planned on 3.72 acres at the northwest corner of Harbor Boulevard and Twintree Avenue next to the Sheraton Hotel. It will include 500 guest rooms, a themed pool experience with a lazy river, a 600-seat theater, grand ballroom, fitness center and a variety of food and beverage facilities. It will offer entertainment features unique to Nickelodeon such as a Nick Studio, Studio Hall, Kid’s Lounge and

the Odeon, a fine dining restaurant.

The 335-foot hotel tower will have a unique serpentine shape with a transparent glass façade. Also there will be 528 parking spaces contained within a 5-level parking structure.

Groundbreaking is anticipated for 2024, with completion in 2027.

Lester Adams, vice president of global business development for Paramount Global, the parent company of Nickelodeon, spoke glowingly about the prospect of opening a Nickelodeon

hotel in Garden Grove. “It is an important step for us to find the best domestic markets to put this brand,” said Adams, adding that Garden Grove is “one of the best family travel markets in the country.”

This will be the first United States outpost for Nickelodeon. It will join just two other Nickelodeon resorts in the world, in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, and the Riviera Maya in Mexico.

“This is a historic project for Garden Grove.”

—Councilwoman
Stephanie
Klopfenstein

That makes it all the more important to build with a local, skilled and trained workforce.

The Building Trades Council currently has a Community Workforce Agreement with the city of Garden Grove to cover a list of substantial public works. But the proposed Nickelodeon hotel is a private project, with extensive public assistance to the developer to make it pencil out. The assistance includes a big discount on the price of the land, and refunding back to the owner much of the occupancy tax that tourists will pay over the next 30 years.

“To achieve the scale of destination project despite the significant challenges brought on by the Covid pandemic, an economic development assistance program is necessary to bring the project forward,” said Lisa Kim, the city’s Community and Economic Development Director.

The hotel “will be a catalyst project to support the return of both domestic and international tourism towards



The hotel tower will rise 335 feet.



The outdoor pool complex at a Nickelodeon resort.

Harbor Boulevard,” Kim added.

In return, the hotel will provide the city with a wealth of jobs and additional net tax revenue of about \$236.4 million over 30 years.

The public would receive the best return on its investment through including community residents in construction, the City Council decided.

600-700 Construction Jobs

The upcoming agreement will set goals for hiring local residents and military veterans to build the hotel, which will generate between 600 and 700 construction jobs, 300 to 400 permanent hotel jobs and 200 temporary hotel jobs.

Ernesto Medrano, Orange County representative for the Building Trades,

thanked the city staff for its work and praised the developer, Newage Garden Grove II LLC with Kam Sang Company as its managing partner, for agreeing to join forces with organized labor.

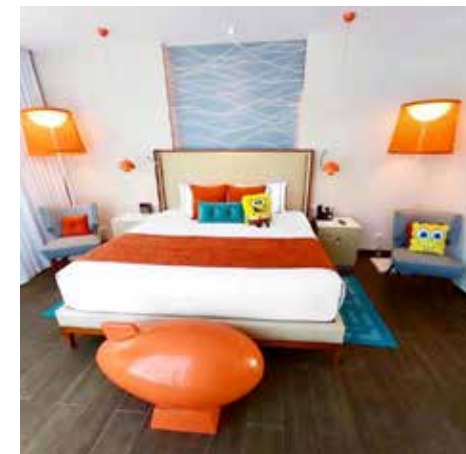
“These kinds of projects provide awesome opportunities for young men and women that are not going to college,” Medrano said. “But we will be able to put them on a pathway to the middle class, and give the developer the best skilled and trained workforce there is in the country.” In addition, he said local hiring to build the hotel will “provide opportunities for folks to be able to spend their money locally here in Garden Grove and in the surrounding Orange County community.”

Medrano said he is excited to have another iconic construction project for his members, who he recalled have taken on other major high-profile challenges like the construction and almost-constant rebuilds of Disneyland in Anaheim, SoFi Stadium in Inglewood and the Lucas Museum of Narrative Art in Los Angeles.

Among the union representatives urging the council to approve the Nickelodeon resort hotel, Richard Ayala, an apprentice with Iron Workers Local 416, said he was born and raised

in Anaheim and currently lives only a few minutes from Garden Grove City Hall.

Noting that he recently has been commuting to work on the Intuit Dome for basketball’s Clippers in Inglewood, Ayala said working on the hotel in Garden Grove “would be a big opportunity not only to get home sooner to my daughter and my wife, but to help build a community I was basically raised in.”



The guest rooms use bright, kid-friendly Nickelodeon colors.

