

Local 728

Weekly Digest

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In The Spotlight this week!



MPI - Hardship Withdrawal Form now available!
See website for details www.mpiphp.org



IATSE Local 728's Hardship Fund

IATSE Local 728's Hardship Fund is for qualified Active members (non-retired) in need of financial aid and is now available. For full details, please go to the Local 728 website and look under Good & Welfare.

Hardship Fund Terms & Conditions

Interest free "Hardship Fund" loans are available for up to \$2,500.00* to any Active status (non-retired) IATSE Local 728 member, up to 200 members per year who meet qualification requirements. **Union officers are limited to a maximum loan of \$2,000.00*

Loan requests will be accepted beginning on 9/27/24. If you are an eligible member, you can request assistance of up to \$2,500.00*

Please read complete details and qualifications before making application at the following link: <https://www.iatse728.org/blog/local-728-hardship-fund>

If you are a Local 728 member and would like to apply for a Hardship Fund loan, sign a promissory note and receive a loan disbursement, click on this link: [Email Here](#).

If the link does not open, send an email to strikefund@iatse728.org

Write in the subject line: **Hardship Fund Loan Request** and include this message in the body of the email: **I <insert your name> would like to apply to receive a IATSE Local 728 Hardship Fund Loan in the amount of \$(indicate an amount of up to \$2,500.00).**

I will provide IATSE Local 728 with a copy of my MPIP PHP work history for the previous 180 days (attach a copy of the work history print out or deliver a copy to the offices of IATSE Local 728).

Upon approval, members will be asked to sign a promissory agreement prior to receiving treasury funds.

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Pascal M. Guillemard
Treasurer-Call Steward
Lighting Technicians IATSE Local 728

Understanding the Contract--Subcontracting Edition

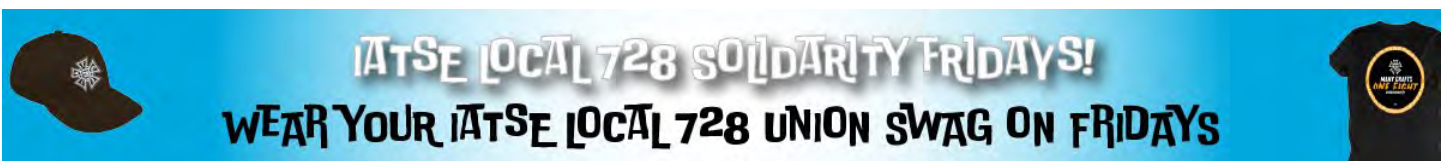
Another improvement to the Basic Agreement is further guardrails around subcontracting of our work. To be clear, my position, and that of the other West Coast Locals is that all set work belongs to the IATSE. If the employer needs something, they should come to us. But the producers often try to cut corners or lean on old practices of chasing a dollar. We now have stronger notification of subcontracting language; the first tightening of this language in decades. Producers must now supply notification of all subcontracts to affected locals prior to hiring, allowing the Local to evaluate the appropriateness of the subcontract. This will strengthen our jurisdiction and will further illustrate that Union labor is the best choice, and many times the cheaper choice.

But we need your help. If you see non-union labor, whether it's an LED Wall build, poor man's process rig, or an all-in truck built to "make production faster and cheaper" roll into your workplace, let us know. We are here to help protect your work!

In Unity,



Greg Reeves
Business Representative-Secretary
Lighting Technicians IATSE Local 728



Member-to-Member(M2M) Dues Donation Program

IATSE Local 728 Active, non-retired members in financial need can sign up to receive a quarter's dues donation from another member who is willing to donate one or more quarter's dues.

Members who would like to be "donor" members can sign-up to be on a "donor" list.


The process is entirely anonymous and randomized.

Contact the office to get on the "donor" or "recipient" list or text 818.918.2728.


Be sure to specify "receive" or "donate" and if you wish to donate more than one dues payment, please tell us how many you wish to donate.

