

EARLY EDITION

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



Understanding the Contract—Pension Edition

Your bargaining unit was able to secure 13th & 14th checks for retirees who retired before August 1, 2009, if there are 8 months reserves in Active and Retiree Health Plans, and the Pension Plan is in Green Zone. An additional one-time pension check was also secured and shall be issued to those who already have or will retire prior to January 1, 2025.

I have some additional details regarding when the 13th/15th check will be paid out. For those for whom this benefit applies (all retirees prior to end of this year), an additional check will be issued in January/February 2025. Participants will be notified by mail about the option for rolling over funds, like what has occurred relative to the 13th/14th checks. We don't have a specific date yet however the plan normally mails the forms for payout options at least thirty days before a payment is to be issued.

Stay safe!

In unity,

Greg Reeves
Business Representative-Secretary
Lighting Technicians IATSE Local 728

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).**

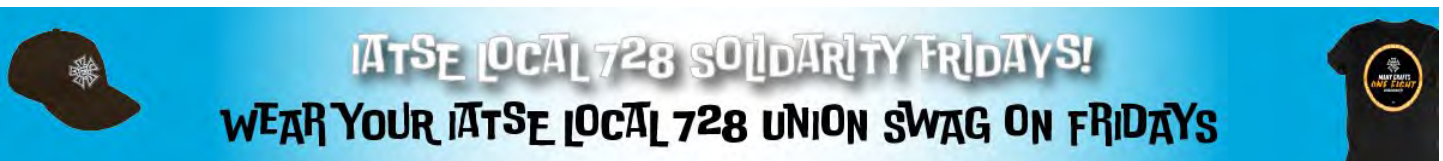
I will provide IATSE Local 728 with a copy of my MPIPHP work history for the previous 180 days (attach a copy of the work history print out or deliver a copy to the offices of IATSE Local 728).

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

Fraternally,



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





Fourth Quarter 2024 Dues can be paid by check, ach, debit/credit card or on the website.

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



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 \(iatse728.org\)](http://www.iatse728.org/Member-To-Member-Dues-Donation-Program)

Rosh Hashanah Greetings

From all of us at the Local, we wish our members and their families who are celebrating Rosh Hashanah a Happy New Year!

Rosh Hashanah begins at sunset on Wednesday, October 2nd, and ends at nightfall on Friday, October 4th.



IATSE Official Bulletin Third Quarter Issue

Please check out the latest IATSE Bulletin featuring the Mid-Summer GEB report on Brother Osorio and the 54th Annual Scholarship Awards!

See page 92 for complete information on how to apply for the 55th Annual Scholarship Awards of the Richard F. Walsh/Alfred W. Di Tolla/Harold P. Spivak Foundation, deadline for filing all materials is December 31, 2024.

[The Official IATSE Bulletin - 2024 Q3/No.685](#)



Upcoming Events

MPTF Webinar: Navigating for Non-Vested Entertainment Industry Professionals

Please join MPTF staff for an important and timely discussion on Medicare enrollment for entertainment industry professionals without a retiree health plan.

When: Monday, October 7th

Time: 5PM-6PM PT

Location: via Zoom

Please **RSVP by October 6th:** [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)



GOTV Postcard Event-October 5th

Join us in getting out the vote! We have 100s of GOTV Postcards available at the Hall for you to help activate our membership for the Fall Elections. I am pleased to announce the IATSE Local 728 Woman and Kin Committee will be holding a Writing Event this Saturday October 5 from 1-4. It is open to all!

When: Saturday, October 5th

Time: 1PM - 4PM

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

Please **RSVP** to community@iatse728.org



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:** <https://iapacmixer.com/>

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

Volunteers needed on the following dates: October 10th-13th. See flyer below for additional information.





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



LOCATION:

3957 S. WESTERN AVE.
LOS ANGELES, CA 90062

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

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 \(iatse728.org\)](#)

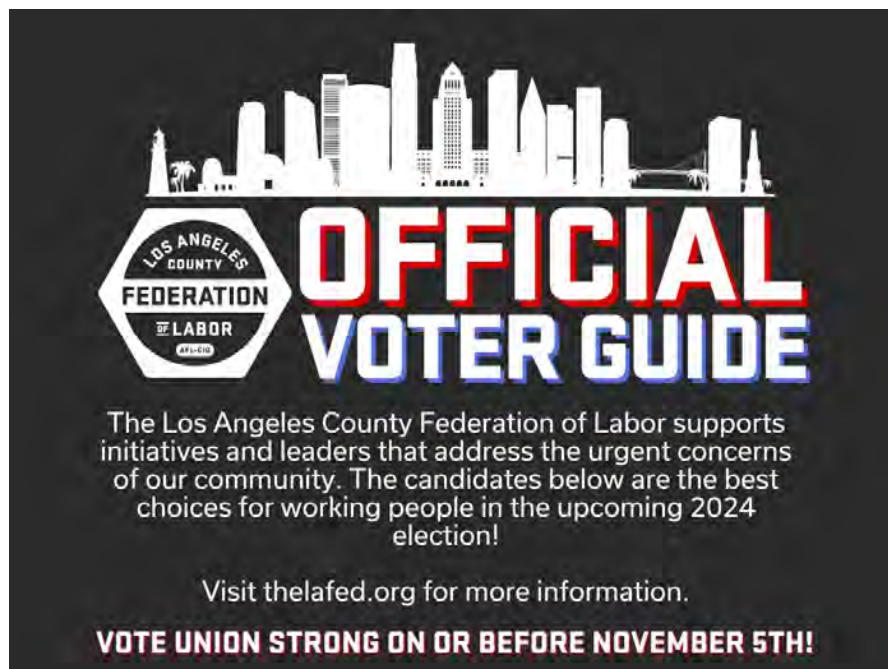
Election News

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





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

Yes on A

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](#)

