



# Union Picnic and Health Fair

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IBEW Local 11 held its annual Union Picnic and Health Fair on Aug. 3 at the Hollywood Sports Park.

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## IBEW 11 at the DNC



Business Manager Robert Corona and staff member Diana Limon attended the Democratic National Convention in Chicago in August as delegates.

## Big Win for Union Jobs, Cleaner Air

IBEW Local 11, working with the office of Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass and the South Coast Air Quality Management District, has secured \$500 million in grant funding from the Environmental Protection Agency that will help reduce pollution while creating plentiful union jobs in the coming years.

The grant funding stems from the Biden Administration's Inflation Reduction Act.

According to the

Mayor's office, the half-billion dollars in funding will go toward:

- Installing over 1,000 medium and heavy-duty vehicle chargers and deploying 800 medium- and heavy-duty electric vehicles and 18 electric locomotives.
- Establishing a partnership with IBEW local 11 to support workforce training.
- Creating hundreds of new high-quality jobs.
- Building resilience in

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Dravon Henson Dishes on RENEW



New Blood in the Organizing Dept.



Register, Volunteer, Vote



# BUSINESS MANAGER'S MESSAGE

By Robert Corona



## Going into Election Season with Renewed Energy

I'm just back from the exciting Democratic National Convention and I'm pleased to report that I was one of 74 IBEW delegates from around the country representing our great union in Chicago last week. Not only did IBEW have the most delegates at the DNC of any labor union – 20 of us from the Ninth District alone, including three women -- but our IBEW International president Kenneth Cooper spoke on Day 1, along with a long line of labor union leaders. I'm proud that labor was so well represented at the convention, ensuring that our candidates support our jobs, our pensions, and our safety on the jobsite.

I have to say, it was one of the most memorable experiences of my life. There was so much excitement and energy in the convention hall and so many caucuses and workshops to attend, we didn't get much sleep. But now we're fired up and ready to go! On the first evening, not only was labor in the house – thousands of union delegates flooded the convention

hall – we got to experience the outpouring of affection for President Biden and all he's done in laying the blueprint for tens of thousands of jobs for our members with the IRA, Inflation Reduction Act. And we got to experience the grace and courage to pass the baton to a new generation of Democratic leaders who will take us into the future.

Since Harris became the nominee, it's a new beginning for the Democratic party. It's rejuvenated the campaign and will help us get all of our pro-labor candidates elected this November – from the top of the ticket with Vice President Kamala Harris and Tim Walz down to George Whiteside in the Antelope Valley. So now it's up to us to do our part and get out the vote! Thousands of jobs are at stake – from EV charging stations to infrastructure work, hydrogen plants, hospitals, schools and more.

We're especially proud that Kamala is California born and bred, a big boost for our state and highlighting all the good work we do here for labor and the middle class. Along with IBEW 11 staffer Diana Limon, we networked and made contacts and traded stories and techniques with union members from around the country. We compared notes with other IBEW unions – and one thing we all share in common is ensuring that the Harris/Walz ticket get elected

this November. And our job is to make sure all of our members have a voice in this election.

So make sure you're registered to vote! Make sure to vote! We're asking for volunteers to call into some of the battleground states, as well as door knocking and calling in the Antelope Valley to make sure we can flip the House race in November.

### Growing Our Strength and Numbers

The momentum for IBEW continued in Chicago this past week with the IBEW Membership Development conference following the DNC. I'm pleased to report that IBEW membership is now at over 820,000 strong – and we're well on our way to our goal of 1 million members strong. Closer to home, I am proud to announce that IBEW Local 11 received the award for most contractors signed in one year. We tied with IBEW Local 46 with organizing NINE additional contractors. Amazing job, everyone!

### Local Matters

I wanted to report on progress we're making on implementing some great member ideas that you've brought to us.

First, we're using technology to help dispatch run more smoothly. You can now bring your certificates to be scanned and they will be added to your personnel files so you don't

have to remember to bring them to dispatch each time you come. Scanning your certificates will be done after and not during dispatch.

