

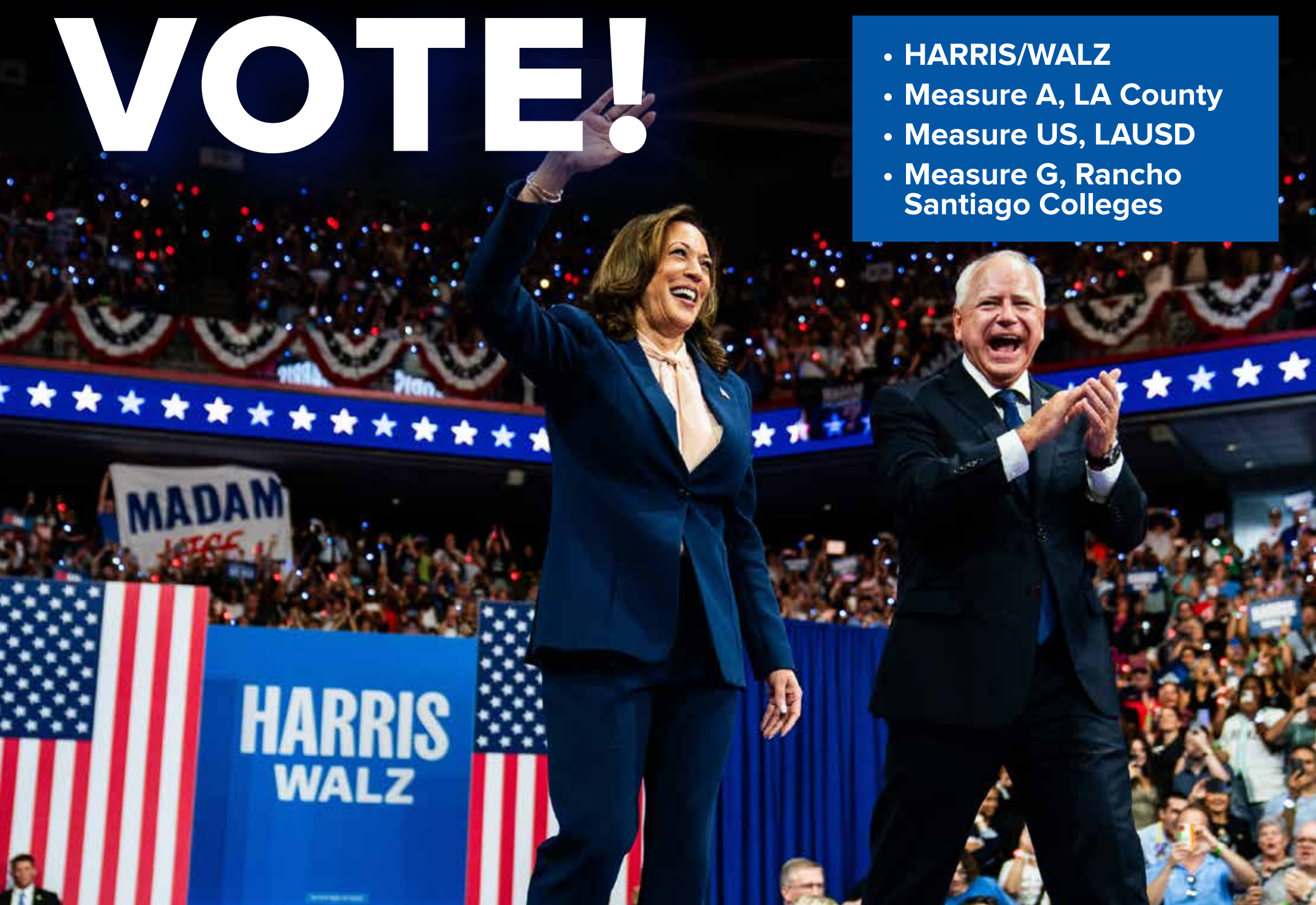


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Vice President Kamala Harris and Gov. Tim Walz at the Democratic National Convention.

BY ANNE-MARIE OTEY

“This is the most important election of the last two decades,” says Ernesto

Medrano, Executive Secretary of the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council. “The direction of our country is at stake. Will

we continue the pro-union policies of the Biden Administration? Or will we go backward?”

The Building Trades solidly support the ticket of Kamala Harris and Tim Walz for President and Vice President.

“Harris and Walz will build on the current pro-union policies and make them even stronger,” Medrano says. Standout acts include funding billions of dollars in infrastructure work; requiring Project Labor Agreements on federal work above \$35 million; defending prevailing wage and safety standards;

and supporting joint labor/management apprenticeship.

“This is in stark contrast to the Trump Administration, where we were promised so much and received so little,” Medrano says. “This is not about ideology. It’s about results. Kamala Harris and Joe Biden have delivered for the Building Trades.”

With so much on the line, Medrano joins the affiliated Building Trades local unions to get out the vote. “Our unified efforts will win on Nov. 5,” he says.

