



Weekly Digest

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In The Spotlight this week!

Latest News from the 2026 Mid-Winter GEB

I'm updating you after attending the IATSE General Executive Board (GEB) meeting last week. This bi-annual meeting brings together hundreds of IATSE locals from the U.S. and Canada to share their ongoing battles, some won and some lost, in an effort to help to better serve you.

VP Michael Miller of the IA West Coast Office acknowledged the ongoing work contraction, but also shared signs of increased production due to expanded state incentives that will provide more work for our members, and generate benefit contributions to our plans.

Among the many encouraging stories was our participation in Operation Warm, providing coats and shoes to children and families in need in our community.

There is also the recent organizing effort in securing IATSE jurisdiction at the new LA Convention Center. The creation of hundreds of IATSE jobs across trade shows, live theater, motion pictures, and television, represents tens of thousands of members getting Union wages and protections.

But there is also a call to action here. Please call in your jobs, especially if it is non-union, so we can work to flip projects and secure the benefits you deserve and rely on. This process is anonymized so you can feel protected. We have many success stories, but we can only help if we know about projects attempting to operate without contracts.

The IATSE advocacy for a federal tax incentive continues. In fact, Local 728 was recognized as a GOLD Level Honoree in the IATSE Solidarity Awards. Our members donated over \$10,000 to support the advocacy efforts in Washington to get more work! I ask you to join me in making monthly donations to the PAC.

As the Tri-Guilds (SAG, DGA, and WGA) head into negotiating new contracts, the importance of organizing productions cannot be overstated. The bargaining leverage we hold next year rests on a foundation of union members locking arms and holding to their oaths in pursuit of working union jobs. If we believe the union is indispensable, employers will be forced to agree.

In solidarity,



Greg Reeves
Business Representative - Secretary
Lighting Technicians, IATSE Local 728

February 2026

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

CA Tax Credit Incentive Program 4.0



What is California Tax Credit Incentive Program 4.0?

Program 4.0 is the most ambitious and impactful Film & Television Tax Credit expansion to date. The program modernization efforts propelled California to remain competitive worldwide while maintaining a leadership position with the best locations, facilities and crews around the globe!

Program 4.0 will run for 5 fiscal years: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2030.

Program Enhancements:

- Raising the per year credit allocation amount from \$330 million to \$750 million per year – **that is more than double the previous cap!**
- **Effective tax rate:**
 - 20-25% → 35% for feature and independent films, new TV, mini-series and pilots
 - 25% → 40%* for relocating TV series
 - 5% or 10% uplift for out of zone or local labor hires and visual effects
- *Credit is reduced to 35% after the first season is filmed in California
- **Qualified expenditure caps**
 - \$100 million → \$120 million for feature and independent films new TV, mini-series and pilots
 - \$10 million → \$20 million for Independent films

Program Performance to Date:

In the first four rounds since Program 4.0 launched in July:

- 119 projects accepted into the program
- \$4.17 billion in expected economic activity
- More than 25,000 cast and crew jobs
- Over 4,000 filming days expected statewide



Economic Facts You Should Know:

For every dollar of tax credit awarded California receives:

- \$24.40 in economic output
- \$16.14 in GDP
- \$8.60 in wages



The California Film Commission in the News

[An Ang Lee movie will film locally. An expanded state program helped set this up](#)

Sac Bee

[Snoop Dogg Biopic Gets \\$17 Million In California Tax Credits to Shoot In State](#)

The Hollywood Reporter

[Baywatch' Reboot To Film In Los Angeles After Fox Secures \\$21.1M California Tax Credit](#)

Deadline

[Fallout,' More 'Mr. & Mrs. Smith' & 'Forever' Among Latest California TV Tax Credits Winners](#)

Deadline

[Baywatch' Reboot Lands \\$21 Million Tax Credit to Film in L.A.](#)

Variety

[New 'Jumanji' movie among 52 films awarded California film tax credits](#)

Los Angeles Times

[California Gives \\$335 Million in Tax Credits to 52 Productions Including 'Jumanji,' 'Heat 2'](#)

The Wrap

The CA Film Incentives are far from perfect but they are working. Check out this fact sheet and stay tuned for more announcements!

Organizing Victories



You can report your show on the IATSE Local 728 website. See above for some of the recent flips from non-union to union!

Webinar: Dealing with Substance Misuse



**BEHIND
THE
SCENES**

Dealing with Substance Use in the Workplace

A free webinar on why and how we help

**Monday, February 23rd
7pm Eastern**

**Register at
btshelp.org/workplace**



Behind the Scenes is hosting a free webinar on February 23 at 4PM PST designed specifically for the entertainment industry.

Learn how to identify possible substance misuse, approach conversations with compassion, offer support resources and navigate workplace considerations.

