



Old School: Local 11 Reenergizes Jefferson High



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By Robert Fulton

Members of IBEW Local 11, as well as other trades, will be busy at Jefferson High School in South Los Angeles for years to come.

Jefferson is undergoing an extensive transformation that includes the construction of a

new state-of-the-art gym, a new classroom building, a new concessions building, and a maintenance and operations building. Additionally, there will be a new lunch pavilion, athletic fields and more.

Renovations include modernizing the main classroom building and working on the cafeteria, assembly hall and more.

All the work is being done with

union electricians working for ILB Electric.

Jefferson opened in 1916. Following significant earthquake damage, the campus was rebuilt in 1936.

The jewel of the new construction is the new gym. Jefferson High is so old that it had his and hers gyms. What was once called the girls gym has been demolished. In its place is a new two-story structure featuring up to six

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From Navy Vet to Electrician: Newella Rosemond's Inspiring Journey

By Stephen Lynch

Newella Rosemond is proud of her life story, and she has every reason to be. The 35-year-old daughter of first-generation Americans has accomplished a lot since growing up in South Los Angeles.

The United States Navy vet has made a great life for herself

working as an electrician for more than 25 years. Rosemond first started learning the trade when she joined the military soon after graduating from high school and is a member of IBEW Local 11

Recently the Los Angeles Dodgers, who honor a military veteran every home game, chose Rosemond to be that



person for their game on Union Night.

"It was a surprise," Rosemond said of being chosen for the honor. "It kind of gave me anxiety. It was cool. It was nice. I enjoyed it but it was also scary at the same time."

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George Whitesides: IBEW's Choice for Progress in the Antelope Valleys



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BUSINESS MANAGER'S MESSAGE

By Robert Corona



Job Calls & Election Watch

members and we will soon see many more cranes dotting the Southern California landscape.

Which brings me to the importance of the upcoming election on our work picture and to our personal lives.

Nov. 5 Election

Why is labor involved in politics? I get asked that question all the time from members. This is how I respond: "Politicians who support Labor Unions, support the working class! These politicians from school boards all the way to Congress and Senate assist us in obtaining PLA's and help to ensure that skilled and trained electricians perform the work on these projects. One bad politician can wipe out 50 years of progress for our members on issues like OSHA safety rules and Overtime regulations." Not all politicians have our best interests at heart. So that's why we ask our members to learn the issues, what's at stake, learn about the candidates and vote carefully for what's best for them and their families. Your union leadership does a lot of the heavy lifting for you – we vet our candidates and our ballot measures very carefully before we make our endorsements. What's our #1 priority? Jobs for our members.

There's a lot at stake this November 5. That's why IBEW 11 is gearing up for this election, big time. IBEW locals across the country are making a big push to support Kamala Harris and Tim Walz, as friends of labor who have done much to push forward our working family agenda. They believe that a strong middle class builds a strong economy. But they can't do it alone. They need the help of a democratic Congress and Senate to do the job. That's why it's so important to get a majority of democrats in the house and senate. We need to continue the forward economic momentum following the devastating effects of the pandemic and the resulting supply chain problems we all experienced on the job.

Right now we're focusing on flipping an important Congressional district – Cal 27 in the Antelope Valley to labor friend George Whitesides. Our goal is to send Republican Mike Garcia packing. Garcia has not done well for our members in the Antelope Valley. He is a self-serving, far-right extremist who wants to repeal the Affordable Care Act, ban abortions and worst of all has been accused of insider trading to benefit his own financial interests. Our members

deserve better. George Whiteside is our choice as a longtime labor ally and friend of the IBEW.

Take a look at the endorsed candidates and issues in this edition. Call us with any questions. But first, make sure you're registered to vote. Volunteer to help our candidates get elected. As I said at our last General Meeting, "Vote your paycheck and lobby your hobby!" VOTE IBEW!

Celebrating Labor

I want to thank the hundreds of IBEW 11 brothers and sisters – and their families – who came out for our annual Labor Day Parade in Wilmington. You can see some of the photos here: [flickr.com/photos/197089237@N02/albums/72177720320424416/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/197089237@N02/albums/72177720320424416/). We were proud to have a sea of red t-shirts as we marched in the parade, with our motorcycle club members leading the way. Next year we will go back to setting up our BBQ to feed our members who attend. The annual event draws thousands of union members and supporters and highlights that working families are #StrongerTogether.