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RANCHO SANTIAGO SIGNS AGAIN WITH TRADES



Council Executive Secretary Ernest Medrano and Building Trades union representatives join Chancellor Marvin Martinez and college trustees to sign the Community and Student Workforce Project Agreement.

The timing was perfect when the Rancho Santiago Community College District trustees and chancellor signed a 10-year renewal of a Community and Student Workforce Project Agreement with the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council on Sept. 23.

The group gathered just weeks before voters in the district will decide on a new bond measure for \$720 million—with construction to be covered by the new agreement.

The renewal comes as a result of



Health Sciences Building under construction at Santa Ana College.

the success of the previous agreement, signed in 2014.

“We strongly value our partnership with Rancho Santiago,” said Council Executive Secretary Ernest Medrano as he joined trustees and Chancellor Marvin Martinez at the start of the board meeting.

Chancellor Martinez said the bond measure will advance the college’s goals. “The funds from this bond will be tremendously timely and significant,” he said. “As one of the fastest-growing community college districts in the state, we desperately need to upgrade classrooms/labs, prepare students/veterans for university transfer, and equip students for jobs in nursing, emergency response and the Building Trades.”

The Rancho Santiago Community College District is governed by an eight-member Board of Trustees that oversees the activities of the district’s two public community colleges, Santa Ana College and Santiago Canyon College in Orange.



The Johnson Student Center at Santa Ana College was built under the previous agreement with the Building Trades.

The district represent the residents of Anaheim Hills, East Garden Grove, Irvine, Orange, Santa Ana, Tustin and Villa Park.

Both campuses have benefited from the CWA, which targets local residents and

RSCCD students for hiring into Building Trades union apprenticeships.

Funds from the proposed bond measure will authorize local funding to renovate aging campus buildings, repair leaky roofs and deteriorating gas, electrical, and sewer lines; upgrade computer technology; improve access for disabled students; construct new classrooms to relieve overcrowding and expand the educational and training programs at Santa Ana College, Santiago Canyon College, the regional education centers and the district operations center.

At a time when district residents are being asked to contribute more to the school system, Medrano said, it is important that they see the positive effect of their own community members being employed by the Measure G projects. “We are serious in our commitment to local hire,” Medrano said.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

OUR ADVERSARY IS APATHY—LET’S HARVEST THOSE BALLOTS

Construction bonds will create decades of jobs

We normally have a clear divide when it comes to elections. We ask ourselves questions such as: Are these politicians serving us? Are they enabling corporate greed? Are they corrupt? Are they addressing the improvement of better wages, benefits and working conditions?

So sometimes we get discouraged when we see the news online or read the papers.

What happens next? The ballot comes in the mail and we leave it on the kitchen table or the dresser.

But we can make a difference.

We can engage our members and “harvest” those ballots. California voters can legally “designate any person to return [their] ballot to the elections official from whom it came or to the precinct board at a polling place within a jurisdiction.”

In short, you can remind everyone you know to vote, and to use the ballot that is being sent now to each voter. And then you can gather, or “harvest,” those ballots, and bring them to any dropbox in your county.

That is what wins elections.

2024 is another crucial year for Building Trades families. It is a Presidential cycle and it has gotten very interesting since the last debate.

But as the saying goes, “all politics are local.” LA County has 88 cities, and Orange County has 34, plus school boards, water boards, hospital boards and many other important positions to fill.

Please see the list starting on p. 11 of the candidates endorsed by the Building Trades Council.

We respect everyone’s political beliefs but we evaluated the candidates as to where they stand on issues relating to creating more union work in our industry, and it’s worth your time to consider these candidates. Do they support industrial democracy by voting in favor of more Project Labor Agreements and Community Workforce Agreements? Do they stand with us to earn better wages, benefits and working conditions?

On the local level, this year has a significant number of bonds for community college and K-12 school systems, plus housing measures.

There are almost a dozen bond measures that we are supporting because these districts have agreed to use union labor out of your hiring halls through our Agreements. These bonds combined amount to \$13 billion over the next decade or two.

Why should we support and vote for bonds, and encourage others to vote for bonds and

ballot measures? As workers, as parents, as property owners, as proponents of a better future, we know that it is important to take ownership of our community.

First and foremost, bond funds create many hours of work for union Tradesworkers as well as opportunities for career pathways through

the Joint Labor Management Apprenticeship Programs. These bonds can provide anywhere from 10 to 20 years of union construction work.

Also, the construction of new, remodeled and renovated state-of-the-art classrooms provides for a high-quality learning environment. Our youth must be better prepared to compete in the future workplace, in a global setting. It’s

“Do the politicians stand with us to earn better wages, benefits and working conditions?”

been shown that when the LA Unified School District worked with the Building Trades in the past 20 years to build new schools and improve older ones, student achievement went up.

Bonds also enhance the value of homes and properties in our neighborhoods, which in turn contributes to a higher tax revenue base. The prosperity of a community improves because of the new facilities constructed in the local schools. When schools do well, communities do well.