Second, I've taken a great idea from the membership that will give our members more options on choosing investments for their Defined Benefit contributions. I'm talking to our investment managers about offering different levels of risk for members at various stages of their careers. This will allow members to choose more conservative or riskier options depending on their comfort level and how long they have until retirement. If all goes well we can look into implementing this sometime next year.

And third, I'm talking to the Health Trust administrators about allowing members to make up the difference in their hours by buying hours that will offer them better health care options. Again, if all goes well you can look at this happening late this year.

So bring me your ideas. My job, and the job of our staff is to help make a better life for all our members. I look forward to hearing from you.

It's an honor to represent you as your Business Manager/ Financial Secretary,

*In Solidarity,  
Robert Corona  
Business Manager/Financial Secretary*

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# Excited for the Future

**G**reetings Brothers and Sisters,  
As we come off the recent Democratic National Convention, I am excited for the future of this great union. To hear the current President and future President of this great nation speak about the IBEW as the leader of the electrical industry is a proud moment for us all. Even our IBEW International President Kenneth Cooper was given time to speak on the stage and represent our membership, while highlighting the partnership the IBEW has with this current administration. If this doesn't fire you up I don't know what will. This will be the biggest election to date for us. It is time to step up,

get involved, and make a difference in getting the team of Harris/Walz elected to the highest office of our nation.

Speaking of getting involved, I encourage everyone to become more active in your unit. The calendar for all of our unit meetings is available on our website [ibew11.org](http://ibew11.org). At the meetings you can get the most up-to-date info on what's going on in your area. Also, you can use these meetings to build a relationship with the Business Agent, Organizer, and other rank and file members that live in the same district as you. Get comfortable with asking the questions you may have about the union or job site concerns you

may have. The more knowledge you have, the stronger you are as a union member.

Lastly, I'd like to encourage all of our members and your families to please schedule your annual exam with your doctor. This helps to stay on top of your health by doing preventative maintenance on your body. You have to treat your body the same as you would your vehicle. We schedule regular oil changes—we don't wait until the engine starts to knock before we change the oil (well maybe some apprentices do haha. Kidding). Your body is a machine and should be firing on all cylinders. A scheduled surgery is a lot lower cost to the plan than



a last-minute emergency surgery. We all work hard to enjoy life with our families, let's do all we can to be here for them in the long haul.

As always, I am honored to serve as your President.

*In solidarity,  
Alton Wilkerson  
IBEW Local 11  
President*

## A Few Words with Dravon Henson of RENEW

By Oren Peleg

**I**n 2020, two years into his IBEW apprenticeship, Dravon Henson joined a Zoom meeting for RENEW (Reach out and Engage Next-gen Electrical Workers). "No one recruited me," he explained, but "I heard about it, thought it was interesting, so I started going to the meetings."

Four years later, Henson not only turned out from the apprenticeship program — he's currently a journeyman working on Metro's LAX connector project — but he also sits on RENEW's executive committee for IBEW Local 11.

We sat down with Henson to learn what volunteering with RENEW means to him, how the union has changed his life and more.

### How did you originally get involved with RENEW?

I started going to all the affinity groups at the same time — in 2019. That's when I think I did my first EWMC meeting. I heard about RENEW, from EWMC. I ended up going to RENEW more because it was online, so it was way easier for me. I was working a lot of Saturday overtime back then.

### And how did you become a member of RENEW's Executive Committee?

Every time there was a volunteer opportunity, whether it was a food drive or anything, I would just do it. I was getting involved in any way I could. So, they asked me to be on the executive committee one day. I said ok. I'm down. I asked what do you do? They said pretty much what you're already been doing: volunteer, show up to the meetings, be a part of it.

### It seems like volunteering and being a part of the community is very much a part of who you are.

Yeah, time is our most valuable asset. So, one day I decided I was going to give back any way I could. Giving my time to something, volunteering for a good cause, that's what I choose to do.