*In Solidarity,
Robert Corona
Business Manager*

Brothers and Sisters, I'm pleased to report that work calls have started to pick up over the past several months. This is good news for all of our members. We hope this is the beginning of the post covid economy rebound, and a brighter future on the horizon for all of us. I know it's been a tough time for some of our members, but it looks like things are starting to turn around in the Southern Californian construction industry as well as across the country.

The Fed's interest rate cut this past week – a surprisingly large half point this time – is more good news for us and for our customers and contractors, an encouraging sign that the Fed's believe the economy is doing well and fears of a recession are receding. Economists are predicting the Fed may be announcing more cuts when they next meet in November. We hope all this good news will translate to more work starting to be released and job calls increase for our

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Exercise Your Right to Vote: Make Your Voice Heard

Hello Brothers and Sisters. As we enter the final stretch of our political season this year, we encourage our members to make sure they get out and vote. We have a big push in the Antelope Valley D5 area to support George Whitesides for Congress. There will be a few opportunities to precinct walk and to phone bank. Please feel free to reach out to anyone on local union staff for more information on how you can help.

Remember we support people in office that support our labor efforts to get more work for our members. Please exercise your right to vote. Do not be the individuals who feel their vote does not count, every vote counts. My uncle, who passed away not too many years ago, remembered a time where

he did not have a right to vote, so it would get under his skin when he would hear people say “I’m not going to vote because my vote does not matter.” This stuck with me, because I could remember seeing the disappointment on his face from hearing people say that. It is important that your voice is heard, and your needs are met. We put people in these offices to ensure our way of life. Let’s make the right decision and make your vote count.

If you are looking for future opportunities to volunteer and help out when needed, please contact your district organizer. There are many opportunities to help out in various ways throughout the local. It is a way to give back to this local that has changed so many of our lives.

On a different note, with the recent interest rate cut and the rumors of near future cuts to come,

we are hopeful that this helps to bring more work our way. The majority of projects that are built typically have a loan attached to it for the developers. Currently with the interest rates being as high as they have been, developers have been hesitant to start projects. We are hopeful that in the near future, with more interest rate cuts, developers will loosen up a bit to start these projects. A lot of our contractors are saying they have work on the books, just no start dates. This has been a result of the high interest rates and this has been ongoing over the last year. In addition to the rumored interest rate cuts, we are staying diligent and working with the Building Trades, locally and at the Capital level, to push for more PLA’s, CWA’s (Community Workforce Agreements), and legislation that will lead to more



work for our membership.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out. Give me a call, text, or email, and let’s talk. I am always available for you.

Alton Wilkerson
#7646570
IBEW Local 11
President

BUSINESS AGENT REPORTS

DISTRICT 2 Gary Tomlin

Some updates in the District 2 area.

The Port of Long Beach has a current commercial trucking electric charging station being built by Par West Electric and another one that will be breaking ground soon (electrical sub not named yet).

The VA Hospital in Long Beach has a new parking structure coming in the next few months, with Taft Electric named on this project. There is a new 3-story building starting up at CSULB, La Playa Residence Hall. Taft will be doing the underground, the building electrical has yet to be named.

ILB is at Cal State Dominguez Hills working on the new substation for the campus to replace the existing one. ILB will also be the electric sub for the upcoming Student Health, Wellness & Rec Center.

The D2 December Holiday Meeting will be at the Hollywood Sports Event in Bellflower again this year on 12/4 at 5:00 p.m.

DISTRICT 4 Brett Moss

Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings from District Four. I hope this report finds you and your families well.

Our longtime D4 Rep Marc Greenfield has retired. I want to thank him for his many years of service and wish him all the best in retirement.

I am honored to have been appointed the new D4 Representative and will work hard to

represent you all.

Work in the area is slow like the rest of the Local but we have had calls coming in for the area. We continue to see strength in LACCD and LAUSD projects.

A reminder, D4 unit meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month at 5pm at the D4 Hall, please come when you can. The D4 welfare committee meets the last Tuesday of each month at the D4 Hall, if you need assistance, please contact me.

With the heat returning, be sure to stay hydrated and watch out for your Brothers and sisters.

Stay safe and be well. Always feel free to reach out via email, phone or text.

DISTRICT 6 Tommy Zielomski

Greetings from District 6 Brothers and Sisters. Unfortunately, the work picture remains slow in Local 11. I encourage all members to take classes and get your certifications up to date to make you eligible for more job calls. Taking classes at the ETI will count towards your 32 hours of continuing education units required every three years to maintain your state certification. Some of the classes include a stipend upon completion as well.

If you are currently not working in local 11, I recommend getting a travel letter from the hall and going to sign some surrounding local’s books. There’s work out there if you’re willing to travel. If you take a call in another local be sure to follow their rules and agreement. You can keep your spot on the books in your home local while working in another local as a book two JW.