Furthermore, bonds promote sustainability, enabling schools to meet higher environmental standards. This conserves resources and promotes renewable forms of energy.

I remember as a kid sitting in a classroom in my Boyle Heights elementary school. It got hot in the late spring and sometimes it was hard to concentrate. But we did not face the 100-degree-plus days that we now regularly have in August, September and even October in Southern California.

The answer is air conditioning in every school, installed and maintained in an efficient and renewable way with the skills of our well-trained Building Trades union members. At this point, 36,000 schools in the United States do not have AC. That’s a lot of work for the Building Trades—if voters commit to fund it.

Other Important Races

We have many choices to make in the Presidential race, plus members of the state legislature, city councils, school and college trustees, and water board members. All those races matter as well. Again, you will see on pages 9-12 the recommendations of the Building Trades Council. If one of your city’s elections is not included, please check with your local union.

In summary, every vote counts. Let’s insure that all Building Trades union members are registered to vote and cast their ballots.



BY ERNESTO MEDRANO
Executive Secretary

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LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

Building Trades Support Convention Center Expansion to Hold 2028 Olympics Events



The expansion would increase the footprint of the convention center by 45 percent.

BY ANDREW ASCH

The long-delayed Los Angeles Convention Center expansion moved closer to construction on July 2 when the Los Angeles City Council voted 13-1 to approve pre-design work with AEG and Plenary Group.

The \$1.4 billion project will set up the center nicely to hold events for the 2028 Summer Olympics events, which LA will host. It is slated to be the venue for fencing, judo, table tennis, taekwondo and wrestling.

Mayor Karen Bass will have final approval for the plan, which has been in the works for a decade and should break ground in the spring of 2025.

AEG currently manages the convention center, and will partner with Plenary, a developer and investor on public-private ventures, on the expansion.

The construction will generate 7,445 Trades jobs, all to be performed under a Project Labor Agreement with the LA/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council.

With that number in hand, Trades union representatives turned out to support the vote.

“I ask you to think about the amount of jobs that will be created for LA residents,” said Ricardo Garcia, an organizer for SMART Local 105.

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The last LACC renovation took place in 1997.



Gilbert Lindsay Plaza will add public open space.

That includes the members of Local 831 Trade Show & Sign Crafts, part of IUPAT DC 36, who will play a big part in the Olympics setup. “A new generation will have the opportunity to live and work in LA,” said business representative Matt Cornell. “They’ll also have the opportunity to contribute to the local economy.”

The LA Olympics are now competing to make a bigger splash than the popular 2024 Games that just ended in Paris.

Council Executive Secretary Ernesto Medrano said the Building Trades have a strong track record building essential infrastructure and attractions for Southern California.

Skilled Local Workforce

“With our skilled local workforce, we’ve taken on huge challenges and built Olympics-ready venues like SoFi Stadium, LA Memorial Coliseum and the brand-new Intuit Dome,” Medrano said. “Our members are fired up to contribute to the Olympics effort and we will do whatever it takes.”

City leaders agreed that they’re ready to meet tight deadlines. The expansion will be able to reach its ambitious goal of finishing construction by the summer of 2028 if the Building Trades break ground as early as possible in 2025. The city is dealing with many

Olympics obligations and is including the LACC in the timetable.

The importance of the Olympics and other uses of the Convention Center make it a sound investment, both business and labor leaders said.

Many businesses in Downtown LA depend on direct and indirect spending from the LACC. The project is estimated to add \$165 million in visitor spending each year, and will create 2,147 jobs on an ongoing basis.

The council vote followed a joint report from the City Administrative Officer and the Chief Legislative Analyst outlining the scope of work. The expansion would increase the footprint of the convention center by 45 percent. It will include 55,000 square feet of new meeting space; 190,000 square feet of new exhibit hall space, connecting the convention center’s existing South and West Halls to create one contiguous hall; and



The LACC will also host judo.

Stuart Waldman, President of the Valley Industry & Community Association, said Los Angeles has been losing convention business to other cities such as Anaheim and San Diego.

“If we don’t take action now, we’ll fall behind and lose our edge,” he told Councilmembers. “The economic stakes are high. Conventions drive billions in economic activity.”

The LACC hosts nearly 200 events and sees 2 million visitors annually.

The Anaheim Convention Center had a massive renovation under a Building Trades Project Labor Agreement in 2017 and hosts 300 events.



China defeated Sweden for the 2024 Olympics team gold medal at the Grand Palais venue.



Fencing, seen here at the 2024 Paris Olympics, will take place at the LA Convention Center in 2028.

95,000 square feet of multi-purpose space.

More Public Space

The plan features a redesign of Gilbert Lindsay Plaza at Pico Blvd. and Figueroa St., which will add public open space that can be used for outdoor events.