### What is about RENEW that makes it special for you?

They accepted me for who I am. We're all diverse: from our early 20s to mid-30s. And we're all cool. Also, we are responsible for doing everything. It's not like we have to go to staff or somebody and be like, hey, can you help us figure this out? We figure it out and we get it done.

### So, any young members reading this, what is your pitch to them to join RENEW?

RENEW puts you around young workers who are trained leaders. We definitely give people the opportunity to be around other IBEW members — when I first joined, I didn't know *anyone*. I was a loner. And now I know *everybody*. So, you get a sense of belonging, you expand your circles, and it's just cool people who have your best interests in mind and push you forward.

### Can you tell me a little about that leadership development?

Right now, we're working on getting effective communication workshops together. That's one of the top things—active listening and communication—that really is important in our field. We also press the idea of expressing yourself in ways that are maybe not disagreeable. When you speak to people, try not to do it in a way, in a manner or tone, where you sound like you're attacking, or condescending.

### I understand that you went to RENEW's 9th District Congress in Hawaii recently?

It was a lot about the work that is coming up for us in IBEW. The people we should support in the



election. All the policies we should support. As far as work, we talked about renewable energy, battery storage, and even having a separate apprenticeship for battery storage. And then we talked about their goal of getting one million members.

### It sounds like IBEW and RENEW change lives.

Yeah, absolutely. I can't pretend like they haven't changed mine. I make six-figures, and I came from sleeping in my car to now I'm living in my own spot and can take care of my own. I can afford my lifestyle now. So, yeah, it's definitely been life-changing.

The union is there to lift each other up. People have to know that. People have to realize that the union works for us. We don't work for them.



**DISTRICT 1 NORTH**

**Zac Solomon**

Greetings D1,

As I introduce myself as the new D1 North agent, I want to share how humbled and honored I am to represent my brothers and sisters in this amazing local. You will be seeing me as I make my way around the job sites in the LA area. Don't ever hesitate to stop me with any questions, concerns, ideas, whatever you have, I'm here to listen.

As far as work in our area is concerned, it seems like there is still quite a bit of schoolwork going on, although they are smaller projects, it is good work for our members. As always, there are TI projects in DTLA, if you happen to be up in one of those buildings let me know so I can come visit the job.

Stay safe out there, and make sure to keep hydrated on these hot summer days.

**DISTRICT 1 SOUTH**

**Errol Cutley**

Aloha, Brothers and Sisters,

Summer is coming to an end and fall is on the horizon. Let's continue to make sure that we are hydrating and taking care of our health.

As many of you have seen, the work picture is picking up slowly but surely. A few projects that are going strong in Los Angeles are Jefferson High School, which is projected to go for a while. We also have California Science Center as well as Convention Center activities. We have quite a few projects that are wrapping up and new projects that are in the infant stages.

Congratulations to all the brothers and sisters for the hard work at USC Ginsburg Hall, The Intuit Dome and all the other projects that are taking place. You build Los Angeles County and you rock!

Lastly, we have plenty of bonds that will be on November's ballot with more information to come. Let's remember to vote because this is future work for the IBEW. It takes our voice and our vote to keep Los Angeles union-powered.

Mahalo!

**DISTRICT 3**

**Mike Costigan**

Well, it's summer, and the job calls are unseasonably slow. But never fear, we have weathered these times before, and brighter days are on the horizon.

Here in District 3, we have a couple of projects getting ready to start. In Culver City, the long-awaited Apple project has finished the demolition, and they are currently grading and preparing for utilities. The GC informed me that Sasco and Rosendin will be the two electrical contractors on this job.

Another project I visited was Netflix in El Segundo. That too is in the process of grading, and Apollo will be the contractor on site.

Other notable jobs are Habitat, that will have two buildings at the corner of Jefferson

and La Cienega, electrical by CSI, and the Purple Line 2 & 3 station buildouts by Fisk. We have also seen a few calls from R&R who have multiple TI projects in Century City.