But be sure to take yourself off all other local’s books you signed when you take a call at home or out of another local unions hall.

As always, if you have any questions please give me a call.

MANUFACTURING AND INDUSTRIAL Kristian Mendoza

Hello, hope all is well with you and your families and you are staying safe. It has been a busy couple months with all election activities and I’m grateful for the opportunity to serve our membership.

- Kinkisharyo is moving with the P2550 contract, the Olympic P3010 bid process has been pushed to January 2025. Good news: Hyundai has subcontracted Kinkisharyo to build the heavy rail trains for L.A Metro and that will start mid-to-late 2025.
- Covanta: things are winding down very slowly; the decommissioning process is almost complete, and all grievances have been settled as of this letter.
- The Supervisor Association Metropolitan Water District “SAMWD” are continuing to work hard to finish up the last few items in the reopener but as of right now are at a standstill.
- EAA we are still pushing forward on the organizing campaign to get the LA City Council Aides the representation they deserve. We are currently going through the hearing process but hope to hear something soon. Any questions or concerns about Manufacturing or Industrial please feel free to contact me.

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Big Consequences – Nationally & Locally

By **Antonio Sanchez** | POLITICAL DIRECTOR

The upcoming presidential election will have big consequences for our country and the world. With that said, I'm not going to focus this month's column on that. Vice President Kamala Harris will carry California, that's a fact.

Instead, I want to focus on a Congressional race in the Antelope Valley, where we can make a real difference. A few hours ago, I learned that the contest between Mike Garcia and George Whitesides is a total toss-up. Recent polling has them dead even, 50/50.

That is why we're asking members to volunteer with us and help elected George Whitesides in CA 27. George has been a friend to the IBEW, has toured the ETI and pledged to support IBEW's priorities in Congress when he gets to Washington, D.C.

Please volunteer on this campaign to help elect a candidate who will help us. Join us to canvass and make calls to your fellow IBEW members starting this Saturday Sept. 28. As union members, it serves us to help those who pledge to help us. Mike Garcia won his last election by 333 votes. There

are almost 2,500 IBEW members who can vote in his district. To me, this means that IBEW members can make the winning difference in this race.

And, if you're contacted by a volunteer on behalf of a candidate or bond initiative in the next few weeks, please hear them out. I know it can be annoying, but they might be helping create work for the IBEW. You'll likely hear from a campaign pushing a local or statewide school bond. I'm voting yes on the \$9 billion LAUSD bond on the November ballot for two reasons -- I know our public schools need the investment and our dispatch hall receives many job calls from contractors doing LAUSD work. Easy decision. There are close to \$20 billion in climate and school bonds at stake this election.

I have personally met and discussed our issues with every candidate we have endorsed on these pages. Please support them. Yes, it's incredibly time consuming to meet with every candidate, but well worth it. I want each one to know we have electricians out of work. And I also let them know we expect them to support our union values and mission in return. Our focus is always on policy that creates work for you.



George Whitesides: Community Leader and IBEW's Choice for Progress in the Antelope Valley

George Whitesides has spent his career solving problems. Over the past 20 years, he helped lead NASA to new heights as its Chief of Staff, acting as a liaison with the Obama administration and earning the Distinguished Service Medal for his efforts; created some 700 quality jobs in the Antelope Valley as CEO of Virgin Galactic; supported front-line responders and the community during the Covid-19 pandemic; and helped combat the wildfire crisis as co-founder of Megafire Action.

Now, he's running for Congress in the Antelope Valley to create jobs and expand opportunity in California's 27th District. We think it's time for the Antelope Valley to have a Congressman who represents the community he serves.

George is committed to working across the aisle to solve problems for the 27th district, and move the Antelope, Santa

Clarita, and San Fernando Valleys forward. In Congress, he will be committed to creating good local jobs, lowering daily costs, protecting reproductive freedom, defending Social Security and Medicare, solving the wildfire insurance crisis, and keeping our families healthy and our communities safe.

- George has been a leader in the Community:
- ✓ Co-chaired the Antelope Valley Covid-19 Task Force to support front line workers during the pandemic
 - Serves on the board of the Antelope Valley Economic Development and Growth Enterprise, working to grow jobs and businesses in the AV
 - ✓ Was awarded a Partners in Education Excellence for his work supporting underprivileged students

Vote for George Whitesides on Nov. 5!



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Join us as we canvass and phone bank for CA27 pro-labor candidate, George Whitesides.