The last time major construction

took place at the convention center was 1997, when the Building Trades demolished the northeast corner of the compound to make way for Crypto.com Arena (formerly the Staples Center). In 2008, the convention center was certified LEED for healthy, highly efficient and cost-saving green buildings.

AEG entered the picture in 2013, when the City Council voted to approve the global entertainment presenter, the world’s largest owner of sports teams and sports events, to manage the convention center. AEG developed the LA Live entertainment district, which is adjacent to Crypto.com Arena.

In the upcoming months, the City will work with AEG, Plenary, architect Populous and general contractors PCL and Webcor to finalize design plans, schedule and costs before construction starts in spring 2025.

The CAO and CLA are scheduled to give the council updates on the expansion project’s status by December.



Built from 1897 to 1900, the landmark Grand Palais was made over for the 2024 Olympics.

ALL-UNION MAGNOLIA WINS BIG APPROVAL

Coastal Commission Acts Boldly; Huntington Beach Is Next



The thriving resort city of Huntington Beach needs more housing for working families.

BY LESLIE BERKMAN

The Huntington Beach City Council voted September 17 to approve the all-union conversion of 29 empty acres in Huntington Beach into a mixed-use residential, commercial and open space project.

The Magnolia Tank Farm will be built under a Project Labor Agreement with the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council.

The council confirmed a California Coastal Commission vote on July 10 that also gave the go-ahead to the project.

Although Magnolia is an Orange County project, the Coastal Commission vote was taken in San Rafael, since the monthly commission meetings are held in locations throughout the state.

Andrew Gonzales, Council
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Representative for Orange County, made the trek up to the Bay Area city to support Magnolia developer Shopoff Realty's request for a zoning change.

The mission was successful, with a 9-0 vote, and one member abstaining.

"We have a unique opportunity here today," Gonzales told the commissioners. "We have a Project Labor Agreement that will ensure high quality wages, that workers are treated fairly and that the local community is going to benefit from these jobs."

Magnolia Tank Farm will now move through the Huntington Beach planning process.

"We are in it for the long haul," Gonzales said after the commission vote. "The Coastal approval is a major milestone, but we need to stay united and active throughout the city's timeline so we can break ground on this project."

Doug Mangione, political coordinator

for IBEW Local 441 in Orange County, said the project will enhance the abandoned property and give residents and vacationers "California's renowned coastal experience" while providing "local construction jobs with family-sustaining wages and benefits and good, permanent jobs for hotel workers."

"The construction phase alone is expected to generate 2,000 union



Long Beach City Council member Roberto Uranga sits on the Coastal Commission.

construction jobs," noted Brian Kruep, business agent for UA Local 582 Plumbers and Steamfitters. "The Project Labor Agreement will also prioritize local hire, which will benefit the local economy while reducing vehicle emissions from workers traveling long distances."

Representatives from many unions and labor organizations gave full-throated support.

"From the State Building Trades point of view, this is an excellent project, said Mark Mulliner, Northern California Regional Director for the State Building and Construction Trades Council. "It's going to bring lots of youth into the Trades from the local community."

Speakers also emphasized the project's unique take on union-built housing: At least 20 percent of the new homes will be affordable apartments. The first leases for half of those

apartments will go to income-qualified workers employed at the proposed on-site hotel. The other half will be slated for workers at several nearby hotels.

It is a potential model for providing affordable workforce housing on the California coast, where tourist-magnet cities like Huntington Beach are often short on such homes.

The development will feature a 215-room, lodge-style hotel with some lower-cost rooms designed for families; 250 for-sale and for-rent homes; retail and restaurants; public parks and trails, and a conservation area to buffer adjacent wetlands.

The site was previously used to store fuel for a nearby power plant.

Angie Flores, organizer for SMART Local 105, said transforming the site will help to address California's

perpetuity."

William Shopoff, president and chief executive of Shopoff Realty Investments, said the affordable housing component "is a strong precedent and hopefully others will follow it."

While praising the project's benefits, the commissioners said they took to heart the concerns of the project's opponents, who criticized as foolhardy the plan to place housing so close to the Ascon toxic landfill, which borders the project to the north and is not part of Magnolia Tank Farm.

"To most of us it is illogical that anyone wants to live next to a superfund (landfill) who doesn't have to," said Commissioner Dayna Bochoch.

Several commissioners told Shopoff they would like to prohibit construction



The site once held massive oil storage tanks.

housing crisis. "The effort is a crucial step toward meeting Orange County's mandate to build 180,000 new housing units, with the city of Huntington Beach specifically required to provide 13,000 units, by 2029," Flores said.

"Huntington Beach is behind in its housing numbers by a lot and if the Coastal Commission denies this project, it will contribute further to California's housing shortage," said Luis Aleman, regional director of the Orange County Labor Federation.

of any housing until the Ascon landfill is completely remediated. Nick Ta, speaking for the state Department of Toxic Substances Control that is overseeing remediation at the landfill, said work was halted in 2019 until a method could be found to suppress odors.