Details about the program can be found at the following link:

[Member-To-Member Dues Donation Program | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](https://www.iatse728.org/Member-To-Member-Dues-Donation-Program)



Fourth Quarter 2024 Dues can be paid by check, ach, debit/credit card or on the website(CC only).
Website payments can be made if you log in to your account at www.iatse728.org
Quarterly Due Dates: January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1



Fourth Quarter and ACH Dues Reminder

Fourth Quarter Dues are \$315.00, if you have already paid your Fourth Quarter dues, thank you. You don't need to do anything more.

Using your debit/credit card will incur a convenience fee. Members can avoid a convenience fee by utilizing an alternate payment method such as cash, check, ACH over the phone, or an ATM card in person.

To make a payment online, log-in to your account: [Log in | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](https://www.iatse728.org)

If you are signed up for ACH Dues Payment (i.e. ACH Withdrawal), your Fourth Quarter will be withdrawn on Tuesday, October 1st.

ACH Dues Payment Option Sign Up Form: [ACH Form](#)



Election Alert: SAVE the DATE
IATSE Local 728 Officer Election Townhall
Sunday, October 13th
Details forthcoming

Upcoming Events

Barks & Brews

Join us at the membership hall for a beer, (or wine or hard seltzer) bring your dog, and let's hang out!

Treats available for good boys and girls. Round table pizza will also be served. Members without 4 legged friends also encouraged to attend.

When: Saturday, September 28th

Time: 4PM-8PM

Location: IATSE Local 728 | 1001 W. Magnolia Blvd | Burbank, CA 91506

RSVP: Janette Shugart jshugart@iatse728.org



SAVE the DATE
Sept. 28

BARKS
&
BREWS

Time:
4PM - 8PM

IATSE Local 728
1001 W. Magnolia Blvd
Burbank, CA 91506

The poster features a central illustration of a happy, fluffy dog with a red bow tie, holding a tall glass of beer. In the top right corner is the IATSE Local 728 logo, a Maltese cross with 'IATSE' at the top, '728' in the center, and 'SELTZER' at the bottom. The background is a solid brown color.

IA Solidarity Event: 705 Clean Up & Beautification Day!

IATSE Local 705 is moving and needs some help getting the building ready! Details below.

When: Saturday, September 28th

Time: 10AM – 5PM (Potluck 1PM-2PM)

Location: Local 705's New Digs | 5127 Laurel Canyon | Valley Village, CA 91607

Sign-Up: [Local 705 Clean Up and Beautification Day \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)

IA SOLIDARITY EVENT:
**705 CLEAN UP &
BEAUTIFICATION DAY!**

LOCAL 705 is moving and needs some help
to get the new building looking sharp!

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

10AM-5PM
POTLUCK 1PM-2PM

LOCAL 705's NEW DIGS:
5127 Laurel Canyon Blvd
Valley Village, CA 91607

RSVP for updates
and to let us know what
you can do and what you
can bring!

bit.ly/705DAY928

34th Annual Great LA River Cleanup – October 5th

The IATSE Local 728 ECO Committee is again participating with the Friends of Los Angeles River Cleanup as they beautify our community. They host it several times annually. The ECO Committee is putting out feelers to see if members are interested in participating in the October 5 cleanup. If you'd like to participate, please respond to this e blast. Deadline for RSVP is October 1.

When: Saturday, October 5th

Location: North Atwater Park | 3900 Chevy Chase Drive | Los Angeles, CA 90039

Note: We will be meeting up at the North Atwater Park location but we encourage people to go to wherever is most convenient/important to them. Remember to send us a selfie if you don't meet at North Atwater Park.



Save the Date-IATSE All in Mixer

Join me Saturday, October 12 for the annual Hollywood IATSE ALL in Mixer and PAC Fundraiser. The location is back at IATSE Local 80 for Saturday, October 12th from 6PM -11PM.

LONG LINES are so 2023! The website is live today. Make your donation and skip the lines!

Come and enjoy free food, drinks, play games, and win multiple door prizes. See you there!

NOTE: to donate you will need a password. To get the password you must email info@iapacmixer.com. **RSVP: IAPACMIXER.com**

Parking information: Parking lot located on 171 S. Buena Vista St | Burbank, CA 91505 | \$12/Day or street parking available.



