

# Local 728

*Weekly Digest*

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*In The Spotlight this week!*

**Canvassing  
Too!**

**Help GOTV and Phone Bank with the LA FED: Details Below  
Special IATSE LOCAL 728 DAY - Nov 2nd!**

## **Working Outside of LA**

If you are considering leaving the state either due to family obligations or other opportunities, IATSE Local 728 does not have national jurisdiction (for now) and therefore any work outside of LA would belong to the IATSE Local in that region, including the benefit payments, for members hired from that region.

Any employer can direct benefits to MPI, but it is based on being hired out of LA. The reason is that IATSE Local 728 has jurisdiction here and per the Basic Agreement and the MPI Pension and Health Plan Trust documents, any member travelled from LA would be entitled to benefits to MPI.

For those IATSE Local 728 members who work outside of LA under the Distant Location Provisions of the Basic Agreement, they are travelled from LA thereby triggering benefits being paid to MPI. Otherwise, pension and health benefits are paid to the National Benefit Fund which is a separate plan from MPI.

If you have plans to move, please reach out.

In unity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Reeves'.

Greg Reeves  
Business Representative - Secretary  
Lighting Technicians IATSE Local 728

*Reminder:*

*"Fall Back" this Sunday!*



*Time sets back 1 hour  
at 2am*

## Virtual GOTV Phone Banking – Nov 2nd

Join us this Saturday for phone banking and help us get out the vote! Please RSVP to the link below.

**When:** Saturday, November 2nd

**Time:** various shifts available

**Location:** via Zoom

**RSVP by October 31st:** <https://forms.gle/HCRyEJTaHCJ98ToG6>



Join us on **November 2nd** for an important day of phone banking to support our labor community. Whether you're calling from the comfort of your own home or joining us in person, your voice can make a difference!

**Details:**

- **Date:** Saturday, November 2nd
- **Time:** Shifts available throughout the day

**Sign Up Today! (Oct. 31st Deadline)**  
<https://forms.gle/HCRyEJTaHCJ98ToG6>

Together, let's make our voices heard

NOVEMBER

2ND









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



## 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)



## *Upcoming Events*

**SOLD OUT**

### **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](mailto: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



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

**SOLD OUT**

**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](mailto:events@mptf.com)  
with any questions or for more information

## **MPTF Caregiver Webinar-Advance Care Directive**

MPTF's Palliative Care team members will present information in the Advance Care Directive Workshop. An advance directive is a legal document that states a person's wishes for their medical team in the event they are unable to communicate with their team due to illness or injury.

**When:** Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 4PM-5:15PM PT

**Location:** via Zoom

**Registration:** [Register Here](#)





## Virtual Family Caregiver Discussions

Tuesday, November 12th, 2024

Join Us From The Comfort Of Your Home



## Labor Community Services Food Distribution

Labor Community Services/Ford & Wallach are having a food distribution on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. See details below.

**When:** Saturday, November 16th

**Time:** 9AM-12PM

**Location:** Ford & Wallach | 3619 Motor Ave| Los Angeles, CA 90034



## LABOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOOD DISTRIBUTION

November 16, 2024  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Ford & Wallach  
3619 Motor Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90034

Drive Thru  
Distribution



# Union Resources

## **Food Access LA-Market Match Program**

There is no shame in food insecurity. For members who are currently receiving Cal-Fresh benefits, **Market Match through Food Access LA**, and certain participating farmer's markets in the LA County will match your EBT funds dollar-for-dollar up to \$60. So, if a member is planning on spending \$20 they will get \$40, or if they plan on spending \$60 they will match another \$60 to increase the spending power to \$120 (\$60 is the max amount matched).

Click here to learn more: <https://foodaccessla.org/market-match>



## **First Entertainment Credit Union-Opportunity for Union Members**

From now until December 31st, First Entertainment Credit Union is offering a special rate discount and a Union Dues Sweepstakes for a chance to have your union dues paid for an entire year. For complete details see flyers below.