He said the state-approved remediation process, which consists of contouring and capping the toxic materials at the landfill, is expected to

Homes for Workers

The 51 below-market-rate apartments will be priced to accommodate low to extremely low-income workers, with their earnings categorized as a percentage of the Orange County median income, which is \$44,190 for an individual and \$109,361 for a household.

Besides hotel employees, these could include postal workers and teachers, said Alexa Washburn, chief development officer for National Community Renaissance, a nonprofit organization that has partnered with Shopoff to develop, own and manage the affordable apartments.

At the request of the commission, Shopoff and Washburn agreed to place deed restrictions on the apartments so they will remain affordable "in



The Magnolia site spans 29 acres.

restart in September and conclude in 2026.

The commissioners added a requirement for testing to assure the development site is free of contamination that exceeds residential standards before construction begins on the houses and apartments, and again before they are occupied.

The commission staff a year ago recommended denial of the Magnolia Tank Farm project because of concerns about flooding hazards in the low-lying area posed by climate change that might be worsened by runoff from the new development; a possible health threat from Ascon; and arguments that the land should instead be used for flood control infrastructure to protect the surrounding community.

But at the July 10 hearing, the staff reported that all their reservations had

been resolved and they believed the project can meet Coastal Act mandates.

"We don't take the change of our recommendation lightly," said Dr. Kate Huckelbridge, the commission's Executive Director. "The bottom line is that after a lot of technical study, we believe the project as envisioned by the local coastal plan amendment will not substantially make things worse or better in terms of hazards for the city."

Area Is Cleaned

Mauricio Escobar, a consultant on Magnolia Tank Farm and a geologist, said fuel tanks, piping and contaminated topsoil were removed from the site. After that, based on extensive soil and groundwater sampling and testing, the Department of Toxic Substances Control concluded that the site could be developed for housing.

"The site itself is clean," Escobar assured the commissioners.

Escobar said perimeter groundwater wells and air monitors currently do not show any migration of contaminated water beyond the boundaries of the landfill.

The commission staff added that the rising sea level is not expected to spur future migration of contaminated groundwater from the landfill to the Magnolia Tank Farm development, although air and water will continue to be tested.

Before voting, Commissioner Meagan Harmon said, "I really do think what we are doing up here today is a balancing act." She said that while the commissioners have responsibility to ensure public safety, they also have responsibility to heed the voices of those needing affordable housing.

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The development will be about two miles from the Huntington Beach pier.

HEAVY METAL GAINS NEW FANS

SMART Local 105 course gives a taste of the Trade



Members of the Class of 2024: L-r, Alejandro Gonzalez, Logan Baker, Damian Godina, Izayah Catalan, Robert Montez, Nefthaly Urzua and Kayla Rodriguez.

BY LOUIS KEENE

It was eight in the morning on what would otherwise have been the third Friday of summer vacation. Many teenagers would still be in bed. And yet 15 or so rising high school seniors

and recent graduates were back in the classroom June 28, getting a crash course in Sheet Metal at SMART Local 105's training center in City of Industry.

"Heavy Metal," as the boot camp now in its third year is known, gave

these motivated young people a taste of the skilled vocation. Over the course of a week, they tried their hands at brazing, welding, grinding and HVAC installation.

Among the perks of the course was a tool set for each student, donated

by Milwaukee. The students listened raptly as Matt Collins, their instructor, guided them through their new toys

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\$10 billion for school building and renovation; work will be done under prevailing wage/ Project Labor Agreements

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\$10 billion for drinking water improvements, climate, wildfire and forest programs; work will be done under prevailing wage/ Project Labor Agreements

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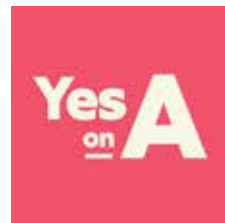
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LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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Measure A will raise funds for affordable housing and renter protection. Work will be done under a Project Labor Agreement and prevailing wage.

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Sydney Kamlager

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Kipp Mueller

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Sasha Renee Perez

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Scarlet Peralta

MONTEBELLO COUNCIL

District 4: **David Torres**

MONTEBELLO COUNCIL

RECALL VOTE: **ANGIE JIMENEZ**

Vote No

PALMDALE COUNCIL

District 1: **Austin Bishop**

District 2: **Richard Loa**



Austin Bishop



Miranda Sheffield

POMONA COUNCIL

District 1: **John Nolte**

District 4: **Guillermo Gonzalez**

Gonzalez

District 6: **Miranda Sheffield**

POMONA MEASURE Y

Cuts union jobs

OPPOSE

SAN FERNANDO COUNCIL

Sean Rivas

Jason Strickler



Patsy Ayala

SANTA CLARITA COUNCIL

District 1: **Patsy Ayala**

SANTA MONICA COUNCIL

Dan Hall

Natalya Zernitskaya



Danny Hang

WEST HOLLYWOOD COUNCIL

John Erickson

Danny Hang

City elections are also taking place in the cities below. Check with your local for endorsements.