DAYS: TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS [STARTING 9.12.24]

TIME: 6:00-8:00 PM

FURTHER DETAILS TO BE PROVIDED UPON REGISTRATION



DATE | TIME | LOCATION:

SAT. 9.28.24 | 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM
MACHINISTS HALL
39047 10TH STREET EAST, PALMDALE 93550

SAT. 10.26.24 | 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM
SGT. STEVE OWENS MEMORIAL PARK
43063 10TH STREET W, LANCASTER 93534

SAT. 11.2.24 | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM*
MACHINISTS HALL
39047 10TH STREET EAST, PALMDALE 93550
***GOTV WEEKEND**

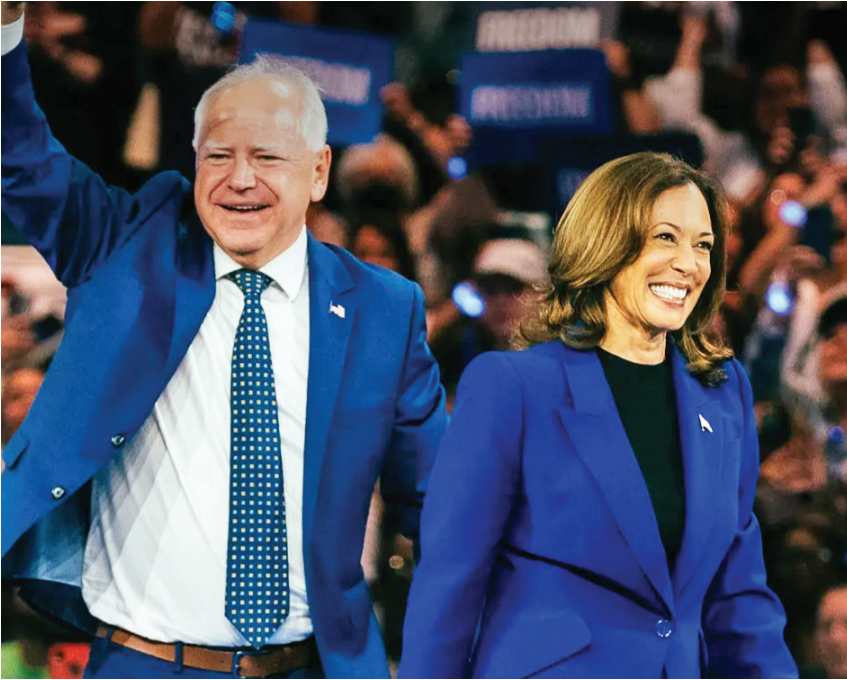


FOR MORE INFO AND TO RSVP, CONTACT ANTONIO SANCHEZ AT SANCHEZ@IBEW11.ORG



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UNITED STATES PRESIDENT/VP: **Kamala Harris / Tim Walz**
UNITED STATES SENATE: **Adam Schiff**

U.S. CONGRESS

- CA District 23: **Derek Marshall**
- CA District 26: **Julia Brownley**
- CA District 27: **George Whitsides**
- CA District 28: **Judy Chu**
- CA District 29: **Luz Rivas**
- CA District 30: **Laura Friedman**
- CA District 31: **Gil Cisneros**
- CA District 32: **Brad Sherman**
- CA District 34: **Jimmy Gomez**
- CA District 35: **Norma Torres**
- CA District 36: **Ted Lieu**
- CA District 37: **Sydney Kamlager**
- CA District 38: **Linda Sanchez**
- CA District 42: **Robert Garcia**
- CA District 43: **Maxine Waters**
- CA District 44: **Nannette Barragan**



PROPOSITIONS

- PROPOSITION 2:** \$10 billion school facilities construction bond = JOBS – **Vote Yes**
- PROPOSITION 3:** Repeals ban on same-sex marriage in Constitution – **Vote Yes**
- PROPOSITION 4:** \$10 billion Climate Resiliency Bond – **No Recommendation**
- PROPOSITION 5:** Lowers vote threshold to approve local bonds = JOBS – **Vote Yes**
- PROPOSITION 6:** Prohibits mandatory prison labor – **Vote Yes**
- PROPOSITION 32:** \$18/hr minimum wage in California – **Vote Yes**
- PROPOSITION 33:** Local Rent Control – **No Recommendation**
- PROPOSITION 34:** Restricts spending by health care provider – **No Recommendation**
- PROPOSITION 35:** Permanent MCO Tax for Medi-Cal Funding – **No Recommendation**
- PROPOSITION 36:** Increases felony charges for certain crimes – **No Recommendation**