DJAKARTA J.  
Member Since 2019

SALLY V.  
Member Since 2019

## INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE With A Union Dues Loan.

For a limited time, you can be entered to get your union dues annual membership paid for<sup>1</sup> and take advantage of our money-saving 0.75% APR<sup>2</sup> rate discount by<sup>3</sup>:



Setting Up Direct Deposit of at least \$1,000 a month into a Value Checking account.



Scheduling Automatic Payments for your union dues loan from your Value Checking account.



Scan the QR code, give us a call at 888.800.3328, or visit a branch during regular business hours to get started.



FIRST  
ENTERTAINMENT  
CREDIT UNION

## A CHECKING ACCOUNT THAT PUTS ON AN AWARD-WORTHY PERFORMANCE.

Our Value Checking account includes great features and benefits to help you and your finances thrive:

- Get paid up to three days early with Advanced Pay.<sup>1</sup>
- No foreign transaction fees.
- When you have \$1,000 or more in direct deposits per month,<sup>2</sup> you'll get:
  - No out-of-network ATM withdrawal fees and fee rebates when using non-First Entertainment ATMs<sup>2</sup>.
  - 0.25% discount on an Adjustable-Rate Mortgage (ARM) when you use autopay.

Plus, enjoy no minimum balance requirements, no monthly service fee with eStatements<sup>3</sup>, and send money easily and safely with Zelle<sup>4</sup>.



Scan the QR code to easily open an account online today!



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## **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 County Federation of Labor -GOTV Member to Member Walks

We had a great turnout on Saturday in Nevada for a GOTV canvassing with VP Malakhi Simmons. We are near the finish! If you have time in the coming days, please consider doing this vital pro-Labor outreach. All we are doing is convincing our union family to use California's wonderfully accessible voting system to make workers' voices heard.

<https://www.mobilize.us/georgewhitesidesforcongress/event/728289/>

We have four more canvass events that we need volunteers for:

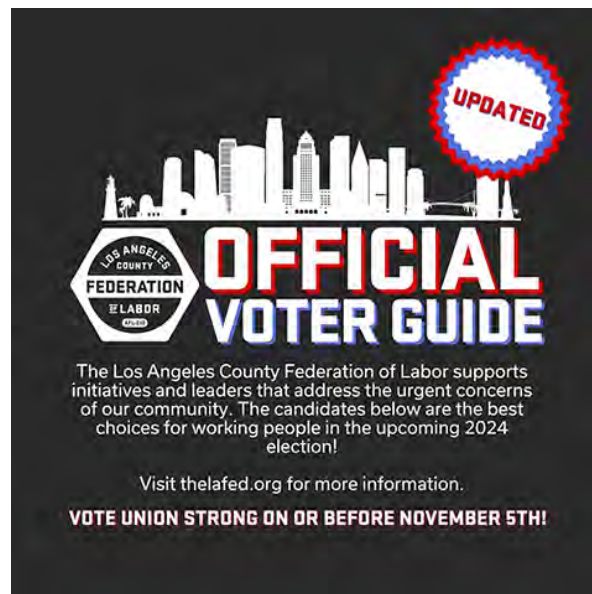
Date	City	Launch Location	Address	Zip
11/2	Palmdale	Machinists Hall	39037 10th Street East	93550
11/3	Palmdale	Domenic Massari Park (Palms Park)	37716 55th Street East	93552
11/4	Lancaster	El Dorado Park	44501 5th Street East	93535
11/5	Palmdale	CADEM HQ	39904 10th St West	93551

## UPDATED-LA FED Official Voter Guide

The Updated 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](mailto:michael@thelafed.org)







Join us in solidarity with our union brothers, sisters, & siblings in Nevada as we support in phone banking for union-endorsed candidates.

Nevada is a historic battleground state for the Presidential election and we need all hands on deck!

