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In The Spotlight this week!

IATSE Local 728 Hybrid Membership Meeting Information

The IATSE Local 728 Membership Meeting is taking place as a Hybrid meeting. This meeting is for members only.

When: Saturday, July 19th

Time: 9AM

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

RSVP by 3PM Friday July 18th with your Full Name and Union Card Number.

In-person: community@iatse728.org

Zoom: solidarity@iatse728.org

Additional information about RSVP, Rules for Online/Hybrid Meetings, Meeting Packet and Reports can be found at the following link (some information will become available Friday, July 18th after RSVPs have closed).

Click on the link below for more information:

[Membership Meeting Information](#)

IATSE Local 728 Membership Meeting Minutes

The IATSE Local 728 Membership Meeting Minutes are available for review on the website.

Log-in for access:

[Membership Meeting Minutes](#)



**MEMBERSHIP
MEETING**

JULY 19, 2025

RSVP Information Now Available!

- CA Tax Incentives
- AICP Contract
- ETCP Certification

🕒 9AM

📍 IATSE Local 728

In-person & Zoom

The poster features a large Maltese cross logo with 'IATSE 728' in the center. The background has a diagonal orange and blue design.

Production List now available on the Local 728
website Dashboard!



PROTECT OUR INDUSTRY, OUR JOBS, AND OUR FUTURE.

#KEEPCALIFORNIAROLLING



New California Film & Television Jobs Program Materials

Following up on last week's announcement of the Film Incentive news, please see links below related to the implementation of the new California Film & Television Jobs Program. These materials are intended to help you better understand the key elements of the program and the California Film Commission's (CFC) timetable for announcing and accepting applications for the

first year of funding (July 2025–July 2026).

Many of the changes in the program can be implemented immediately, as they involve adjustments to existing numbers rather than changes to the statute itself. However, the inclusion of animation (TV and feature films) and large-scale competition game shows represents a significant expansion of the program. Because these are new categories, the CFC must go through a full regulation-writing and public comment process. Funding for these genres will become available in January 2026, and the CFC is already setting aside funds to support them. These genres will not have separate funding buckets but will be included within the overall allocations for television and feature films.

This week, the Entertainment Union Coalition (EUC) is expected to release a letter through Action Network, encouraging all 165,000 members to send thank-you messages to lawmakers in Sacramento. If we see the same strong participation as in our previous two letter-writing campaigns, it will make a powerful impact. Watch out for it!

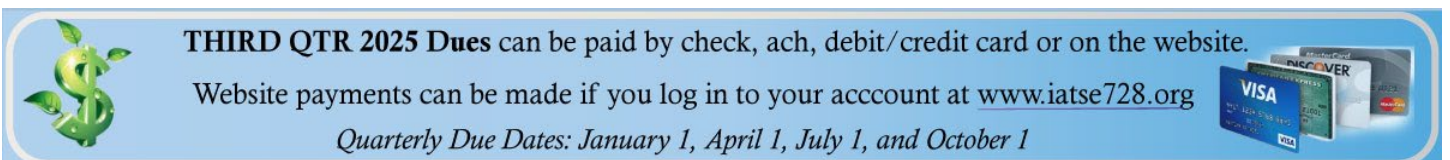
[CA Film & TV Jobs Program Fact Sheet](#)

[CA Film and TV Jobs Program - Application Windows](#)

In solidarity,



Greg Reeves
Business Representative - Secretary
Lighting Technicians IATSE Local 728



Free Peer Support Group for Fire Impacted Individuals

NAMI San Gabriel Valley will begin to host monthly peer support groups for those affected by the Eaton Fire, offering a space for shared experiences and healing. Held via Zoom every third Tuesday of the month from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM.

As we approach six months since the devastating fire in the Altadena area, these gatherings will provide an opportunity to process ongoing challenges with understanding facilitators—many of whom have firsthand experience navigating similar hardships. Support group schedules may be adjusted based on interest and need.

To attend the support group use the Zoom meeting ID 82656151783 or use this [link](#).



NAMI San Gabriel Valley
An Affiliate of Greater Los Angeles County

Introducing a
new monthly

Fire Peer Support Group

**No obligations | No cost |
No registration required.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82656151783>
Meeting ID number: 826 5615 1783
Meeting link is also available by scanning the QR code.



**Offered virtually monthly, every THIRD
TUESDAY. BEGINS JULY 15, 5:30–7 pm**

✉ info@namisgv.org ☎ 626-365-0365 📍 Online

Active in your faith? | We need your help!

The California Federation of Labor Unions is seeking members who are active in their local congregations to reach out to their faith leaders and encourage them to allow for a union member to briefly address the congregation and share worker stories.

Are you active in your church, temple, synagogue or mosque? We want to hear from you! We are looking for people willing to speak to their congregation, or to get their faith leader to speak out- on the right to organize, the importance of healthcare and/ or immigrants' rights.

Information/Contact: Diamond Brandon | diamond@calaborfed.org

**CALLING ALL UNION MEMBERS WHO
ARE ACTIVE IN THEIR CONGREGATION!**



Labor and faith communities have a long history of uniting for dignity, justice, and respect for all workers. There is a chance this Labor Day season for you to bring union members and congregations together to uplift the right to organize and collective bargaining, and stand up for fair wages, healthcare, and immigrants!

The California Federation of Labor Unions is seeking:



Union members active in your congregation, who can help connect us with your faith leader.



Union members or leaders willing to share brief remarks during a service to uplift the call to protect workers.

KEY DATES: August 22-24 | August 29-September 1 | September 5-7



For more information, contact Diamond Brandon at:
Diamond@calaborfed.org

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](#)



Upcoming Events

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



MPTF & IATSE PRESENT

DAY AT THE RANCH

FAMILY PICNIC AT CALAMIGOS RANCH

MPTF IATSE





Sunday, November 16, 2025
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

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 \(iatse728.org\)](#)

Food Distribution & Assistance

Labor Community Services continues to have food distributions for those facing hardship or food insecurity. For upcoming dates and times, please continue to check the following link (updates regularly)

[Events | Labor Community Services](#)

[July 25th- Palmdale, CA](#)

[July 29th- Maywood, CA](#)

To locate a pantry near you and for information on LA Regional Food Bank, CalFresh, Meals on Wheels, WIC, and more, click on the following link.

<https://www.lafoodbank.org/find-food/pantry-locator/>

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

[Optum Mental Health Resources| Accessible all year-round](#)

[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



**BEHIND
THE
SCENES**
Mental Health Initiative

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