STATE ASSEMBLY

- Assembly District 34: **Tom Lackey**
- Assembly District 39: **Juan Carrillo**
- Assembly District 40: **Pilar Schiavo**
- Assembly District 41: **John Harabedian**
- Assembly District 42: **Jacqui Irwin**
- Assembly District 43: **Celeste Rodriguez**
- Assembly District 44: **Nick Schultz**
- Assembly District 46: **Jesse Gabriel**
- Assembly District 48: **Blanca Rubio**
- Assembly District 49: **Mike Fong**
- Assembly District 51: **Rick Chavez Zbur**
- Assembly District 52: **Jessica Caloza**
- Assembly District 53: **Michelle Rodriguez**
- Assembly District 54: **Mark Gonzalez**
- Assembly District 55: **Isaac Bryan**
- Assembly District 56: **Lisa Calderon**
- Assembly District 57: **Sade Elhawary**
- Assembly District 61: **Tina McKinnor**
- Assembly District 62: **Jose Luis Solache**
- Assembly District 64: **Blanca Pacheco**
- Assembly District 65: **Mike Gipson**
- Assembly District 66: **Al Muratsuchi**
- Assembly District 67: **Sharon Quirk-Silva**
- Assembly District 69: **Josh Lowenthal**
- Assembly District 73: **Cottie Petrie-Norris**

STATE SENATE

- Senate District 23: **Kipp Mueller**
- Senate District 25: **Sasha Renee Perez**
- Senate District 27: **Henry Stern**
- Senate District 29: **Josh Newman**
- Senate District 33: **Lena Gonzalez**
- Senate District 35: **Laura Richardson**

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

- Los Angeles County Measure A: **Yes**
- Los Angeles County Sheriff: **No Recommendation**

LOS ANGELES CITY

- LA City Council District 2: **Adrin Nazarian**
- LA City Council District 10: **Heather Hutt**
- LA City Council District 14: **No Recommendation**
- LAUSD Facilities Bond Measure US: **Yes**

LONG BEACH

- Long Beach City Council District 4: **Herlinda Chico**
- Long Beach Measure JB: **Yes**
- Long Beach Measure HC: **Yes**
- Long Beach Measure LB: **Yes**
- Long Beach City College Measure AC: **Yes**



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MORE CITIES

Alhambra City Council District 4: **Je-Show Yang**
 Azusa City Council District 2: **Sabrina Bow**
 Azusa City Council District 5: **Robert Gonzales**
 Baldwin Park City Council: **Emmanuel Estrada**
 Bell Gardens City Council: **Miguel De La Rosa**
 Bellflower City Council: **Victor Sanchez**
 Burbank City Council: **Judie Wilke**
 Burbank City Council: **Christopher Rizzotti**
 Carson City Council District 1: **Jawane Hilton**
 Carson City Council District 3: **Cedric Hicks**
 Commerce City Council: **Oralia Rebollo**
 Commerce City Council: **Hugo Argumedo**
 Compton Community College Measure CC: **Yes**
 Compton City Clerk: **Satra Zurita**
 Cudahy City Council: **Daisy Lomeli**
 Cudahy City Council: **Amanda Gomez**
 Culver City City Council: **Jeannine Wisonsky Stehlin**
 Downey City Council District 5: **Mario Trujillo**
 El Monte Mayor: **Jessica Ancona**
 Glendora City Council District 3: **Jenny Chan**

Hawaiian Gardens City Council: **Jesus Mendoza**
 Inglewood City Council District 4: **Dionne Faulk**
 Lawndale City Council: **Sirley Cuevas**
 Lawndale Mayor: **Robert Pullen-Miles**
 Lynwood City Council: **Lorraine Avila Moore**
 Monterey Park City Council District 4: **Henry Lo**
 Norwalk City Council: **Margarita L Rios**
 Norwalk City Council: **Ana Valencia**
 Palmdale City Council District 1: **Austin Bishop**
 Palmdale City Council District 2: **Richard Loa**
 San Fernando City Council: **Sean Rivas**
 Santa Clarita City Council: **Patsy Ayala**
 Santa Monica City Council: **Oscar De La Torre**
 Santa Monica City Council: **Dan Hall**
 Santa Monica City Council: **Natalya Zernitskaya**
 South Gate City Council: **Franbert Calderon**
 South Gate City Council: **Maria de Pilar Avalos**
 West Hollywood City Council: **John Erickson**
 West Hollywood City Council: **Danny Hang**