**DAYS:** TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS  
[UNTIL ELECTION DAY]

**TIME:** 5:00-7:00 PM

**LOCATION:**

**ZOOM**

[[HTTPS://BIT.LY/NVLABORD2024PHONEBANK](https://bit.ly/nvlabord2024phonebank)]

[SCAN THE CODE TO LOGIN TO ZOOM AT THE DAYS & TIME ABOVE]



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



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



# IATSE PAC

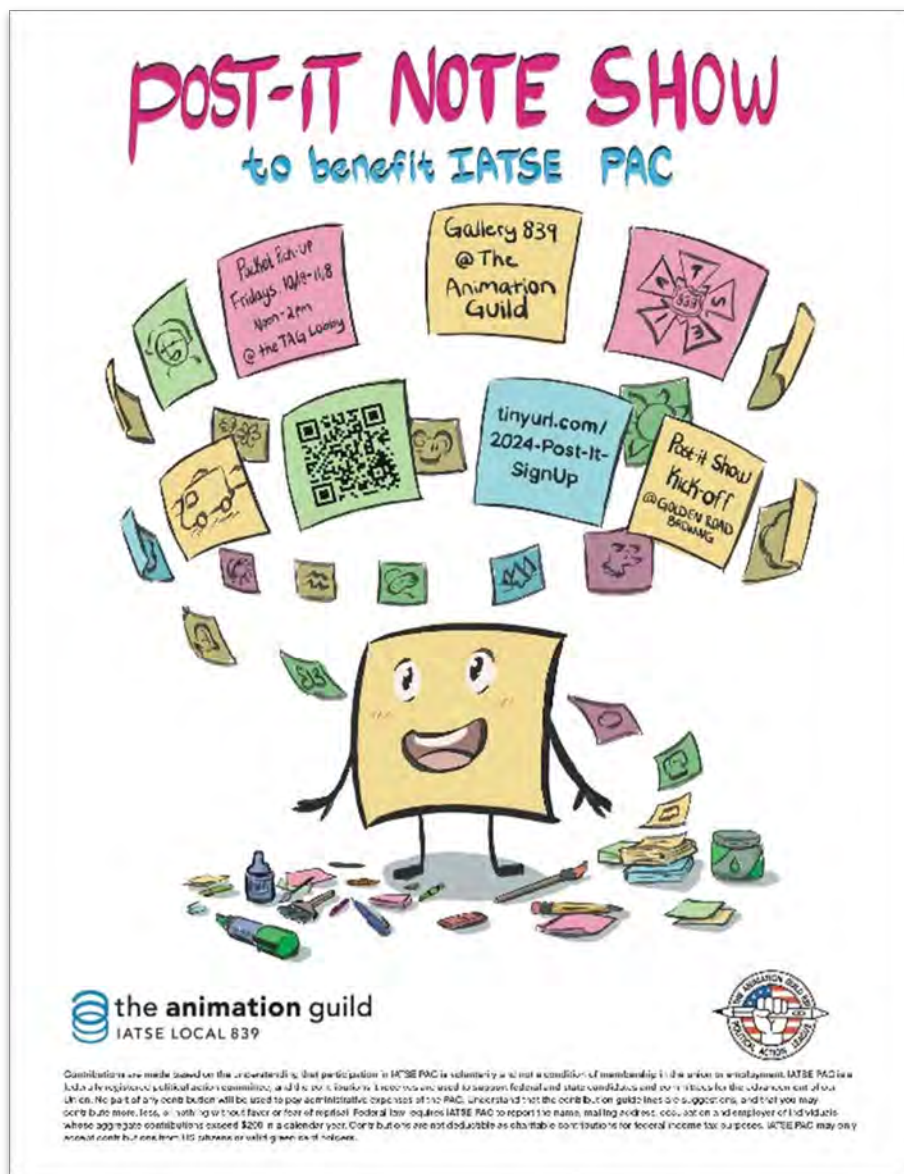
## TAG's Post-It Note Show fundraiser for the IATSE PAC

IATSE Local 839 TAG The Animation Guild is accepting artwork for the 2024 Post-It Note Show, Auction and Holiday Party. This is the 6th year they have done it, raising thousands for the IATSE PAC!

While it's TAG's fundraiser, it's open to any IATSE member to participate in submitting Post-It Note artwork!

Here is the sign-up link for members and more information: <https://tinyurl.com/2024-Post-It-SignUp>

And please Save the Date for Dec. 7. TAG will be hosting an in-person show and holiday party in Gallery 839 - TAG's art gallery.





## 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](#)