Agoura Hills

Arcadia

Artesia

Azusa

Baldwin Park



Bellflower

Claremont

Commerce

Compton

Cudahy

Diamond Bar

Downey

Duarte

El Segundo

Glendora

Hawaiian Gardens

Hawthorne

Hermosa Beach

Hidden Hills

Irwindale

La Habra Heights

La Mirada

Lawndale

Lomita

Lynwood

Malibu

Manhattan Beach

Maywood

Monterey Park

Norwalk

Palos Verdes Estates

Pico Rivera

Rancho Palos Verdes

Redondo Beach

San Gabriel

San Marino

Santa Fe Springs

Sierra Madre

Signal Hill

South El Monte

South Gate

South Pasadena

Walnut

West Covina

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARDS

COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS/ SANTA CLARITA

Area 1: **Michelle Kampbell**

Area 2: **Edel Alonso**

Area 3: **Andrew Taban**



Edel Alonso



Trisha Murakawa

COMPTON

Area 2: **Barbara Calhoun**

EL CAMINO

District 3: **Trisha Murakawa**

LOS ANGELES:

Seat 1: **Andra Hoffman**

Seat 3: **David Vela**

Seat 5: **Nichelle Henderson**

Seat 7: **Kelsey Iino**

MT. SAN ANTONIO

District 1: **Peter Hidalgo**

District 5: **Jay Chen**

District 7: **Manuel Baca**



Jay Chen

SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS

ANTELOPE VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL

District 4: **Rosemary Mann**

District 5: **Cynthia Hernandez**



Rosemary Mann

BURBANK UNIFIED

District 1: **Emily Weisberg**

District 5: **Armond Aghakhanian**

BOND MEASURE ABC:

Check with your local

CULVER CITY UNIFIED

Andrew Lachman

HART UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Eric Anderson



Sherlett Hendy Newbill

INGLEWOOD UNIFIED

Seat 5: **Ernesto Castillo**

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED

District 1: **Sherlett Hendy Newbill**

District 3: **Scott Schmerelson**

District 5: **Graciela Ortiz**

LYNWOOD UNIFIED

Alma Castro

Gary Hardie Jr.

Maria Lopez

PASADENA UNIFIED

District 2: **Jennifer Hall Lee**

District 6: **Lisa Kroese**

BOND MEASURES EE AND R:

Check with your local

POMONA UNIFIED: Arturo Jimenez

SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED

Jon Kean

Maria Leon-Vazquez

Jennifer Smith



Maria Leon-Vazquez

WATER DISTRICTS

CENTRAL BASIN

Juan Garza

PALMDALE

Division 3: **Cynthia Sanchez**

Division 4: **Kathy MacLaren-Gomez**



Kathy MacLaren-Gomez

SANTA CLARITA VALLEY

Division 1: **Dan Masnada**

Division 1: **Gary Martin**

Division 3: **Kathy Armitage**



Gary Martin

BUILDING TRADES ENDORSEMENTS: NOV. 5 ELECTION

WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
Division 5: **Vera Robles DeWitt**

ANTELOPE VALLEY HEALTH CARE DISTRICT
Steven Hofbauer

ORANGE COUNTY



For more information on Orange County voting, go to www.ocvote.com.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BONDS

Work will be done under prevailing wage/ Project Labor Agreements

SUPPORT



• Rancho Santiago Community College District: **Measure G, \$720 million**

• Santa Ana Unified School District: **Measure I, \$355 million**

U.S. CONGRESS

District 38 (La Habra Heights/La Palma): **Linda Sanchez**
District 40 (Chino Hills/Tustin): **Joe Kerr**
District 45 (Buena Park/Fullerton/Garden Grove): **Derek Tran**
District 46 (Anaheim/Santa Ana): **Lou Correa**



Mike Levin

District 47 (Costa Mesa, Huntington Beach, Irvine): **Dave Min**
District 49 (Laguna Niguel/San Clemente): **Mike Levin**

STATE SENATE

District 37 (Fullerton/Orange): **Josh Newman**



Phil Chen

STATE ASSEMBLY

District 59 (Brea/Yorba Linda): **Phil Chen**

District 64 (La Habra): **Blanca Pacheco**

District 67 (Cerritos/Fullerton): **Sharon Quirk-Silva**

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



Blanca Pacheco

District 70 (Fountain Valley/Westminster): **Tri Ta**
District 71 (Ladera Ranch/Mission Viejo): **No endorsement**

District 72 (Huntington Beach/Seal Beach): **No endorsement**

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

District 74 (Dana Point/San Clemente): **No endorsement**



Cottie Petrie-Norris

CITY ELECTIONS

ANAHEIM COUNCIL

District 1: **Ryan Balius**
District 4: **Norma Campos Kurtz**
District 5: **Kristen Maahs**



Ryan Balius

BUENA PARK COUNCIL

District 2: **Carlos Franco**
District 3: **Susan Sonne**
District 4: **Lamiya Hoque**