WATER DISTRICTS

Palmdale Water District Division 4: **Kathy MacLaren**
 Palmdale Water District Division 3: **Cynthia Sanchez**
 Santa Clarita Water Agency Area 1: **Dan Masnada**
 Santa Clarita Water Agency Area 1: **Gary Martin**
 Santa Clarita Water Agency Area 3: **Kathy Armitage**
 Water Replenishment District Division 2: **Rob Katherman**
 Water Replenishment District Division 5: **Vera Robles DeWitt**



LA County Measure A – YES

Also called the “Affordable Housing, Homelessness Solutions and Prevention Now” measure, Measure A will replace a quarter-cent sales tax with a half-cent sales tax to help fund housing and homeless services. Money from the tax, forecast to generate about \$1.2 billion annually, would go toward affordable housing, mental health care and substance abuse treatment, among other homeless services.

LAUSD Facilities Bond Measure US – YES

Los Angeles Unified School District’s Measure US, also called the “Local Public Schools Safety and Upgrades Measure,” is a \$9 billion bond to upgrade and improve school facilities. The bond would be paid for through property taxes, 2.5 cents per \$100 assessed value annually. Widespread campus modernization will lead to construction jobs. More than 60 percent of school buildings are more than 50 years old and in need of improvements.

Long Beach City College Bond Measure AC - YES

Measure AC in Long Beach is a college facilities bond measure to complete repairs and upgrades to Long Beach City College facilities. Also called the “Long Beach Community College District affordable education, classroom repair, career and first responder training improvement measure,” AC will authorize \$990,000,000 in bonds funded by \$25 per year for every \$100,000 of assessed property value. The measure will create numerous job opportunities.



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SCHOOL DISTRICTS

LAUSD Board District 1: **Sherlett Hendy Newbill**

LAUSD Board District 3: **Scott Schmerelson**

LAUSD Board District 5: **Graciela Ortiz**

LA Community College District Seat No. 1: **Andra Hoffman**

LA Community College District Seat No. 3: **David Vela**

LA Community College District Seat No. 5: **Nichelle Henderson**

LA Community College District Seat No. 7: **Keysey K. Iino**

Long Beach City College District 2: **Vivian Malauulu**

Long Beach City College District 4: **Ennetee Morton**

ABC School Board District 1: **Leticia Mendoza**

ABC School Board District 4: **Tatiana Yokoyama Boi**

ABC School Board District 5: **Sophia Tse**

ABC School Board District 7: **Francisco Noyola**

Bellflower Unified School District: **Mayra Garza**

Burbank Unified School District Area 2: **Emily Weisberg**

Burbank Unified School District Area 5: **Armond Aghakhanian**

Cerritos Community College Board Area 1: **Mariana Pacheco**

Culver City Unified School District: **Lindsay Carlson**

Culver City Unified School District: **Andrew Lachman**

El Camino Community College Board Area 1: **Brett Roberts**

El Camino Community College Board Area 3: **Trisha Murakawa**

El Camino Community College Board Area 4: **Dr. Nyree Berry**

Hacienda La Puente Unified School District Area 1: **Joyce Garcia**

Hacienda La Puente Unified School District Area 3: **Christine Salazar**

Lynwood Unified School District: **Gary Hardie**

Lynwood Unified School District: **Alma Castro**

Lynwood Unified School District: **Maria Lopez**



Mt SAC Community College Area 1: **Peter Hidalgo**

Mt SAC Community College Area 5: **Jay Chen**

Mt SAC Community College Area 7: **Manuel Baca**

Mt SAC Community College Measure V: **Yes**

Pasadena Unified School District Measure R: **Yes**

Pasadena Unified School District Measure EE: **Yes**

Pomona Unified School District Area 2: **Tamara Gonzalez**

Pomona Unified School District Area 3: **Arturo Jimenez**

Santa Clarita Community College Board Area 1: **Michelle Kambell**

Santa Clarita Community College Board Area 2: **Edel Alonso**

Santa Clarita Community College Board Area 3: **Andrew Taban**

Santa Clarita Community College Board Area 4: **Jerry Danielsen**

Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District: **Jon Kean**

Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District: **Maria Leon Vasquez**

Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District: **Jennifer Smith**

Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District Measure QS: **Yes**

Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District Measure MM: **Yes**

Torrance Unified School District Area A: **Anil Muhammed**

Torrance Unified School District Area E: **Dave Zygielbaum**

Whittier Union High School District Area 2: **Jaime Lopez**

Whittier Union High School District Area 4: **Francis Carbajal**

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ON THE JOBSITE

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courts on the main floor, retractable bleacher seating, a practice court, locker rooms, an aerobics room and more. A small theater for screenings or live performances will be on the second floor.