Luis Aleman, lead project coordinator for the Orange County Labor Federation, thanked the large force of union construction workers at the council meeting to support the hotel. He said such skilled union members will “do a good job and make sure Garden Grove’s economy keeps moving forward.”

Decade in the Making

“I can’t decide what I am more excited about, SpongeBob or to have local jobs,” Councilwoman Kim Nguyen said jokingly before voting in favor of the hotel. SpongeBob SquarePants is one of Nickelodeon’s most famous characters. Nguyen said she was also gratified by the opportunity for military veterans and students to learn a union Trade as apprentices.



The Garden Grove City Council and Mayor look forward to celebrating the new project.

Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones thanked all the parties involved for their persistence in putting together the hotel project, which has been in the works for about a decade. He also thanked rank-and-file Trades members for appearing at the council meeting to support the development. “This is going to be amazing,” Jones said. “We can’t wait to see it break ground and we can’t wait to see it get done.”

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Garden Grove wants to bring more tourism to Harbor Boulevard.

HONDA CENTER AIMS FOR HUGE MAKEOVER

\$4 Billion Plan Will Transform 95 Acres



The Anaheim Ducks owners want to build a master planned community surrounding Honda Center.

BY LESLIE BERKMAN

The Anaheim City Council on September 27 unanimously took action paving the way for the owner of the Anaheim Ducks to invest \$4 billion to develop a master planned community surrounding Honda Center, where the hockey team plays its games.

The high-profile project, called OC Vibe, will offer live sports and music entertainment, restaurants, residential and office buildings, multiple parking structures, and art displays, all linked by publicly accessible parks, plazas, paseos and bridges that encourage walking and biking.

Of special importance to the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council, an estimated 10,000 construction jobs will be generated during the seven-to-10-year development. A Community Workforce Agreement is in the final stage of negotiations and is expected to set priorities for local hiring and

the hiring of veterans and for union apprenticeship opportunities.

The project, spearheaded by Anaheim Real Estate Partners LLC, a company of Anaheim Duck owners

The project does not yet have a groundbreaking date. It will be built in phases, with the majority build by 2028, the year Los Angeles hosts the Summer Olympics. Honda Center is

seat concert hall, an amphitheater, expansion of the Honda Center, a food hall, two hotels, more than 30 restaurants, 950,000 square feet of office space, more than 11,000 parking spaces and 1,500 residential units, of which at least 195 will be priced for very low, low and moderate-income households.

“OC Vibe represents the culmination of years of planning and efforts by the city of Anaheim to activate the Platinum Triangle,” said Ernesto Medrano, Orange County representative for the Building Trades. “This is a legacy project for Anaheim. It will be an iconic element for the region.”

‘What’s Not to Like?’

“What’s not to like about this project?” said mayor pro tem Trevor O’Neil, ticking off a list of benefits the project will deliver, including diversifying the city’s economy and tax base, a boost of activity for the ARTIC transit hub, retention of the city’s hockey team as the Anaheim Ducks at the Honda Center for the long term and the chance to “fulfill the vision of the Platinum Triangle,” the name given years ago to



Building Trades union members call for Council to do the right thing.

and Honda Center operators Henry and Susan Samuelli, also is expected to create a wide variety of jobs for 8,000 permanent employees.

slated to provide the venue for indoor volleyball.

Highlights of the nearly 100-acre development include a 5,700-



Doug Mangione, political director for IBEW Local 441.

an area now encompassing OC Vibe that is meant to create city pride and excitement.

Medrano said the Building Trades Council is working closely with the developer “to ensure a skilled and trained workforce on the jobsite with local residents and veterans hired through the Helmets to Hard Hats program.”

Several union members who live in Anaheim told the council how they and their families would benefit if they could work in their home town. “I could ride a bike to work,” said John DeCleene, an IBEW Local 441 member.

Manuel Ojeda, representing Iron Workers Local 416, introduced himself



The makeover will add a concert hall, amphitheater, two hotels and more.

as a third-generation Iron Worker whose grandfather helped to build the original Space Mountain in Disneyland

and whose father worked to build the Anaheim Convention Center.