**DISTRICT 5**

**Mitch Klein**

Goodbye Brothers & Sisters,

This will be my last article due to my retiring. I would like to thank our previous five Business Managers for allowing me to not only work for them but also represent this great membership! I would like to thank all our staff along with our newest Business Manager Robert Corona who will do a fantastic job representing all of you. This is one of the best administrations I have had the pleasure of working under. Many thanks to all our D5 officers and members throughout the years for all your time, energy and participation. District 5 is so great because of you! Many thanks to my co-workers Alton, Beto and Kris for your representation and keeping District 5 running so well. Lastly, my heartfelt thanks to my administrative assistant Cari who kept me on track throughout the years and took such good care of this membership. It is with a tear in my eye that I say goodbye and thank you all for having me represent you. It has been a pleasure working for all of you.

God Bless the IBEW.

**CIVIL SERVICE**

**Luis Arida**

The following are the current updates for contract negotiations.

**County:**

Sisters and Brothers,

MOU 411 terminates in March of 2025. Negotiations start in the next few months, and it is important for you to send your proposals. Our negotiating team has items in mind, but your input is critical. Please look at your current contract as well as others for ideas and send proposals in a format that is clearly understandable. It is also extremely important that we have the highest possible union density among all trades in the event we need to engage in any type of job action if necessary.

For further information, please attend our monthly Unit 14 meeting on the fourth Thursday of every month at 5pm. Additionally, please feel free to contact me at (626) 712-4769, or email me directly at [arida@ibew11.org](mailto:arida@ibew11.org).

**INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS**

**Chris Longoria**

The (ITS) Intelligent Transportation Systems Division is growing steadily, reflecting the expanding infrastructure needs of Los Angeles County. As we prepare for the influx of infrastructure work, particularly with

transportation projects, it's crucial for ITS members to stay engaged. Caltrans, LA Metro and the City of Los Angeles are just a few of the agencies with a long list of upcoming projects. Getting involved matters! Continued growth in this division will require a strong, united workforce committed to advancing industry goals. By participating in union meetings, staying informed about upcoming projects, and contributing your skills, you help secure better contracts, wages, and working conditions for everyone.

Should you wish to learn more or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at (626) 318-6333 or via email at [clongoria@ibew11.org](mailto:clongoria@ibew11.org).

**REFINERY REPORT**

**Manny Solis**

Our work in our refineries continues to be busy this summer. Our refinery contractors are placing refinery calls for both journeypersons and apprentices. Schultz Industrial has consistently been placing calls for two separate projects at both the Marathon-Carson Refinery and Marathon-Wilmington Refinery. Bragg Industrial now has the contract at the Valero-Wilmington Refinery along with other projects within the Long Beach and Wilmington area. Bragg Industrial will also be looking to bring on more folks.

Newtron Electric will also be starting back up at the Paramount / World Energy Refinery, possibly later this year building the new refinery in the City of Paramount, which will utilize vegetable oil to refine instead of crude oil.

All of our contractors require the RSO20 card and most also require the TWIC Card. Newtron Electric will also ask our members to take the NFPA 70E course to work out at the World Energy Refinery, Paramount.

**SOUND & COMMUNICATIONS**

**Christine Austria-Lozoya**

What's In Your Wallet? Hopefully, a current dues receipt. As your Business Representative, I'm finding that when I do job visits, this is an issue. Please have on you a current dues receipt, it will help the process go along faster.

Portability: Other surrounding locals have portability within our jurisdiction and vice versa. Make sure that you file your ERTS (Electronic Reciprocal Transfer System) when you clear in, that will ensure that all your benefits and fringes transfer back to your home local.

ETI is currently taking Journeyman registrations for the Fire Alarm 40-hour course and Fire Alarm Prep. There is a schedule readily available. Please reach out to ETI 323.221.5881

Job calls will be ramping up soon. A subscription contractor that was awarded to La Puente / Hacienda School District PLA that includes 30+ schools will be requesting journeyman and apprentices. Be on the lookout!!

**DISTRICT 3**  
Carlos Rodarte

Hello Brothers and Sisters from District 3,  
Thank you all for joining us at our annual Local Wide Picnic. It was wonderful to see our members, families and friends come together for a day of fun.