Once the new gym is up and running, what was once called the boys gym will also be torn down and replaced with a new building featuring 46 new classrooms.

Work will run into 2028.

The new gym's design reflects the older aesthetic of the remaining classroom building.

Spencer Mixon has been on the job site for a few weeks.

"We have a lot of work here," Mixon said. "It's really cool to see the old historic side of the building and then us bringing in the new side, kind of matching the design. We're trying to keep the old look to it. It's pretty cool work to do."

Dion Mitchell has worked at the site for more than two years. He's seen the new gym rise from just dirt to the impressive structure it is today.

"I feel proud," Mitchell said. "When I come in and see something that we've done, I did that. To know this is something that's going to be here for years after I'm gone, it's nice to know I had a part in that."

Concurrently, the school's old classroom building from the 1930s is undergoing an extensive remodel. Students are temporarily learning in bungalows.

The renovation of Jefferson's old school building is a juxtaposition to the new construction of the gym. Jose Carrillo explained that

navigating an older building poses challenges.

"There's some design issues," Carrillo said. "We have to become the engineer at times and give options to getting the work actually done, not just on paper but physically."

"Being highly trained and highly skilled, we see that everything that we did in our apprenticeship actually comes to fruition when we're out in the field solving problems," Carrillo added.

Construction at an active high school is challenging. The work is being done on a small footprint, and classes are in session. Noise and logistics are two topics discussed at the morning huddle.

"Just got to be mindful," said foreman Chris Bonilla. "Safety is number one, especially when it comes to the kids."

Bonilla explained that the Los Angeles Unified School District presents another level of code on top of the usual requirements.

"LAUSD has their own way of doing things, way of seeing things," Bonilla said. "At the end of the day, it's a building. Electrical is electrical."

Iosif Oncu has been at the job site since March and has good things to say about the process.

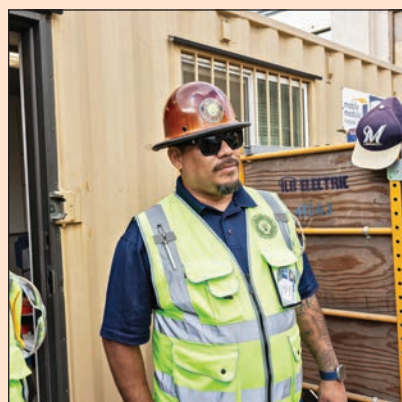
"It's very organized," Oncu said. "We have a strong support from our Superintendent."

For Michael Espinoza, who is in his first year of apprenticeship, it's been a learning experience.

"I've learned a lot," Espinoza said. "Pulling while seeing a little bit of single-line material. Learning how to handle material. Working side by side with the journeymen."



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Members Speak Out

Jose Carrillo has been with the union for six years.

"I like the solidarity, the camaraderie. I've worked nonunion before, and you didn't feel that brotherhood you feel here. They want you to succeed. They want you to be the best you can be because we're working together. If I don't know something, I can ask the next man, and he's not going to make me feel like a dummy. He's going to help me."



—JOSE CARRILLO
Journeyman

Spencer Mixon has been a union member for five years, having recently journeyed out of the apprenticeship program.

"I like the bigger pipework, more of the single line stuff, but just about anything I'll do. The union keeps us busy. As long as we have work, we'll keep going for it."



—SPENCER MIXON
Journeyman

Iosif Oncu has been a member since 1988 and has seen a lot. He's a big fan of Local 11.

"Everything. It provides me with everything. It's all good."



—IOSIF ONCU
Journeyman

Dion Mitchell has been in the union for seven years.

"I like the benefits, the brotherhood. I like knowing I can depend on them just like they can depend on me. I give my 100, and they give back the same thing."



—DION MITCHELL
Journeyman

Michael was recently organized into Local 11, having worked nonunion. He's now in his first year of the apprenticeship program.

"My hopes are definitely to journey out and maybe become a foreman one day. I'm not sure."



—MICHAEL ESPINOZA
Apprentice

Chris Carpenter has been a member of Local 11 for eight years.

"I love the brotherhood. It's not just work friends. We hang out at each other's houses, play cards and cook out. It's a good time."



—CHRIS CARPENTER
Journeyman

DISTRICT 2

Myra D. Hildreth

In the past month, I attended the Membership Development Conference in Chicago. I met many Brothers and Sisters who performed multiple roles in many locals, including organizers. The dedication of the many members I met at the conference towards the locals and their members was inspiring. I was excited to see Local 11 win an award for The Largest Number of Signatory Contractors.