Ojeda, who has worked on renovating

those same projects, explained the value of apprenticeship training

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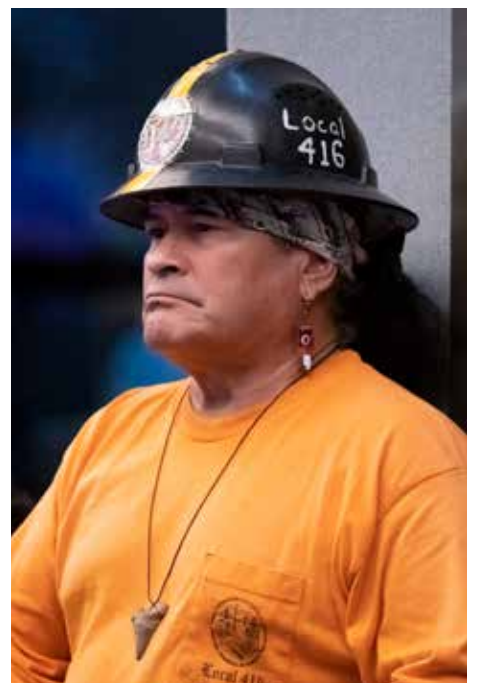
IUPAT DC 36 represents at the meeting, including Tony De Trinidad in blue shirt, and below him, r-l: Ronnie Martinez, John Coley, Rene Real, Vince Ramos and Pete Escalera.

“We are going to build you a quality project.”

—Journeyman Manuel Ojeda, Iron Workers Local 416



The 10 o’clock club of people who stayed to the end includes union members with Council OC representative Ernesto Medrano, fifth from left, and next to him, Dan Young, Executive Director, Development for OC Vibe.



Retired Iron Workers Local 416 Iron Worker Robert Logan stays involved with his union.

Photos by
MARK SAVAGE



IBEW Local 441, based in Orange, sends a strong message on hiring local residents.



Boots on the ground: Some of these Iron Workers Local 416 members come to the meeting after a day out in the field.



Ernesto Medrano, at podium, addresses the City Council.



IBEW Local 441 apprentices Jose and John Gutierrez send a message.

for the next generation of Anaheim high school graduates looking for a satisfying occupation.

He told council members that OC Vibe “is going to bring so much work for your recent graduates. They can come out and get on the pile with us, learn how to do electrical, be part of your community.” Ojeda promised the council members that if they adopt a Community Workforce Agreement as anticipated, “we are going to build you a quality project.”

“We are pleased to have construction labor partners here tonight, our partners, many of them Anaheim residents who will enjoy the benefits of working on this project. We are proud to have their support tonight,” said Dan Young, who led the OC Vibe design and development team. Union members applauded in appreciation of Young’s remarks.

“We believe in civic rejuvenation by partnering business with local

government, nonprofits, philanthropy and labor,” Young said in describing the philosophy of the Samueli family, known for supporting nonprofits in Anaheim.

A central mission of the OC Vibe project, Young also said, is “to bring the diverse communities of Orange County together on this campus to celebrate their art, their food, their music and their culture.”



\$10 Million in New Revenue

In laying out OC Vibe’s potential economic benefits to the city, Ted White, Anaheim’s planning and building director, said the completed development will produce nearly \$10 million in additional annual gross revenue from hotel occupancy, property and sales taxes and advertising revenue from special signage districts.

The development will be accomplished without any subsidy from the city general fund, city officials and the developer said. While the Anaheim Public Financing Authority will issue up to \$400 million in revenue bonds to finance construction of parking structures, they said the operator of



Randy Wetmur, business agent for Iron Workers Local 416.

Honda Center will be responsible for paying off the bonds with Honda Center revenue.

Young said the developer also believes OC Vibe will boost business for the city’s existing hotels and restaurants by increasing demand for Anaheim conventions.

“This is a spectacular-looking project,” said Doug Mangione, business representative for IBEW Local 441. “The city’s going to be proud, my members are going to be proud, my contractors are going to be proud to have worked on this project.”

Council member Avelino Valencia said he was impressed by assurance from the developer that construction will go forward without interruption despite the possibility of an economic downturn or recession.



OC Vibe will add 1,500 homes.



The project will include 20 acres of public space.

ALL-UNION ANAHEIM HOTEL WINS EXTENSION



The union-built Westin Anaheim Resort opened in 2021.

Turning out in force, the Building Trades have won another victory at the Anaheim City Council.

On Oct. 4, a week after unanimously giving the go-ahead for development of OC Vibe, the council on a 5-1 vote gave Good Hope International a two-year extension on its plans to build a luxury hotel at the southeast corner of Harbor Blvd. and Disney Way.

The developer is a strong partner of the LA/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council, and will build the new hotel under a Project Labor Agreement.

So, there is no timetable yet for the new hotel, but it will be built all union on 8.8 acres.

The city staff recommended the extension to compensate for the continuing challenges of obtaining development financing and supply chain interruptions in the wake of the Covid pandemic.