IATSE Interlocal Yard Sale

The IATSE Hollywood Young Workers/Green Committees are doing another Interlocal Yard Sale and Recycling Drive on 10/27. The event will be hosted at EcoSet (3019 Andrita St, Los Angeles, CA 90065). If you would like to Sell and/or Volunteer, follow the link!

When: Sunday, October 27th

Location: EcoSet | 3019 Andrita St. | Los Angeles, CA 90065

[2024InterLocal Solidarity Yard Sale Member Space Reservation + Volunteer Form](#)

Union Resources

MPTF/ECF Insurance Services

For those who may be transitioning off MPI Health coverage, IATSE Local 700 recorded a Zoom Presentation with MPTF/ECF Insurance Services to help explain options beyond paid COBRA. Please check out this informative video.

[Zoom Presentation](#)

Entertainment Health Insurance Solutions (EHISCA)

As was reported at the last General Membership Meeting, MPI is eliminating Premium-Free COBRA for members to help keep the Plans in their current healthy status. This was done in light of projected work hours being lower than normal for the foreseeable future. If you are in danger of losing your MPI insurance, reach out to MPTF for their assistance in finding Health Insurance through the California Marketplace at <https://ehisca.com>

If you need to request a health insurance consultation, follow these step-by-step instructions:

- **Visit the Portal Website:** <https://ehisca.com/>
- **Scroll down to:** [short online form](#)
- **Register:**
- **Enter Personal Information:**
 - Fill out the registration form with your personal details: first name, last name, and email address. Note that your email address will be your username. You will also need to create your password and confirm the password. You only need to do this once.
 - **Email Verification:** Check your email for a verification link and click on it to verify your email address.
- **Complete Your Profile:**
 - If you would like a service like an individual consultation with a Health Benefits Specialist, you must complete your profile. After logging into the client portal, if you have not yet completed it, you will be prompted to complete your profile. You must complete your profile form in order to request any service in the portal.
- **Navigate to Counseling & Consultations:**
 - Find the “How We Help” section at the top. Click on it, then click on “**Counseling & Consultations**”, and then click on “**Health Insurance Counseling**”. Complete the form and a team member will reach out to you in 2-3 business days.



Entertainment Health Insurance Solutions

IATSE Local 728 Food Pantry

Many of your colleagues are still hurting from the slowdown in work. The IATSE Local 728 Food Pantry is open and available to members.

Check the link below for upcoming Food Distributions through Labor Community Services:

[Events — Labor Community Services \(lcs-la.org\)](http://lcs-la.org)



Mental Health Tools and Resources

If you are in need of mental health assistance, don't feel ashamed. It's natural. Please utilize some of these tools from our website or call us at the hall.

MPTF Intake Line: (323) 634-3888

[Mental Health Resources \(iatse728.org\)](http://iatse728.org)

[Mental Health Tools and Resources with Behind The Scenes | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](http://iatse728.org)

IATSE Local 728 Guide to Assistance and Benefits

Information for IATSE Local 728 members, including:

- Unemployment/Disability Insurance
- Sick Dues
- Life Insurance
- Honorable Withdrawal
- MPI (Motion Picture Pension & Health Plans)
- Motion Picture & Television Fund
- Assistance Information

Log-in required to view content: [Assistance | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](#)