This past month, I attended the California State Association Electrical Workers Conference in Sacramento, where I had the pleasure to meet California State senators and assembly members. We discussed one of the Senate Bills, 1298 Cortese Certification of thermal power plant data centers. This bill ensures data centers have reliable backup power and is crucial for maintaining operation during grid power outages and disruptions.

LA/Orange County Building Trades offers programs at the East LA Skill Center, programs such as (ARC) Anti-Recidivism Coalition and Multicraft Core Curriculum. I attended East LA Skill Center for an MC3 Graduation. We had three graduates that already applied to our apprenticeship program and are excited to become members of this great local.

**DISTRICT 5**  
Adalberto "Beto" Gonzales

Greetings from the Antelope Valley.  
I continue to visit job sites speaking with the non-represented electricians about the apprenticeship and opportunities that the IBEW has to offer. For those that have obtained a state certification and meet our requirements, I give them information on how to join.

I have been attending city council meetings in the Antelope Valley and at Los Angeles City Hall. It is very important to show up to these meetings and speak in favor of any proposed work. This helps us to secure work for the membership. Thank you to the rank-and-file members that take the time to attend these meetings. Please reach out to the business representative and organizer in your district if you would like to be involved in any upcoming meetings.

I want to wish Mitch Klein District 5 Business Representative a happy retirement and thank him for all he has done for the membership. It has been a pleasure working with you and hope to see you at the meetings.

**DISTRICT 1**  
Jorge Hernandez

- Came onto staff on July 29th.
- Visited various jobs in D-1 shadowing Business Rep Zac Salomon.
- Contacted electricians working with Hiltys Electric working on a multi-unit residential project.
- August 6th, Beto and I attended Los Angeles City Hall for a hearing to advocate for the building trade on a yes vote for the approval of a project by Onni Construction. The Hollywood Tower will bring many good jobs for our members.
- August 7th, I attended LAUSD Board Special-called-meeting to vote on the proposal for a nine billion dollar bond to be put in for a vote on the November election. This bond is for the improvement of LAUSD Schools, bringing more work for our local. Superintendent Alberto Carvalho and his staff are supportive of the project and of union labor. The board voted 100% in favor. I will continue to get updates as the Prop advances through the voting process
- I continued to visit various nonunion jobsites.

# New Blood Helps Local 11 Get Organized

By Evan Henerson

Their backgrounds are diverse; their paths into the union also varied. During their decades in the profession, they have worked extensively in the field as journeymen and foremen. One is even finding his way back into Local 11 administration after previously serving as a junior organizer.

But if there is one tie that unites newly hired Local 11 organizers Jorge Hernandez, Myra Hildreth and Chris Rosales, it's a desire to carry on the work of a union that helped change their lives.

"As far as my work and my quality of life, I'm able to take my kids to the doctor and the dentist, to get them glasses and braces, things I wouldn't be able to do without the wages and benefits we get," said Hernandez, an organizer for District 1 since late July. "By being asked to come on staff, I'm able to spread that to other electricians. If I can do it, why can't they come and get the same?"

"I've been in the field for almost 30 years and it's time for me to give back," added Hildreth, who joined District 2 in August. "This union has been good to me and our local has been good to me."

Having gone through a non-union apprenticeship and worked



Jorge Hernandez



Myra Hildreth



Chris Rosales

non-union for 14 years, Hernandez instantly recognized the value of joining the Local 11 brother and sisterhood. It was his ability to relate to those who have not yet experienced the union difference that prompted former business manager Marvin Kropke to tab Hernandez as a junior organizer for Local 11 in 2017.

A native of the Philippines, Hildreth bypassed her parents' plans for her to go to medical school, becoming an electrician instead. She started her apprenticeship in 1995, moved up through the ranks and served as a foreman for Sergeant Electric and other contractors.

Rosales, District 6's newest organizer, is the son of a postal carrier. He decided early that college was not his path. A neighbor who was himself an electrician introduced Rosales to Local 11 and drove him to

Commerce to sign up for the apprenticeship program. A member since 2009, Rosales recognizes the importance of spreading the value of the union throughout the profession and growing the ranks.