The development agreement will refund back to the developer about 70 percent of the “transient occupancy taxes” that tourists will pay to the hotel for its first 20 years in business. Council members said revoking or altering this agreement will jeopardize economic benefits to the city that would be lost, including construction jobs.

Before the vote, Ernesto Medrano, Orange County representative for the Building Trades, said development of the Four Diamond Luxury hotel marks a continuing revitalization of the Anaheim tourist and convention business that took a big hit from the pandemic. It will offer an opportunity for local union members to “get up and get our work boots, get our

hard hats and go up and build that hotel.”

Local union members and leaders took the podium to support the time extension for the hotel, arguing that it would bring good paying jobs closer to construction workers who live in Anaheim. Many are keeping busy on jobs that are far from their homes, but they’d welcome the occasional chance for a short commute.

“I stand here in solidarity with my brothers and sisters from the Building Trades and urge you to support the extension of the new hotel,” said Norma Lopez of Teamsters Local 952. “Not only is this good quality jobs for the women and the men in the Building Trades but there is a ripple effect that the hotel will have throughout the community, bringing in good jobs to every single person who works there.”

“It takes us away from having to drive a few hours out of town and maybe stay in a hotel and be away from the family and only come home on weekends,” said Iron Workers Local 433 member Haitham Awaneh, an Anaheim resident. “You are helping us live the American dream and I appreciate that.”

Paul Sanford, chief executive for Good Hope International, a hotel development and management company with its national headquarters in Anaheim, told the council that the hotel will offer exceptionally good pay and benefits to all of its hospitality employees, from middle management to housekeepers, as well as in union construction.

The company’s union-built Westin Anaheim Resort opened to positive reviews in 2021.

READY FOR A CLOSE-UP

Local 1036 Painters Bring Top Technique to Landmark



Banners from signatory contractor Duggan decorate the sign while work is in progress.



Members of Painters Local 1036 getting ready to work.



Local 1036 members will be on site through the start of November.

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BY ANNE-MARIE OTEY

When we talk about infrastructure, we don't always mean roads, trains, bridges and power plants.

Some landmarks are so important that they are part of the local infrastructure, too.

That's the case with the Hollywood sign, one of the world's most famous geographic symbols. Those nine letters are known everywhere and express the pride and reputation of the entertainment capital located in Southern California.

But just like a road or a bridge, even famous icons show wear and tear. In this case, with the 100th anniversary of the sign coming up in 2023, it was especially important to give the letters a makeover.

That's where the skilled Painters of IUPAT District Council 36, Painters Local 1036, come in. Early on a September morning, Painters on the

job for signatory contractor Duggan & Associates were working under the rising sun in Griffith Park as they prepared the sign for 400 gallons of paint and primer.

The crew nominated Gustavo Cuyuch as their spokesman for a video made on site by IUPAT's international union, and shown online. "My favorite part of painting is that every day is a new experience," Cuyuch said. "Everyone would love to come and have the opportunity of working up here but we got this chance. We're grateful to our contractor and our union that we are part of the family of painters."

Starting in 1923

The famous sign started its life in 1923 as an advertisement for the Hollywoodland housing development, each letter 45 feet tall and up to 39 feet wide in order to be seen easily.

In 1949, the "LAND" letters were cropped off. By 1978, the original

letters were crumbling, and activists banded together to remove the original and erect a sturdier replacement.

The letters are made of corrugated steel and mounted on strong metal frames. Since then, the sign has been repainted about every 10 years. This



The sign is made of corrugated steel.

time, the shade will be High Reflective White SW 7757 in Emerald Exterior by Sherwin-Williams. The work is scheduled to complete on November 1.

"The sign is the pride of Los Angeles and we are excited for fans all around the world to see this makeover for a very special 100th anniversary," said Jeff Zarrinam, chair of the Hollywood Sign Trust, which helps administer the site with the Hollywood Chamber of



Each letter is mounted about 10 to 15 feet off the hilly ground.



The letters are washed and primed before painting.

Commerce and the city of Los Angeles.

"People don't realize that when you're standing at the sign, each letter is 45 feet high, the length of each letter. But they're actually also about 10 to 15 feet off the ground," Zarrinam added.

"So some of these guys are up 50 to 60 feet in the air."

Luis Robles, Business Manager of IUPAT DC 36, said his members are up to the challenge. "Anyone visiting or driving by the sign will see our

members' work for decades to come," he said. "We're proud that when our members head out to the job, they're doing it with the best skills and safety training. We're proud to be part of the fabric of the city."

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WATCH THE WORK!