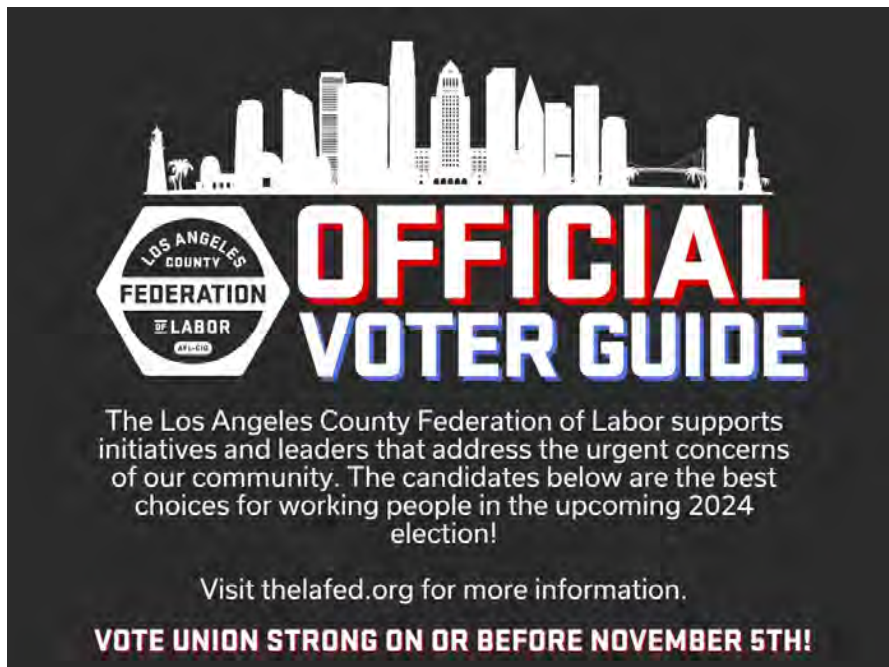
Election News

LA FED Official Voter Guide

The LA County Federation's Voter Guide is now available! You can access all of the 2024 LA Fed endorsed candidates at the link below.

[2024 Endorsements - The LA Fed](#)

Contact Michael Contreras if you have any questions: michael@thelafed.org



The Los Angeles County Federation of Labor supports initiatives and leaders that address the urgent concerns of our community. The candidates below are the best choices for working people in the upcoming 2024 election!

Visit thelafed.org for more information.

VOTE UNION STRONG ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 5TH!



Join us as we canvass and phone bank for CA27 pro-labor candidate, George Whitesides.



DAYS: TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS [STARTING 9.12.24]
TIME: 6:00-8:00 PM

FURTHER DETAILS INCLUDING INSTRUCTIONS & LOCATIONS TO BE PROVIDED UPON REGISTRATION.



DATE | TIME:
 SAT. 9.14.24 | 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM
 SAT. 9.28.24 | 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM
 SAT. 10.12.24 | 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM
 SAT. 10.26.24 | 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM
 SAT. 11.2.24 | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM*
 *GOTV WEEKEND
 TUES. 11.5.24 | 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM**
 **ELECTION DAY



FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE EMAIL MICHAEL CONTRERAS AT MICHAEL@THELAFED.ORG



ABOLISH POVERTY. HOMELESSNESS.

MEASURE A PHONE BANKING

DATES: EVERY WEDNESDAY (STARTING 9.25.24)

MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

TIME: 5:00-8:00 PM

MORE UNION JOBS.

LOCATION: 2130 JAMES M. WOOD BLVD. LOS ANGELES, CA 90006

MORE ACCOUNTABILITY.

OR REMOTE OPTIONS AVAILABLE

FOOD & TRAINING PROVIDED



Join President Yvonne Wheeler, President Lorena Gonzalez, and the LA Labor Movement as we canvass for CA27 pro-labor candidate,

GEORGE WHITESIDES.

DATE: SATURDAY, 9.28.24

TIME: 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

LOCATION

**IAM LOCAL LODGE 727P
39047 10TH STREET EAST,
PALMDALE, CA 93550**



**FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE
EMAIL MICHAEL
CONTRERAS AT
MICHAEL@THELAFED.ORG**



IATSE PAC

IATSE Spotlights Two 2024 Election Resources

“On July 22, 2024 the IATSE General Executive Board voted unanimously to extend its endorsements to Vice President Kamala Harris for President of the United States...”

[IATSE for Harris-Walz - Read More](#)

Click on the link below for a list of resources needed to cast your ballot!

[IATSE Voter Toolkit](#)



IATSE PAC

The IATSE PAC is about access to politicians regardless of platform on behalf of ALL members.

While the work stoppage last year impacted you and your colleague's financial wellbeing, the fights we take on with PAC resources continue for our industry, benefiting ALL U.S. members and Local Unions whether they contribute or not. Donate today!

[PAC Action Center \(vocusgr.com\)](http://vocusgr.com)

[What is the IATSE PAC? Play Video](#)



In Memoriam

Brother James “Jimmy” Nichols

A 57-year member, brother Nichols passed away on September 1, 2024.

[Notice of member passing: James C "Jimmy" Nichols on 9-1-24 | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](#)