Not that organizing is an easy job. "You can run into a lot of combative people showing up at a non-union job site trying to talk to these electricians," Rosales said. "A lot of people are scared of change. They've been doing something for so long and now you're trying to sell them on something new along with five years of schooling."

But change and learning new skills is good. Just ask Rosales, who is pumped to take on a new assignment, challenges and all.

"I'm always trying to improve my craft no matter if it's out in the field or here on staff, learning the ins and outs of the contracts, showing up at the city council and PLA meetings, really seeing how

the work is actually captured," Rosales said.

For Hernandez, the hardest part of organizing is getting prospective new members to realize that while everything will change once they enter the union, that's actually to their benefit.

"You do the same job. The electrical work is the same, but once you're over here, you have more rights," Hernandez said. "And you have a brotherhood behind you. [Non-union], every man is on their own. You can't fall back on anyone and say, 'I'm being treated unfairly.' People don't understand that, and I relate to them because that's how I used to feel."

Hildreth acknowledges that, at least initially, being an organizer is a bit "out of my comfort zone."

"This is a different ballgame, so I'm working on that," she says with a laugh. "But it's definitely easy to sell the value of the union."







# Help Us Flip Antelope Valley CA 27 for Majority in US Congress

By Antonio Sanchez

The Democratic National Convention in Chicago was full of energy and emotion. It was an absolute privilege to be here and witness history in the making. More than ever, I'm fired up and ready to protect our union values, help Kamala Harris and Tim Walz defeat Trump, and help elect a few new members of Congress. Yes, many campaign volunteers from California will travel to swing states like Nevada and Arizona to turnout voters for the Harris Walz campaign – and that's important. I am writing to ask you to focus on Los Angeles County. We need to take control of the U.S. House of Representatives, and that means electing George

Whitesides to congress. Whitesides is Local 11's choice for the all-important Antelope Valley House seat this November. His stellar labor endorsements include not only IBEW 11, but the LA/OC Building Trades Council, LA County Federation of Labor, CA Democratic Party, Teachers, Firefighters, Healthcare Workers, Sierra Club and more. Who is George Whitesides? A resident of the Antelope Valley, George has spent his career solving problems as a NASA Chief of Staff and Virgin Galactic CEO. He helped create hundreds of quality jobs in the Antelope Valley and supported front line responders during recent wildfire crises. He also serves on the board of the Antelope Valley Economic Development and Growth Enterprise expanding and

growing jobs in the AV. A strong Democrat, he is committed to lowering inflation and bringing down the cost of living. He will also defend women's health and right to reproductive freedom. Don't be fooled by his opponent, current Congressman Mike Garcia, a far-right MAGA extremist who has betrayed the public trust by trading his stocks just before his committee issued a damning report on Boeing. Garcia has a terrible track record on our issues. We deserve better than self-service and extremism. Let's elect George Whitesides for the people this November! Make sure you're registered to vote. Interested in volunteering to help AV residents get the representative they deserve? Send me an email and let me know [sanchez@ibew11.org](mailto:sanchez@ibew11.org).

## Help Us Get Out the Vote!

### Volunteer Schedule: We Need You!

Our volunteer days are 9/28, 10/12, 10/26, and 11/2 for George Whitesides for Congress and Kipp Mueller for State Senate. Lunch will be provided for all the volunteers.

**In person:**

**Dates:** Saturday, Sept. 28, Oct. 12, Oct. 26 & Nov. 2

**Time:** 9 am – 12:30 pm

**Location:** Meeting in the Antelope Valley – location TBD

**Phone banking from your home:**

Starting Sept. 10, phone banking every Tuesday and Thursday.

Computer and Internet Access needed.