A 24/7 webcam shows the union crews working on the restoration

www.hollywoodsign.org/webcam



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Sheet Metal local union members and contractors are an essential part of any building. The Sheet Metal Trade includes architectural work, air balancing, and the fabrication and installation of duct and mechanical equipment for HVAC.

It's a range of specialties based on craftsmanship with metal and composite materials, and dedicated to the highest quality.

Noted architect Frank Gehry is making a new impression on the Southern California landscape with the "Second Century" project for Warner Bros. Entertainment in Burbank. The pair of seven- and nine-story towers will hold 800,000 square feet of office space atop deep underground parking. The name is a tribute to Warner Bros.' 100-year anniversary in 2023, when the buildings are scheduled to open.

To Gehry, the buildings look like icebergs floating just north of the 134 Freeway. To the dozens of Sheet Metal Local 105 workers on site for signatory contractor ACCO Engineered Systems, it's an opportunity to bring their skills to a challenging new project, just as the local and its contractors did on other Gehry projects like the Grand in downtown LA.

Each signatory contractor follows the principles of excellence. Jobs are completed efficiently, helping save money for the client. The highly trained union workforce promotes safety and increases productivity.

With over 200 contractors signatory to SMART Local 105, and over 2000 nationwide in the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors National Association, the partnership of labor and contractors works to grow the Sheet Metal Industry to the highest quality.

O-K! METRO OPENS NEW LINE



"After decades of going without rail transit, I'm proud to lead Metro as it delivers the K Line to Crenshaw, Inglewood and all the other south Los Angeles communities," says Stephanie Wiggins, CEO of Metro, at right. Joining her in ribbon cutting are, l-r, Metro board chair Ara Najarian; Metro board members James Butts and Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker; emcee Dr. Jody Watley; LA Mayor Eric Garcetti; activist Lorraine Bradley and Building Trades communications director Anne-Marie Otey.

A lively crowd of neighbors, transit riders and elected officials gathered Oct. 7 in Leimert Park to celebrate the opening of the Metro K Line. Originally known as the Crenshaw/LAX Project, it brings seven stations of light rail to South Los Angeles and will eventually connect with the LAX People Mover and the Metro C Line.

The K Line was built under a Project Labor Agreement with the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council.

"I'm here to represent people who love doing their jobs," said Anne-Marie Otey, communications director of the council. "Many union members started or continued their construction careers here, and we look forward to many more projects with our Metro PLA."

The project was an economic driver, with 60 percent of hours worked by men and women from economically disadvantaged areas.

"Today, we're fulfilling a dream that started with Mayor Tom Bradley and was carried on for decades by countless community leaders and elected officials: world-class public transportation in South Los Angeles," said LA Mayor Eric Garcetti.

The \$2.1 billion project was largely funded by local tax dollars, predominantly Metro's Measure R transportation sales tax measure, as well as a key federal funding loan.

The seven new stations are now open from Crenshaw to Inglewood and Westchester. An eighth station will open at Aviation and Century in 2023, and a ninth will open near LAX.



Motherland Drummers and Dancers cap the first half of the ceremony.



A banner breakthrough marks the first K train for passengers.



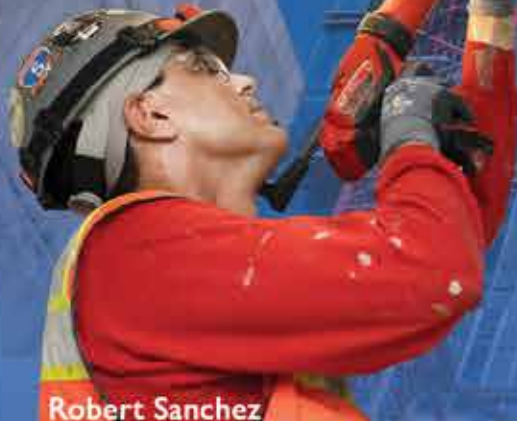
Veteran Metro manager Mimi Long works closely with the Building Trades to increase diversity.



The K Line employed many local workers, like this member of the Laborers.

Heat & Frost Insulators Local 5

A skyscraper is rising on Figueroa Street in downtown Los Angeles, and safety is on everyone's mind. These journeymen members of Heat & Frost Insulators Local 5, working for Imperial Specialty Contracting, are applying fire-stopping material and insulating hot water risers. "Insulating and Fire-Stopping are the original 'green' jobs," says Michael Patterson, Business Manager of Local 5. "They help keep everyone safe and save energy, too." With the building topping out at 42 stories with 438 homes, residents will be reassured that these Local 5 members are using their union training on the job.



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