COSTA MESA MAYOR
John Stephens

COSTA MESA COUNCIL
District 6: **Jeffrey Harlan**



Fred Jung

GARDEN GROVE COUNCIL

District 5: **Yesenia Muneton**
District 6: **Ariana Arestegui**



Ariana Arestegui

HUNTINGTON BEACH COUNCIL

Rhonda Bolton
Dan Kalmick
Natalie Moser



Rhonda Bolton

IRVINE MAYOR

Tammy Kim

IRVINE CITY COUNCIL

District 2: **William Go**



Valerie Amezcu

SANTA ANA MAYOR

Valerie Amezcu

SANTA ANA COUNCIL

Ward 1: **Thai Viet Phan**
Ward 3: **Jessie Lopez**
Ward 5: **Johnathan Ryan Hernandez**

TUSTIN COUNCIL

District 1: **Lee Fink**



Johnathan Ryan Hernandez

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARDS

RANCHO SANTIAGO TRUSTEE

Area 3: **Andrew Linares**

SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS

ANAHEIM ELEMENTARY

Area 1: **Jackie Filbeck**

FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Area 2: **James Cho**

GARDEN GROVE

Area 1: **Teri Rocco**
Area 5: **Dina Nguyen**



Dina Nguyen

TUSTIN UNIFIED

Allyson Damikolas



Allyson Damikolas

WATER DISTRICTS

MIDWAY CITY SANITARY DISTRICT
Tyler Diep

ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Division 6: **Cathy Green**



Cathy Green

BUILDING TRADES FUTURES

HEAVY METAL

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and offered a few Sheet Metal Worker's rules of thumb.

"Never strike a hardened item with another hardened item," was one. "The hammer has no conscience," was another.

"Heavy Metal" aims to spur the next generation's interest in a career in the Building Trades, said David Garcia, Administrator of the



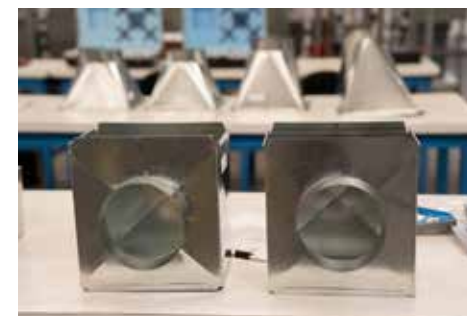
Instructor David Gonzalez.



Laura Harris, right, teaches Testing, Adjusting and Balancing (TAB).



David Garcia, right, is Administrator of the Southern California Sheet Metal Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee.



Ductwork on display.

Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee. In addition to getting an introduction to the Trade, the students hear from the pros about the benefits of unions, starting with the apprenticeship courses taught at the center.

Some of the students may well be in upcoming apprenticeship classes. The Heavy Metal program is part of a nationwide strategy to bring

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The training center features architectural sheet metal.



Kayla Rodriguez and Nethaly Urzua with a flow hood, which measures the cubic feet of air coming out of diffusers.



TAB instructor Harris stresses precision with student Rodriguez.



Above and below: learning the skill of brazing metal.



David Garcia, Administrator.

about how professionals approach the work. “There’s planning and designing to it,” he said. “There’s more to it than just throwing on the spark.”

Alejandro Gonzalez inherited his interest from his father Jacob, a Local 105 member and one of the course’s teachers, who’s been a Sheet Metal Worker for nine years. But it wasn’t until this week that he touched any of the tools. Now Alejandro, 16, had done some welding and some brazing, and learned about HVAC installation, too.

His father gave him some sage advice outside of the classroom: “Be better than your teacher. If you want



Laura Harris, TAB instructor.



to do brazing, you want to be better than your teacher at brazing, at some point.”

Kayla Rodriguez felt that being the only girl in class was empowering. “Sometimes I’ll do better than some of the guys, and that gives me inspiration to do better than all of them.” Growing

up, “everything that a boy would like, I loved it. Anything that causes danger, I loved it.”

Damian Godina doesn’t know anyone in the Building Trades. But he said he was strongly considering a career in Sheet Metal after this week. “I’ve always been good with my hands, and I’ve never been necessarily book



Sheet Metal Work requires math knowledge.



Brothers in welding.



Laisene Malaululu, instructor.

smart,” Godina, 17, said. Here at Local 105, he said, “They treat you with respect. They treat you as if you’re family.”

A previous field trip to the training center with his welding class at Covina’s Northview High School piqued Logan Baker’s interest in the



David Schnabl, instructor.

course. Baker, who sports a goatee, doesn’t want to go to college, and he likes working with his hands. So he’s planning on going into Sheet Metal Work after he graduates next year.

The most valuable thing he learned in the course, he said, was “how valuable it is to build connections with people. It gets you places.”



Hot welding temperatures require heavy protection gear.



Technology plays a big part in Sheet Metal work.



