

Local 728

Weekly Digest

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In The Spotlight this week!

AFL-CIO

AMERICA'S UNIONS

AFL-CIO Emergency Mobilizations Information

During these unpresented times, it is important to remember our rights under the United States Constitution and its amendments that protect and apply to all within the borders of this country. Below you will find links to the AFL-CIO's Best Practices for First Amendment Activity as well as an Emergency Mobilization Guide. In addition, LA City Councilmember Adrin Nazarian has a great Know Your Options resource on his page.

The AFL-CIO is committed to uplifting the safety and wellbeing of our movement. CD2 Nazarian is committed to making production easier in LA.

cd2.lacity.gov/know-your-options

[AFL-CIO Emergency Mobilization Guide](#)

[AFL-CIO First Amendment Guide](#)

In solidarity,

Greg Reeves

Business Representative - Secretary

Lighting Technicians IATSE Local 728

Joint ETCP Study Sessions with Local 52

Local 728 is proud to announce the resumption of our Joint ETCP Study Sessions group held in conjunction with IATSE Local 52, New York Studio Mechanics. Local 52 will be providing the Google Classroom and hosting the online sessions and Local 728 will be providing some Subject Matter Experts and materials for the sessions. The meetings will be held early one Sunday most months and will be available for on-demand playback in the Google Classroom.

We encourage members who have already received your certification to join the group and share your experience.

Our first meeting will be held this Sunday, June 29 at 8:00AM Pacific Time. The meetings will all be hybrid with us participating through Zoom unless we decide to have an in-person component as well.

Topics to be discussed at this meeting include:

- Entire ETCP Study Sessions and the structure of this Group
- Hybrid Solutions for continuing education for these certifications
- Calendar and Timeline for Study Sessions Group
- Study Materials and Reading Materials
- Other Studying Resources and Web-based Information

Please RSVP for this meeting by clicking here [RSVP ETCP MEETING](#). If you are interested in getting your ETCP Certification, please join us.

When: Sunday, June 29th

Time: 8AM PDT





THIRD QTR 2025 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



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



NEW! Production List available on the Local 728 website Dashboard!
Thank you to Local 600 for compiling and sharing this resource.

Independence Day

Wishing you a safe holiday weekend and in observance of Independence Day, the office will be closed on Friday, July 4th.



Happy Independence Day

July 4



PROTECT OUR INDUSTRY, OUR JOBS, AND OUR FUTURE.

#KEEPCALIFORNIAROLLING

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED RIGHT NOW:

WRITE A LETTER: We are re-launching our letter writing campaign to address the urgency of the moment and target Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, Senate Pro Tempore Mike McGuire, Senate Budget Chair Scott Wiener and Assembly Budget Chair Jesse Gabriel and your own representatives in the Senate and Assembly.

- We sent over 200,000 back in April and we will need to surpass this number as we approach the week of June 9th which will be our key target week.
- If you already wrote a letter, WE NEED YOUR VOICE AGAIN.
- Share on Social Media and with your friends, family members and colleagues. We will need everyone's voice in this fight.

[Write a Letter](#)

- **SHARE KEEP CALIFORNIA ROLLING: Reel Jobs Need Real Action Video**

- Not only is the letter embedded in every single letter you send to your elected officials, help use this video to inspire others to support our industry.
- We have just released our Keep California Rolling video highlighting member stories about what our California Film and Television Jobs Program means to our members, small businesses and our community.

[Watch the Video](#)

Action: Sign the IATSE Local B-192 Petition in Favor of Dodgers Tour Guides Receiving Fair Wages & Benefits

Despite Dodger tour guide's essential role, they're being underpaid and unfairly treated. The Dodgers are trying to take away existing benefits - benefits that were promised as part of the job - simply because the guides voted to unionize.

Signing this petition means standing up for fairness, decency, and the workers who make the Dodgers experience great.

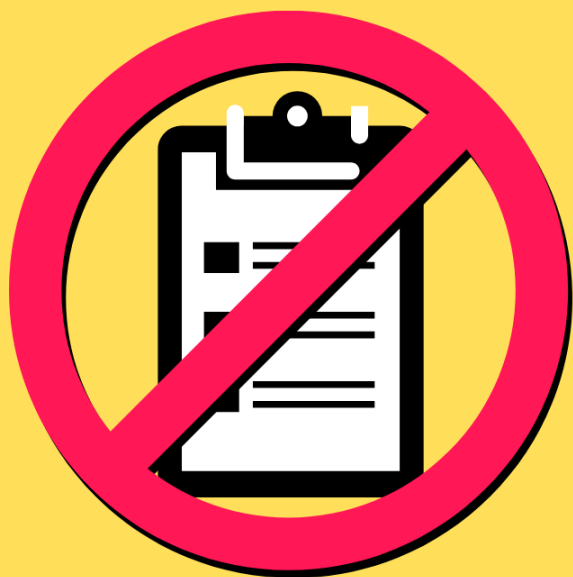
[Sign the Petition](#)



Do Not Sign the Boss's Phony Petition | Unite Here!

For the next 30 days, if anyone at the grocery store, park, or in the neighborhood asks you to sign something, DO NOT SIGN IT! The hotels and airlines are circulating a petition to take away the Olympic Wage passed by LA City Council.

defendthewage.la/



DEFEND THE WAGE!

