

# LA/OC Building & Construction Trades Council



## Who We Are

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The Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council represents 160,000 skilled union construction workers across 48 local unions in Los Angeles and Orange Counties. From transportation systems and schools to renewable energy projects, we ensure that each jobsite is powered by union labor, delivering high-quality results that benefit communities across Los Angeles and Orange County.

We are available to provide interviews, quotes, expert commentary, worker profiles, and legislative background on a variety of different topics. Our representatives can speak about issues affecting construction workers across Los Angeles and Orange Counties, from wage policy and workforce development to major infrastructure projects.

**160,000+**

Skilled Union Members

**48**

Local Unions

**14**

Trades

## What We Do

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### **Negotiate Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) and Community Workforce Agreements (CWAs)**

We negotiate PLAs and CWAs with public agencies and private developers to ensure that regional construction projects are built by a skilled, trained, and fairly compensated local workforce. These agreements ensure living wages for construction workers, safety standards for job sites, apprenticeship utilization goals for the workforce, and dispute resolution processes, creating stability for both workers and project owners.

### **Advocate for workers and the public**

As an organization, we actively sponsor, support, and oppose legislation in Sacramento. Prevailing wage laws, apprenticeship standards, and workforce requirements on public projects are just some of the policies that we advocate for on behalf of our members and our communities.

### **Open pathways through apprenticeship**

Through the Apprenticeship Readiness Fund (ARF), established in 2017, the Council connects community residents, especially those from underserved areas, to free pre-apprenticeship training. The program uses the Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3), a curriculum backed by North America Building Trades Unions (NABTU). Participants earn while they learn, graduate debt-free, and enter careers that support families.

### **Show our communities what's possible with union labor**

Through our community outreach, social media, video content and quarterly newsletter, we demonstrate our impact to the neighborhoods we serve through print, digital, and in-person activations.

## Story Angles for Your Outlet

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The Building Trades are at the center of Southern California's biggest economic and infrastructure stories. Whether your audience follows construction, housing, transportation, labor, climate, or workforce development, we can connect you with the people, projects, and policy making it happen.

Story Angle	What You'll Find
<b>Construction Boom</b>	Billions of dollars in active projects: the LA Convention Center expansion, OCVibe in Anaheim, Hollywood Burbank Airport, Expo Park for the 2026 World Cup and 2028 Olympics, and more. Union workers are building all of it.
<b>Who Gets the Jobs</b>	How do prevailing wages and project labor agreements ensure that local, diverse workers get hired on publicly funded projects? We can explain the system and put faces on the workers who benefit.
<b>Apprenticeship and the Future of the Trades</b>	The Apprenticeship Readiness Fund helps participants discover the trade that fits them best and supports them every step of the way toward apprenticeship and beyond. Through apprenticeships, we build lasting, debt-free careers and strengthen the future of our industry and communities.
<b>Legislative Priorities</b>	Every year, the California Legislature shapes the working conditions of our 160,000 members. We can delve into the legislation that is impacting our members the most, today.
<b>Water, Climate, and Union Jobs</b>	From ocean desalination in South OC to State Water Project infrastructure modernization, the climate response is a construction story. Union workers are at the center of it.
<b>What Labor Shortage?</b>	There isn't a shortage of workers in the market, but there is a shortage of workers willing to work for less. We can explain what areas of the industry are attracting the skilled workers and what trends are impacting the market.
<b>Residential Construction &amp; the Housing Crisis</b>	Why centering labor standards, through things like prevailing wages and apprenticeship requirements, is needed to actually improve the residential sector's productivity.

## Who to Contact

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