Tools of the Trade.



Covina student Baker, center, sees Sheet Metal in his future.



Instructor Gonzalez, center, is the father of Heavy Metal student Mark.

LABOR DAY IS FAMILY DAY



Rep. Judy Chu, waving at right, joins IBEW Local 11 members and representatives.



A good day to be a LIUNA kid!

BY ANNE-MARIE OTEY

The labor movement is a big family, and Labor Day is our annual get-together. For the 45th Labor Day parade and rally in Wilmington on Sept. 2, hundreds of Building Trades union members joined brothers and sisters from many other unions ranging from SAG-AFTRA's actors to UTLA's teachers. Members biked and strolled with their children, or took a motorcycle or even an electric school bus up Avalon Boulevard to Banning Park. The reward: plenty of barbecue,

paletas, tacos, roasted corn and cheeseburgers.

The area's LA City Councilmember, Tim McOsker, greeted the audience at the park's stage. "Welcome to the 1-5, where we're barbecuing 3,500 hot dogs!" In between bites, the audience heard snappy speeches from labor leaders.

Election Is at Top

"Fighting for the Future of Labor" was the day's theme, and the election was the biggest topic. Measure A for LA County, Measure US for the LA Unified School District and the

Presidential race were at the top of the list.

"Only by passing Measure A will we be able to provide the affordable housing that is needed across the county, generate pathways to good union jobs, and ensure that the workforce serving our most vulnerable communities have the wages, benefits, protections and representation they need to do their essential jobs successfully," Yvonne Wheeler, President of the LA County Federation of Labor, told the cheering crowd.

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Iron Workers Local 416 Business Manager Frankie Jimenez and son Jacob.



From Local 416, Jamazay Wooten and Jamazay Jr.



Robert Rivas of Iron Workers Local 433 with Brittany and Ariana.



Chris Vargas, instructor at the WINTER program for women in the Building Trades.



School buses go electric.



LA City Councilmember Tim McOsker welcomes the parade to his district.



Yvonne Wheeler, President of the LA County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, stokes support for Measure A.



Representing Teamsters Local 986.



Iron Worker family on the move.



The Mighty Marching Pilots of Phineas Banning High School in Wilmington.



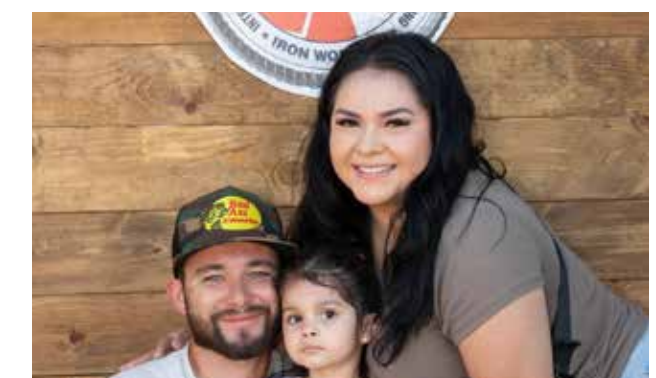
The LA County Federation of Labor says, "Yes on A."



Ruben de la Vega of Iron Workers Local 416 with Kimberly Fuentes and Avenie.



Andrew Gonzales of Iron Workers Local 433 with Caroline and Stanley.



Also from Local 416, Efrain Baez with Kimberly and Scarlett.



Iron Workers Local 416 turns out for Labor Day.



State Sen. Lola Smallwood Cuevas is a labor champion.



Riding with Reggie Wiggins of IBEW Local 11.



The Labor Council for Latin American Advancement joins the parade.



This Laborer uses pedal power on the route.



Teamsters Local 572 is on the march.



This Tin Man has a heart for unions! Also known as Alex Cerwinski of SMART Local 105.



Union Grub is part of the Union Perks group.



Three gentlemen (and brothers) from IBEW Local 11, l-r: Errol Cutley, Joel Greenfield and Alton Wilkerson.



SAG-AFTRA is making a comeback after a big strike in 2023.



SMART Local 105 always brings a big group to the Labor Day parade.

\$13 BILLION IN WORK

VOTE YES ON

BOND MEASURES

Check your ballot for the following bond measures.
Together, they create \$13 billion in work for Building Trades union members. Vote Yes!



Antelope Valley
Joint Union High
School District

MEASURE AVH

\$398 Million



Compton
Community College
District

MEASURE CC

\$200 Million



Long Beach
Community College
District

MEASURE AC

\$990 Million



Los Angeles
Unified School District

MEASURE US

\$9 Billion



Lynwood
Unified School District

MEASURE U

\$80 Million



Mt. San Antonio
Community College District

MEASURE V

\$750 Million



Pomona
Unified School District

MEASURE UU

\$385 Million



Rio Hondo
Community College District

MEASURE RH

\$442 Million



Santa Monica/Malibu
Unified School District

MEASURE QS

\$495 Million

MEASURE MM

\$395 Million