DON'T SIGN THE MISLEADING PETITION!

DEFENDTHEWAGE.LA

Ad paid for by Citizens in Support of the LA Olympic Wage, Sponsored by Labor and Charitable Organizations Supporting Working Families. Ad Committee's Top Funder UNITE HERE Local 11
777 S. Figueroa St., Ste 4050, Los Angeles, CA 90017. Funding details at ethics.lacity.gov

Upcoming Events

Celebrate Pride Month

June 2025



Stamp Out Hunger | Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to sort out the food that was collected during this year's Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive!

When: Various Dates through July 2025

Time: 8AM – 1PM and 1PM – 4PM (2 shifts)

Location: Salvation Army | 5600 Rickenbacker Road, Bldg 1D | Bell, CA 90201 (Take Mansfield Way & Continue on the road to destination)

Sign-Up: [Here](#)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**Help Labor
Community Services
sort out the donated
food that was collected
during this year's Stamp
Out Hunger Food Drive!**



**MONDAY - SATURDAY
MAY 20TH - JULY 1ST
2 TIME SHIFTS
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

**SALVATION ARMY
5600 RICKENBACKER ROAD, BLDG 1D
BELL, CA 90201**

**TAKE MANSFIELD WAY & CONTINUE
ON THE ROAD TO DESTINATION**

**To Sign Up To Volunteer, Please Sign Up At
<https://lcs-la.org/stamp-out-hunger>**

**For Organizations and Groups Who Would Like To
Volunteer, Please Contact Marcos Juan at
(323) 620-3030 | marcos@lcs-la.org**

MPC 705 CAT | Craft Fair

The Motion Picture Costumers is having their first craft fair! Join us for music, raffles, good food and craft items for purchase from 705 Costumers.

When: Sunday, June 29th

Time: 9AM - 4PM

Location: MPC Local 705 | 5127 Laurel Canyon Blvd | Valley Village, CA 91607

For additional information:

[MPC 705 Craft Fair](#)



Palos Verdes ~ An Old Fashioned 4th of July | Honoree Pete Villani (HW 728)

Join us for the 60th Annual Palos Verdes 4th of July Celebration! This year, our very own Hometown Hero Pete Villani (HW 728) will be honored for his bravery in the Altadena fires.

Time: Begins at 9:30AM

Location: Malaga Cove School | 300 Paseo Del Mar | Palos Verdes Estates

Admission: Free

Details: pvjuly4.org

PALOS VERDES

4th of July

An Old-Fashioned

Our 60th Annual Event

BEGINS 9:30 AM at MALAGA COVE SCHOOL
300 PASEO DEL MAR • PVE

CIVIC AWARDS
MUSIC • FOOD
BIKE PARADE
FAMILY GAMES
APPLE PIE CONTEST
FREE ADMISSION

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= HOMETOWN HEROES =
2025 Honoree **Pete Villani**
Saved neighbors' homes in Altadena Fire

Remembering Palos Verdes'
community leader **Les Fishman**

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Save the Date | IATSE Local 728 Membership Meeting

Save the date for Local 728's Hybrid Membership Meeting on Saturday, July 19th.
RSVP details coming soon!

When: Saturday, July 19th

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

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

JULY 19, 2025



RSVP details
coming soon!

🕒 9AM

📍 IATSE Local 728
In-person & Zoom

Save the Date | Day at the Ranch

Join us for a great family picnic and help raise funds for MPTF's programs and services. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details coming your way.

When: Sunday, November 16th

Time: 11AM- 3PM

Location: Calamigos Ranch | Malibu, CA

mptf.com/dayattheranch



Union Resources

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 \(iatse728.org\)](#)

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 First Aid Resources](#)

[Mental Health Tools and Resources with Behind The Scenes Video](#)

[Behind the Scenes - Supporting Mental Health and Wellness](#)

Log-in for access to the following:

[MPI's Mental Health and Wellness Resources](#)

[Wondr Health- Cope Better, Stress Less](#)

[CALM Subscription Information](#)

[Optum- Tools and Videos related to Mental Health](#)

Behind The Scenes | New Mental Health Survey

Working in this industry is hard – physically and mentally. Behind the Scenes has launched a survey to aid in developing new tools and resources for our industry during these changing times. We want to hear your thoughts on what you need now. If you're in the US or Canada please take this brief survey and share it with your colleagues. btslink.org/survey



Take the survey today!
btslink.org/survey

What tools and resources
can support your mental health?

Entertainment Health Insurance Solutions-EHISCA

If you are in need of alternative to employer provided health insurance, please

reach out to Entertainment Health Insurance Solutions at MPTF. Their staff is trained to assist members of the entertainment community navigate the complex California health insurance marketplace.

ehisca.com

IATSE- Los Angeles Fires Relief and Response

iatse.net/socal-fires/

Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA)

Available to independent contractors who are often employed in the entertainment and other LA industries. Check eligibility guidelines for details.

[Disaster Unemployment Assistance \(DUA\) Now Available to Los Angeles County Workers Impacted by California Wildfires and Severe Winds](#)

Union Plus | Health Discounts for Union Members

Check out the list of Union Plus Health Discounts for Union Members and their families.

unionplus.org/benefits/health

IATSE PAC

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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! L728.co/iatsepac

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



IATSE PAC

Political Action Committee of
The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees