

# Local 728

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## *In The Spotlight this week!*

### **IATSE Local 728 Notice of Nomination of Officers**

Members be advised that NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS will be held at the September 13, 2025, General Membership Meeting for the following offices:

- (1) Vice President
- (1) Treasurer-Call Steward
- (3) Executive Board Seats
- (2) Alternate Exec. Board Seats
- (1) Trustee

Members do not need to be present to be nominated. Members must be in good standing at the time of nominations to be eligible.

In solidarity,



Greg Reeves  
Business Representative - Secretary  
Lighting Technicians IATSE Local 728

### **Members Affected by the Los Angeles Wildfires Receive \$1,000 Checks**

The IATSE's Walsh/DiTolla/Spivak Foundation including fundraising efforts by Hollywood Locals were able to provide additional \$1,000 checks to members affected by the LA Wildfires.

#### [IATSE Wildfire Resources](#)



Production List now available on the Local 728 website Dashboard! (log-in required)

## **Local 728(HW) and Local 600 Member, Pete Villani Wins Hometown Hero Contest**

Union Plus has awarded Pete Villani \$10,000 as part of their Hometown Hero Contest for his bravery during the LA Wildfires.

[Watch the surprise video](#)

[View 2025 Unions Power America Winners](#)



### **Peter Villani | IATSE**

**IATSE member, Peter Villani has won \$10,000 as the Second Prize winner of our Hometown Heroes Contest.**

Peter lives in Los Angeles, and during the recent wildfires, at a time when he could have been thinking only of his home and family, Peter went out of his way to help others, bravely staying in the path of danger and destruction to save his neighbor's homes. Peter is the epitome of a hero.

[\*\*unionplus.org\*\*](https://unionplus.org)



# *Upcoming Events*

## **Union Yes on Prop 50: Rally, Phonebank & Canvass**

Join us for a rally, phonebank, and canvassing event in support of [Prop 50](#).

**When:** Saturday, September 6th

**Time:** 9AM-1PM PDT

**Location:** LA Federation of Labor | 2130 James M Wood Blvd | Los Angeles, CA 90006

[RSVP Here](#)

## **UNION YES ON PROP. 50 RALLY, PHONEBANK & CANVASS**

**SAT. 9.06.25 | 9 AM - 1 PM  
2130 JAMES M WOOD BLVD.  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90006**



**PLEASE RSVP WITH MICHAEL CONTRERAS.**



**LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.**

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?  
CONTACT MICHAEL CONTRERAS AT  
MICHAEL@THELAFED.ORG**



Please Join Naomi Rodda, MPTF's Director of Home Community-Based Services, for an important discussion about estate planning. Learn about topics including Medicare, durable powers of attorney, advance directives, and more.

**Time:** 6PM-7PM PT

**Register [Here](#)**



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

**When:** Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 9AM

**Location:** IATSE Local 728

**RSVP by 3PM on Friday 9/12/25** (include your full name and union card #)

[In Person RSVP Here](#)

[Zoom RSVP Here](#)

Log-in required for access:

[Membership Meeting Information | IATSE Local 728](#)

Additional information about RSVP, Rules for Online/Hybrid Meetings, Meeting Packet and Reports can be found at the above link (some information will become available Friday, September 12th after RSVPs have closed).

A promotional poster for a Membership Meeting. The background is dark blue with a white curved graphic on the right side. The text is in yellow and white. At the bottom left is the IATSE Local 728 logo, which is a Maltese cross with 'IATSE' in the center and '728' in a circle below it.

# MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2025**

**RSVP Information Now Available!**

- **Film Incentive and IATSE PAC Updates**
- **Nomination of Officers**
- **Convention Reports**

**🕒 9AM**

**📍 IATSE Local 728**

**In-person & Zoom**

## **IATSE Local 728 Retiree Luncheon**

The Retiree Luncheon will be hosted at the Local on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 12PM. For details and to RSVP see below.

**When:** Wednesday, September 17th

**Time:** 12PM

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

[RSVP Information Here](#)





## **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Safety Summit | September 20**

Save the Date for the 2nd Annual Safety Summit with a Spotlight on Mental Health and Wellness.

Join us for an update on Perm Inspections, the Film and Tax Incentive Set Safety Officer, and MPTF will be in attendance as well with member resources.

**When:** Saturday, September 20th

**Time:** 12PM-3PM

**Location:** IATSE Local 80 | 2520 W. Olive Ave | Burbank, CA 91505





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Save the Date for the Hollywood IATSE “ALL-IN” Mixer. Details forthcoming.

**Time: 6PM-12AM**

**Location:** IATSE Local 80 | 2520 W. Olive Ave | Burbank, CA 91505



# Union Resources

Information and tools for financial, mental health and wellness, assistance, food banks, alternative health insurance, discounts and more can be found at the following:

## [Financial Assistance and Resources](#)

## [Resources | Assistance](#)

## [Mental Health Tools and Resources](#)



# IATSE PAC

## **IATSE Local 728 Fundraiser to support IATSE PAC**

Local 728 now has its own personalized PAC Donation Landing Page.

[Please give today!](#)



## **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!

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



## *In Memoriam*

### **Celebration of Life for Brother Don Navarrette VII**

A Celebration of Life for Brother Navarrette will be held on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at [West Covina Elks Lodge](#) and Services at [Calvary Mortuary/Cemetery](#) in Los Angeles, CA.

Information can be found at the following:

[Notice of member passing and Celebration of Life: Don Navarrette VII](#)



# IN MEMORIAM

*Brother  
Donald Navarrette V.D.*



A member since December 12, 1970

Passed away on August 16, 2025

At the age of 78