

# Local 728

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## *In The Spotlight this week!*



**Keep California Rolling | Victory for Our Jobs! Send a Thank You to Sacramento**

Together, we did it!

Legislation that expands the funding and modernization of California's Film and Television Jobs Program have officially passed and been signed into law by Governor Newsom. We achieved this because of your advocacy, your stories, and your determination to protect the jobs that keep this industry alive.

Now we're asking you to take one more step:

**Send a quick thank-you letter to the lawmakers who made this happen.**

It only takes a minute, but it sends a powerful message: we see their leadership in standing with us, and we'll continue to show up and speak out when it matters.

[Keep California Rolling: Victory for Our Jobs! Send a Thank You to Sacramento - Action Network](#)

This wasn't easy. Lawmakers faced a tough budget year and competing priorities, but they heard from you, and they listened. They recognized the urgency of the moment and the importance of sustaining middle-class union jobs, supporting small businesses, and protecting the union jobs that power this industry in California.

With the passage of AB 1138 and the approval of \$750 million in annual funding, both critical pieces of the program will now go into effect together. That means more opportunities, stronger job protections, and a better future for our members across the state.

We're especially grateful to Governor Gavin Newsom, who made this funding a priority and stood firmly with entertainment workers. And to Assemblymember Rick Zbur and Senator Ben Allen, who led the charge in the Legislature and never wavered in their commitment to working people. From the very beginning, they made it clear: this was about jobs, and they were going to fight for them.

To learn more about our California Film & Television Jobs Program 4.0, head to [www.KeepCaliforniaRolling.org](http://www.KeepCaliforniaRolling.org).

Send your letter today: [Send a Thank You to Sacramento](#)

This win belongs to YOU. Let's keep the momentum going, and together, we'll **Keep California Rolling**.

In solidarity,



Greg Reeves  
Business Representative - Secretary  
Lighting Technicians IATSE Local 728



## **Behind The Scenes | Explore Career Options**

With work at historic lows, many members are looking for additional opportunities to work while we wait for more shows to return to LA. We have specialized skills that can be transferable. Behind The Scenes has a great selection of resources under the "Career Expansion/Transition" tab. Check it out!

[btshelp.org/career](https://btshelp.org/career)

Short, Mid, and Long Term Strategies to help you plan, prioritize, create manageable steps and take action:

[Next Steps: Strategies for Earning and Planning](#)

The following link has resume tips, Industry career support, finding industry jobs and more:

[Tools for Next Steps](#)



**Is it time for a change?**

**Tools to help you  
explore career options**

**[btshelp.org/career](https://btshelp.org/career)**

### **Assistant Business Agent Application**

Applications for the position of Assistant Business Agent (ABA) will be accepted until August 8, 2025.

Applications are available at the following link: [Assistant Business Agent Job Application](#)

Production List now available on the Local 728  
website Dashboard!



**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](http://www.iatse728.org)

*Quarterly Due Dates: January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1*



## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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*

## **ADG Local 800 | Blood Drive**

Join the ADG Local 800 in giving back to Children's Hospital Los Angeles at the ADG Blood Drive on Friday, August 15th.

**When:** Friday, August 15, 2025

**Time:** 10AM - 3:45PM

**Location:** Art Directors Guild | 11969 Ventura Blvd, 1st Floor | Studio City, CA 91604

**Appointments:** [Click Here](#)

Blood Donor Qualifications can be found [here](#)

**1 PINT OF  
BLOOD CAN  
SAVE UP TO  
2 OF OUR  
PATIENTS'  
LIVES.**





Date: Friday, August 15, 2025

Time: 10am - 3:45pm

Hosted By: Art Directors Guild

Location: 11969 Ventura Blvd. Studio City 91604



To schedule an appointment,  
visit [CHLAdonateblood.org](https://CHLAdonateblood.org) or call us at **323-361-2441**.

**DONATE BLOOD TODAY!**

Every month, Children's Hospital Los Angeles has to collect 2,000 units of blood products to meet the needs of its patients. Please schedule an appointment for our upcoming blood drive, where each donation can help two children, and you can double your efforts by bringing a friend!

**DONOR REQUIREMENTS**

- At least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds
- Must provide valid photo ID (driver's license preferred)
- Should be well hydrated and feeling healthy

Please contact us if you are on any medications, have an existing medical condition or recently traveled outside the United States.



## **Techquity Showcase #3 | August 16th**

Join us for a mini Cine Gear product demo! Aava Dental, General Lighting Dynamics (GLD), Betty Lights, REON and other vendors to be announced.

**When:** Saturday, August 16, 2025

**Time:** 10AM - 2PM

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



The poster features a dark blue background with a yellow and white geometric pattern on the left and right sides. The main title 'techquity showcase' is in a large, stylized, yellow and white font. Below it, the text 'DON'T MISS THE FINAL TWO!' and 'AUGUST 16 & OCTOBER 18' is in white. Three small photos show people at a trade show. At the bottom, there is a white IATSE Local 728 logo, the text '10AM-2PM' and 'IATSE LOCAL 728', the text 'PREMIER SPONSOR', the Aava Dental logo, and a QR code.

# techquity showcase

**DON'T MISS THE FINAL TWO!**  
**AUGUST 16 & OCTOBER 18**

**10AM-2PM**  
**IATSE LOCAL 728**

**PREMIER SPONSOR**

**Aava DENTAL**



## **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 16<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 11AM- 3PM

**Location:** Calamigos Ranch | Malibu, CA

[mptf.com/dayattheranch](https://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](https://mptf.com/DayAtTheRanch)**  
for tickets and sponsorship information



Contact [events@mptf.com](mailto: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 25<sup>th</sup>- Palmdale, CA](#)

[July 29<sup>th</sup>- 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](https://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](https://ehisca.com)

### **IATSE- Los Angeles Fires Relief and Response**

[iatse.net/socal-fires/](https://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](https://unionplus.org/benefits/health)

# *IATSE PAC*

## **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! [L728.co/iatsepac](https://L728.co/iatsepac)

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



## **IATSE PAC**

Political Action Committee of  
The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees