

Local 728

Weekly Digest

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In The Spotlight this week!

IATSE Local 728 Officer Election Townhall - Recording

If you missed the townhall, you can view a Live recording on the website.

Log-in required to view content:

[2024 Candidates Town Hall | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](https://www.iam728.org/2024-Candidates-Town-Hall)



Understanding the Contract-Locals Edition

If you are working off production as an ACLT or Best Boy/Girl/Person, you can now put down 5420 as your OCC Code. No longer will a UPM ask “why do I need two best boys?” Your Negotiations Committee bargained in this essential change to further modernize the agreement.

Effective as of August 4, 2024, the Basic has a new classification of “Assistant Chief Rigging Technician” as Occ. Code #5420 added to Paragraphs 1 and 31 in the Agreement, at the same wage rate as the “Assistant Chief Lighting Technician.”

We also added the following definition, “An Assistant Chief Rigging Technician assists the Chief Rigging Technician in the supervision of the lighting rigging crew in connection with the electrical rigging of all sets in addition to other assigned duties.”

Stay tuned for more contract bites next week!

In unity,



Greg Reeves
Business Representative - Secretary
Lighting Technicians IATSE Local 728

IATSE Local 728 Bulletin

The Bulletin is now available on the website!

In this issue:

- Understanding the importance of Upcoming Elections
- IATSE Voter Tool Kit
- Happenins' Around the Local
- Fall Safety and Training Update
- The Road Forward

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[The Bulletin No. 7 2024 | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](https://iatse728.org)



IATSE Local 728 Officer Election Important Information

Duplicate Ballots: If you do not receive a ballot by October 18, 2024, or if you need a duplicate ballot, please call UniLect Election Services Ballot Request Call Center 1-866-466-6455 as soon as possible to make your request. Operators are standing by 24/7 during the election period.

Ballots must be received at the designated Post Box no later than 10AM on October 31, 2024, to be counted. Ballots received after 10AM on October 31, 2024, will not be counted.

All-In- Mixer Thank you!

If you were able to join us for the All-In-Mixer, thank you, we hope you had a lot of fun! A special thank you to all the sponsors who made Saturday's event a success!

ALL-IN MIXER Made Possible by Our Supporters



Thank You!

Save the Date: Lean In & Lean On Holiday Party and Toy Giveaway

When: Saturday, December 21, 2024

Time: 12PM – 4PM

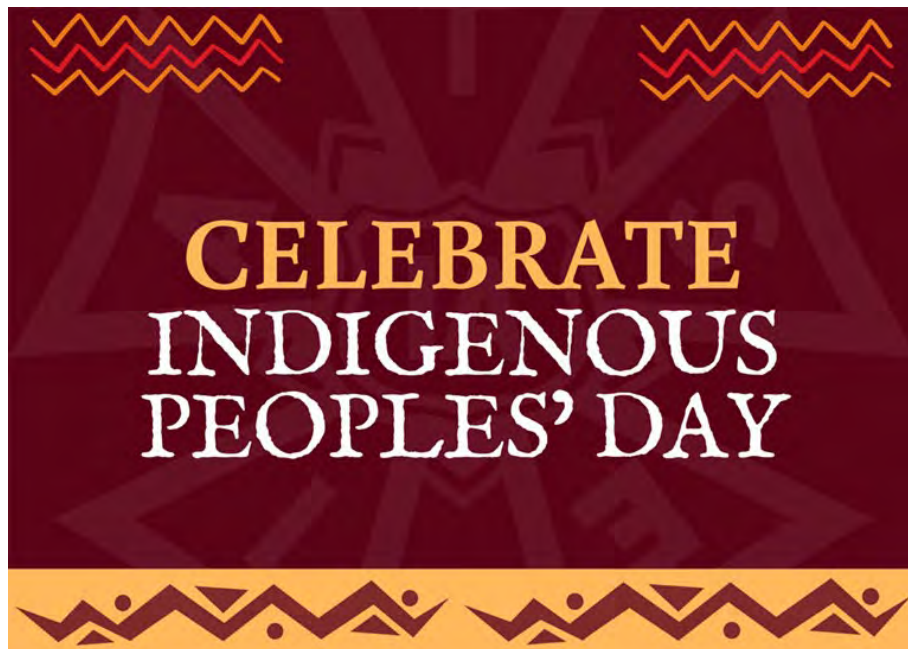
Location: IATSE Local 80 | 2520 W Olive Ave. | Burbank, CA 91505

Additional details to come...

IATSE DEI Committee: Celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day

Read More:

[IATSE DEI Committee: Celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day - IATSE](#)



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 \(iatse728.org\)](#)



IATSE LOCAL 728 SOLIDARITY FRIDAYS!
WEAR YOUR IATSE LOCAL 728 UNION SWAG ON FRIDAYS



Upcoming Events

King Kong and IATSE Local 728 Electric Generator Demo Event

Please join us at the Hall October 19th for a Battery Energy Storage Systems Equipment Demo sponsored by the L728 ECO Committee, King Kong Productions Vehicles, Inc., Cinelease and Nanlux which will be showcasing their NEW 20k LED. King Kong will be displaying their BESS at the Local 728 Hall with equipment energized. This is a members only event.

When: Saturday, October 19th

Time: 10AM-2PM

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



IATSE Latinx Caucus event at Fuegos- Celebrating Latinx Heritage Month

🌞🇵🇷 Join the IATSE Latinx Caucus @iatselatinx in celebrating Latinx Heritage Month on Saturday, October 19th between 5-7pm. The celebration will take place at Federico Laboureau's @freaklance new Argentinian gourmet restaurant, FUEGOS @fuegosLA. He is a member and Production Designer at IATSE Local 800.

Enjoy delicious \$5 gourmet empanadas and refreshing sangria while connecting with colleagues and making new friends. Everyone is welcome! A portion of your purchase will support the IATSE Latinx Caucus. FUEGOS Restaurant Location: 3957 S. Western Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90062 🌞🇵🇷

When: Saturday, October 19th

Time: 5PM-7PM

Location: Fuegos Restaurant | 3957 S. Western Ave. | Los Angeles, CA 90062



IATSE LATINX CAUCUS
Latinx Heritage Month Celebration
SAT. OCT 19, 2024 | 5-7PM

Our IATSE Local 800 kin, Federico Laboureau, is opening his new Argentinian restaurant, FUEGOS!

Let's celebrate with \$5 gourmet empanadas & sangria!

Network with colleagues & make new friends.

Everyone is welcome!

A portion of your purchase will be donated to support the ILC.

Support IATSE member business! @IATSELATINX @FUEGOSLA

FUEGOS
LOCATION:
3957 S. WESTERN AVE.
LOS ANGELES, CA 90062

VEGAN BEEF
HAM & CHEESE
CHICKEN
CAPRESE
HAND CUT BEEF
CORN
MUSHROOMS & SPINACH
CHEESE & ONION



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](#)

MPTF & IATSE | Day at the Ranch 2024

We are pleased to announce that MPTF's Day at The Ranch will be happening again at Calamigos Ranch on Sunday, November 10th! Email community@iatse728.org now to receive up to four (4) passes. This offer is available to ALL members. All tickets include admission, parking, lunch, and the opportunity to participate in the auction, raffles, games, and more! Quantities are limited. Order before October 25 to secure your spot!

MPTF is our social services net created by Mary Pickford 100 years ago to "take care of our own." This event helps to fund critical services such as crisis counseling, Veteran benefit coordination, and the Motion Picture home in Woodland Hills to name a few.

When: Sunday, November 10th

Time: 11AM-3PM

Location: Calamigos Ranch | 327 Latigo Canyon Rd | Malibu, CA 90265



The poster for 'Day at the Ranch 2024' features a light blue background with a white cloud in the top right. At the top center is a logo with a picnic basket and the text 'MPTF & IATSE PRESENT DAY AT THE RANCH FAMILY PICNIC AT CALAMIGOS RANCH MPTF 100'. Below the logo is a row of three photos: a woman painting a child's face, a large group of people at a picnic, and a group of people standing together. The bottom section has a white cloud on the left and text in green and black: 'Sunday, November 10, 2024 Calamigos Ranch 11:00am - 3:00pm • Lunch from 12:00pm - 2:00pm'. It invites people to join for a family picnic and celebrate MPTF's 100 years of service. At the bottom, it provides the website 'MPTF.com/DayAtTheRanch' for tickets and sponsorship information, accompanied by a QR code. The footer is green with white text: 'Contact events@mptf.com with any questions or for more information'.

MPTF & IATSE PRESENT
DAY AT THE RANCH
FAMILY PICNIC AT CALAMIGOS RANCH
MPTF 100

Sunday, November 10, 2024
Calamigos Ranch
11:00am - 3:00pm • Lunch from 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Join us for a fun family picnic as we raise funds and celebrate MPTF's 100 years of service!

MPTF.com/DayAtTheRanch
for tickets and sponsorship information

Contact events@mptf.com
with any questions or for more information

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>



Entertainment Health Insurance Solutions

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 \(iatse728.org\)](#)

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 \(iatse728.org\)](#)