**To Volunteer:** RSVP to [sanchez@ibew11.org](mailto:sanchez@ibew11.org).

### Are you Registered to Vote?

**Deadlines to register:**

- **In person:** Oct. 7 – Nov. 4
- **Online:** Oct. 21 by 11:59 pm
- **Mail:** Postmarked by Oct. 21

**Click here to Register:** <https://covr.sos.ca.gov/>

**Click here to check your registration:** <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/>

## VETERANS CORNER

Fellow Veterans of Local Union 11, As of this writing, we are preparing to graduate yet another VEEP cohort LA07 on Aug. 30, which means we will welcome eight new Veterans to the Local from that class. On another note, members of our Veteran Community really showed up in force at our Annual IBEW Local 11 Picnic. A big shout out especially to all our volunteers who worked the Veterans Booth. Our 9th District Progress meeting was very educational from the Political Landscape to the Inside Construction Briefs we received.

Our Membership Development Conference will be taking place the later part of this month, whereas I will be presenting an update on the VEEP Programs and Veterans Committees that are gaining traction within the IBEW as a whole. Please note that Local 11 Veterans Committee has established a Facebook Page. Please take the time to register. Link for registration below. Respectfully, Mike Kufchak Director of Veteran Affairs IBEW Local 11

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1292093491508732>

## UNION JOBS

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goods movement and supply chain by modernizing vehicles and developing a skilled workforce to be better prepared for the future. The Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach also pledged \$5 million from the Clean Truck Fund Rate to support charging infrastructure projects funded with this new

grant money. "We are building toward a greener future that ensures clean air, good jobs and resilient infrastructure," said Mayor Bass. "Thank you to the Biden-Harris Administration, Senator Padilla, EPA Administrator Regan and our regional partners for bringing this historic level of funding to L.A. to reduce air pollution and help make our supply chain more sustainable."

## APPRENTICESHIP & DISPATCH REPORT

BY Kelly Oliver

Hello Brothers & Sisters, As we get through our last month of summer, we have jobs that are finishing up and some that are starting up, we must still remember to check our expiration dates on our state licenses and other certs. Don't let them expire! We keep bringing up the RSO and TWIC because we are constantly reminded about all the work that is coming, so don't be left out and lose an opportunity to do some industrial work that does not require the zip code requirement. Apprentices, if you are on the book, please reach out to me about signing up, as this is a good time to do it. We all see the out-of-work book fluctuate from high numbers to low numbers, this is something our industry goes through, especially during political seasons, but rest assured it will get busy again. So if you feel stressed out and like you're not going to make ends meet, just remember the journeymen ahead of you all went through this and you're not alone, the local does have welfare committees and mental health assistance for everyone if needed.

In closing, you apprentices must remember, this is your career, and you must be well rounded at the end of your apprenticeship. If you don't feel your contractor is giving you the experience you need at the level you're at, please reach out to me so we can discuss.



At the IBEW Membership Development conference in Chicago, IBEW Local 11 received the award for most contractors signed in one year.





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## Sparks a Victory



Sparky's softball team made up of IBEW Local 11 members working at the Marathon Refinery after a 24-5 victory in Carson. Great game!!

## IBEW 11 + NECA: 'Super Strong'



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IBEW Local 11 Business Manager Robert Corona addressed the attendees at joint BBQ with NECA. To his right, LA NECA Manager Eric Cartier.

**IBEW** 11 and NECA held its 36th Annual Electrical Industry BBQ at the ETI in August. Leadership from Local 11, NECA, elected and appointed officials and other invited guests broke bread and built relationships.

The ETI also offered tours of its training facilities.

IBEW Local 11 Business Manager Robert Corona saw the event as a way to showcase what the skilled and trained electricians go through

to be certified.

"It's an opportunity for us to reach out to different entities, everybody that's involved with construction. It's important they see how committed we are to the industry."

Eric Cartier, the head of the Los Angeles County NECA chapter, says his organization's relationship with IBEW is "super strong" as the two collaborate on increasing marketshare, and thus jobs.

"We have great relationships across the board," Cartier said. "We see a lot of things the same way."

## Advocating at the Capital



Members of IBEW Local 11 leadership attended the California State Association of Electrical Workers in Sacramento, where they met with elected leaders and advocated on behalf of members.