Registration required: btshelp.org/workplace

Are You on the Fence with Life in the Industry



**Entertainment
Community Fund**
Formerly The Actors Fund

Do you find yourself asking these questions:

- Is my work in the industry as fulfilling as it once was?
- Are economic challenges making me curious about other work opportunities?
- Does my current industry work support my lifestyle needs and goals?

Join your peers for an eight-week group to explore emotional, spiritual, and practical issues of continuing your career in the entertainment industry.

Please register or log in to the [Entertainment Community Fund Portal](#) to access workshops, programs and services.

When: Tuesdays, February 17- April 7

Time: 10AM PT

Entertainment Community Fund Tax Prep

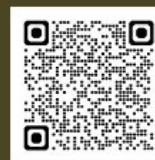
Free Tax Prep Services

provided by Entertainment Community Fund's Financial Wellness Program



- Assisted self-prep
 - In-person Tax prep sites
- Drop-off service
 - Virtual Tax Prep

Learn more



Unsure of how to get started with tax prep? Check out the Entertainment Community Fund's page link below.

<https://entertainmentcommunity.org/free-tax-preparation-services>

Hollywood Arts Collective – Waitlist Open

Hollywood Arts Collective

1630 Schrader Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90028

**ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
BEGINNING JANUARY 12, 2026**



Located in the heart of
Hollywood, CA



www.tsahousing.com/property/hollywoodartscollective



hollywoodartscollective.app@tsaproperties.com



Phone: (424) 551-2424

TTY: (800) 855-7100

The Hollywood Arts Collective's waitlist is now open and accepting applications! The waitlist is open for all unit types and income levels. Note: The majority of the current vacancies are for three-bedrooms, restricted at 80% of Area Median Income (AMI). For complete details, eligibility, and how to apply, please visit the link below.

[Apply Now!](#)

Calling all Local 728 Volunteers

Volunteers Needed

at Your Local and in Your Community

There are many different ways you can make a difference.

Please consider donating your time to a Local 728 Committee, event or to a number of very worthy organizations in your community.

Local 728 Events

Trade Show Committee

Animal Shelters & Pet Programs

MPTF Events & Activities

LGBTQ+ Groups

Habitat for Humanity

Student Outreach Film Programs

Veterans Programs

Heritage Committee

Local LA Labor Events

Environmental Causes

MLK Parade

Food bank

Scholarship Committee

Faith-based Organizations

The Local has established a volunteer database on our website, www.iatse728.org. Check out the many ways you could share your talents and lend a helping hand.

CSATF- V3 and V6 Online Courses



Visit the Industry Hub.org
to log into your Portal

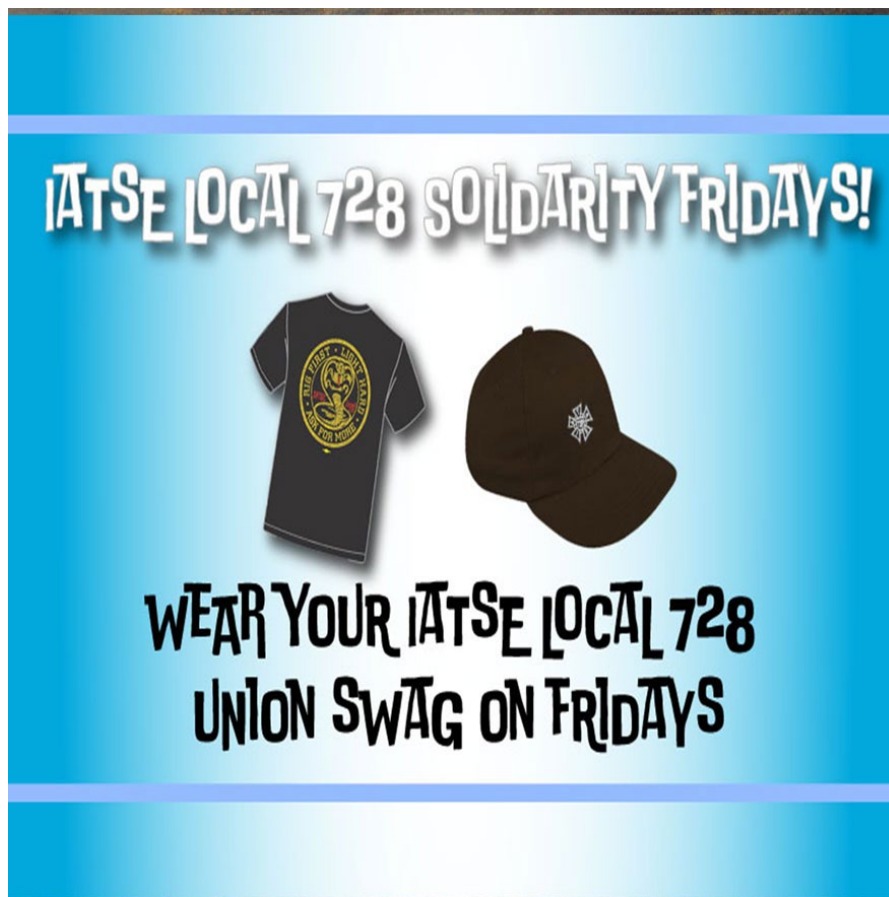
V3-Shock/Arc Flash Awareness V6-Overhead Electrical Rigging Safety

Now available in you Portal!