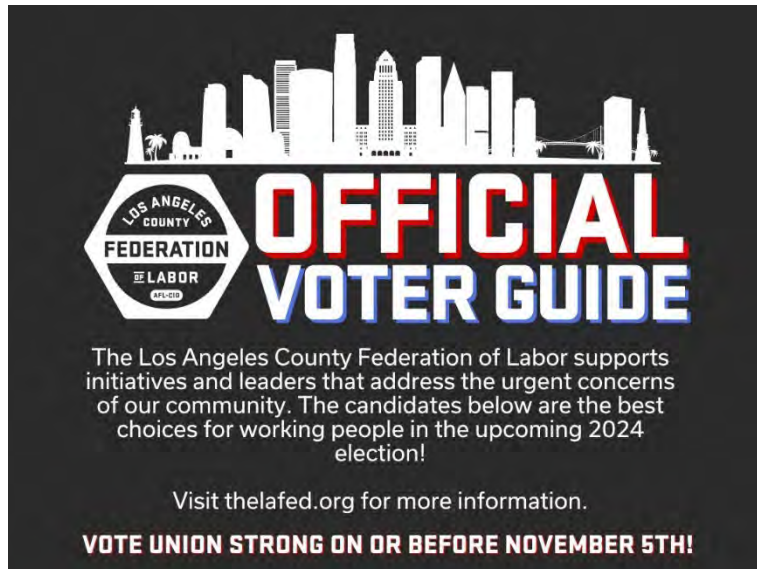
Election News

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



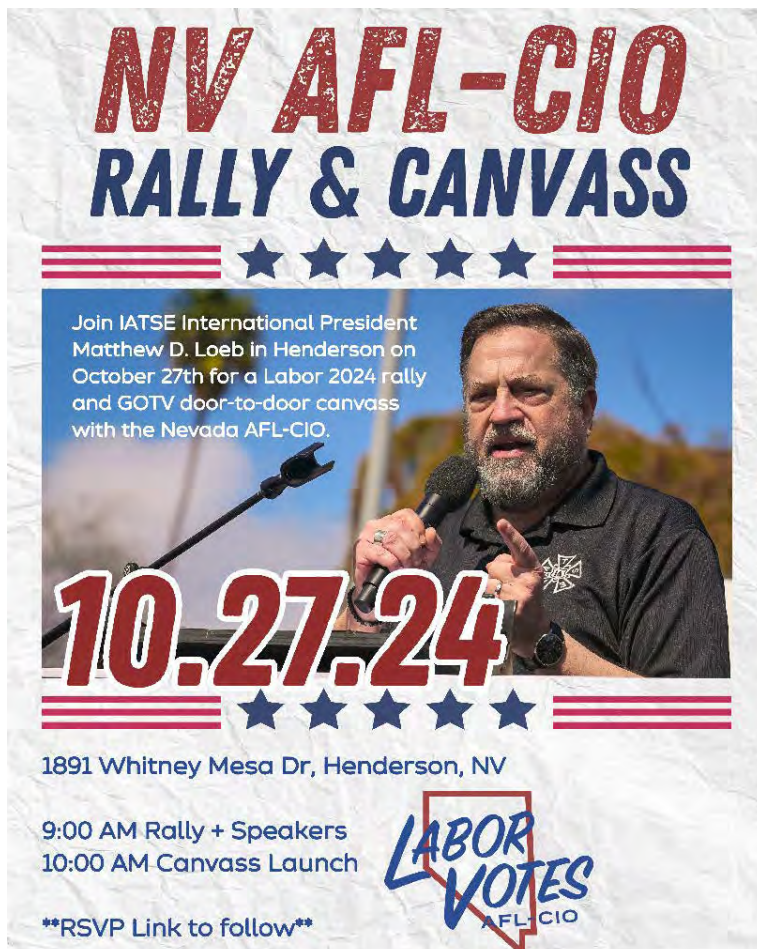
The graphic features a white silhouette of the Los Angeles skyline against a dark background. Below the skyline is the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor logo, which includes the text "LOS ANGELES COUNTY FEDERATION" and "LABOR AFL-CIO". To the right of the logo, the words "OFFICIAL VOTER GUIDE" are written in large, bold, white and red letters. Below this, a paragraph of text reads: "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!". At the bottom, it says "Visit thelafed.org for more information." and "VOTE UNION STRONG ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 5TH!"

OFFICIAL VOTER GUIDE

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Visit thelafed.org for more information.

VOTE UNION STRONG ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 5TH!



The graphic has a crumpled paper background. At the top, "NV AFL-CIO" is written in large, bold, red letters, followed by "RALLY & CANVASS" in blue. Below this is a horizontal line with five blue stars. In the center, there is a photo of Matthew D. Loeb speaking into a microphone. To the left of the photo, text reads: "Join IATSE International President Matthew D. Loeb in Henderson on October 27th for a Labor 2024 rally and GOTV door-to-door canvass with the Nevada AFL-CIO." Below the photo, the date "10.27.24" is written in large, bold, red letters. At the bottom, it says "1891 Whitney Mesa Dr, Henderson, NV" and "9:00 AM Rally + Speakers" and "10:00 AM Canvass Launch". A logo for "LABOR VOTES AFL-CIO" is in the bottom right corner. At the very bottom, it says "**RSVP Link to follow**".

NV AFL-CIO RALLY & CANVASS

Join IATSE International President Matthew D. Loeb in Henderson on October 27th for a Labor 2024 rally and GOTV door-to-door canvass with the Nevada AFL-CIO.

10.27.24

1891 Whitney Mesa Dr, Henderson, NV

9:00 AM Rally + Speakers
10:00 AM Canvass Launch

LABOR VOTES AFL-CIO

****RSVP Link to follow****



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.

SCAN ME TO VOLUNTEER



MEASURE A PHONE BANKING



DATES: EVERY WEDNESDAY
(STARTING 9.25.24)

TIME: 5:00-8:00 PM

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

OR
REMOTE OPTIONS AVAILABLE

MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

MORE UNION JOBS.

MORE ACCOUNTABILITY.

FOOD & TRAINING PROVIDED



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!

<https://L728.co/iatsepac>

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



In Memoriam

Brother Alex A. Schmidt

A 23-year member of Local 728, Brother Schmidt passed away on October 2, 2024.

Notice of passing can be found at the following link:

[Notice of member passing: Brother Alex Schmidt on 10-2-2024 | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](#)