V3-Shock and Arc Flash Awareness- 3 hour self paced online course
Covers topics to help identify, evaluate, and avoid shock and arc flash hazards related to using a portable power distribution system.

V6-Overhead Electrical Rigging Safety- 2 hour self paced online course
Covers rigging concepts and methods that lighting technicians use to safely lift and support lighting equipment overhead.

Visit Contract Services at <https://www.thehub.org> to take the V3 and V6 self-paced online courses. These new requirements are available in your CSATF Portal.



Scholarship Programs



Information for the 2026 IATSE Local 728 Scholarship is available on the website. You can download an application or request one from the Local 728 office.

The deadline for filing all required materials with the Local 728 office is **Friday, February 6, 2026**. Mail, deliver, or email the completed application package to the Local 728 office. (*Applicants should contact the Local to confirm receipt of application prior to the deadline*).

If you were a recipient in the past, you are ineligible; this is a one-time award. Scholarship Award recipients will be notified in March 2026.

[IATSE Local 728 Scholarship Programs](#)

Upcoming Events

MPC 705 Super Bowl Watch Party



**SUPER BOWL
WATCH PARTY**

IATSE MEMBERS AND GUESTS 21+ ARE WELCOME!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026 | DOORS OPEN 2:00PM

MPC 705 MEMBER HALL
5127 LAUREL CANYON BLVD | VALLEY VILLAGE, CA 91607

FREE ENTRY
Food & Beverage Tickets: \$5 each
Chilli Cook-off
\$5 entry for a 50/50 prize pot

This event is a CAT Fundraiser*
CASH PREFERRED

 **Please RSVP:**
bit.ly/CATSB2026

*All funds raised go toward future 705 CAT Initiatives

When: Sunday, February 8

Time: 2PM

Location: Local 705 Member Hall, 5127 Laurel Canyon Blvd, Valley Village, CA 91607

RSVP: bit.ly/CATSB2026

Techquity Showcase



Mark your calendar for the 2026 Techquity Showcase series presented by Sustainable Entertainment Alliance (SEA). The first showcase is coming up February 21. To RSVP and for additional details, see link below.

When: Saturday, February 21

Time: 12PM-4PM

Location: Local 728

RSVP: [Click Here](#)

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](#)

The Entertainment Community Fund-Tax Prep

Unsure of how to get started with tax prep? The Entertainment Community Fund has resources to assist you. Go to [The Entertainment Community Fund's Tax Prep for Creative Professionals](#)

Food Programs & Resources

LA COUNTY PARKS **FOOD** **PROGRAMS** FOR YOUTH, TEENS & SENIORS

FREE HOT SUPPER TEEN PROGRAM

- 16 PARKS
- AGES 12-18
- MONDAY THRU FRIDAY
- SERVING TIME: 7:00 PM
- REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

FREE YOUTH SNACK PROGRAM

- 48 PARKS
- AGES 17 AND UNDER
- MONDAY THRU FRIDAY
- SERVING TIME: 3:00PM - 4:00PM
- NO ENROLLMENT REQUIRED

SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAMS

- 9 PARKS
- AGES 60+
- MONDAY THRU FRIDAY
- SERVING TIME: 11:00AM-1:00PM
- PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- BASED ON AVAILABILITY

FOR PARK LOCATIONS VISIT:



bit.ly/lacparksfoodprograms

If you or your family need food assistance, please visit [LA FoodBank](#) and [Food Oasis LA](#) (a food directory connecting you to nearby pantries and meals).

LA County Parks has food programs for Youth, Teens (ages 12-18), and Seniors. The programs are designed to ensure that there is access to free, wholesome meals and snacks. To locate a park near you, please visit: bit.ly/lacparksfoodprograms

The LA County Department of Health Services has different types of food programs; some even help with pet food. Please visit [LA County DHS | Resources | Food](#)
[View Food Distribution & Resources Flyer](#)

IATSE PAC



IATSE PAC

Political Action Committee of
The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees

IATSE Local 728 Fundraiser to support IATSE PAC

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

[Please give today!](#)



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

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!

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