Organizing continues in District 2. Many non-union job sites were visited throughout the district, and potential candidates were contacted. Assessments of the candidates to meet the Local 11 standard are ongoing.

In addition to visiting non-union jobs and workforce within District 2, I took part in supporting the future work efforts in District 3 of the Television City Studio Project hearing at Los Angeles City Hall and The Hackman Capital Partner's owner proposed renovating the Historic Studio site, which would provide 25.5 acres of work for local members.

DISTRICT 4

Ruben Mendoza

Greetings from District 4,

In August, I attended the Membership Development Conference. I participated in breakout sessions and shared ideas on how to Organize new members and an electrical contractor shop. Local 11 and Local 46 tied for 1st place on the most electrical contractors organized in 2023.

The Biden administrations work has really worked out in IBEW's favor, the bipartisan Infrastructure law, CHIPS and Science Act has been set up for "us" to rebuild our energy grid and bring manufacturing work back to our members.

Local 11 will have the 2026 World Cup, 2028 Olympics, and the LA Convention Center expansion and remodel project, keeping the membership busy.

Bros/Sis the work is coming, that's the word from our International President Kenneth Cooper.

We will continue to ORGANIZE and bring in new contractors in order to secure more work for our members.

DISTRICT 6

Chris Rosales

Howdy Brothers and Sisters from District 6!

My name is Chris Rosales, and I am honored to introduce myself as the new District 6 Organizer for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 11. After 15 years of dedicated service out in the field, I am excited to bring my experience, passion, and commitment to our union and its members.

My journey in the electrical field began shortly after I completed high school, working as a summer helper for two years before starting my apprenticeship. Over the years, I have had the privilege of working in various capacities, from journeyman electrician to general foreman. These experiences have not only honed my technical skills but have also instilled in me a profound understanding of the challenges and opportunities that our members face daily. I have witnessed firsthand the importance of solidarity and advocacy in our industry, and I am eager to translate that understanding into effective organizing efforts for our district.

CONTRACTOR ORGANIZER

Ben Frank

As the year progresses, more members have chosen to open their own shops and are thriving. Some have successfully completed our contractor's course, while others are pursuing

their dreams of becoming union contractors. We've also seen great success partnering with contractors who have opted to become signatory and use our skilled workforce.

Our ongoing efforts in advocating for legislation in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. — including skilled and trained language, PLAs, and infrastructure funding — have positioned this local to grow its market share for our members. Last month, we were honored with an award for organizing the most contractors in 2023 within the IBEW, a recognition we are incredibly proud of. Let's keep pushing forward to become the strongest inside local in the country!

Remember if you are interested in becoming a signatory contractor please reach out to our organizing department and ask to set up a meeting with me.

SOUND & COMMUNICATIONS

Citlali Castillo

Greetings Sound Unit!

The temperature is changing as we are getting closer to the end of the year, and we continue to stay busy in the organizing department. Organizing is an essential tool to any union. As a reminder of its effectiveness, recently we attended the annual Membership Development Conference in Chicago. During this conference we learned that between the years of 2012 – 2023 the IBEW grew by 55,009 members, and the 9th district which we are part of grew by 32,156 – that's 58.5 % in growth. Our local out of all locals in the IBEW also won an award for being #1 for Largest Number of New Signatory Contractors signed within the last year. All of this is thanks to all the members that have recommended others, passed along our information and called us about jobsites.

Let's continue to grow our local, after all we are all organizers.

Stay safe!

COMPLIANCE REPORT

By Veronica Martinez

As someone who sits at the compliance seat in our industry, I've witnessed firsthand how federal laws shape our landscape, particularly regarding job opportunities for our members. One significant area of focus is Project Labor Agreements (PLAs). Understanding their evolution can shed light on how presidential policies directly affect our work and the economy.

The Historical Context of PLAs

The journey of PLAs in federal projects dates back to the Clinton administration, when they were mandated on several significant construction projects. However, in 2001, President George W. Bush signed an Executive Order prohibiting PLAs on federally funded projects. While he did provide a mechanism for project-specific exemptions, it's telling that only one request was made during his tenure.

Fast forward to the Obama administration,

which recognized the value of PLAs, especially for large-scale projects. An Executive Order encouraging their use reinstated the focus on fairness and local investment, countering the previous administration's stance. This period marked a resurgence in the understanding of PLAs as not just a labor agreement but a catalyst for job creation.

Trump, Biden, and the Future of PLAs

The Trump administration saw a concerted effort by organizations like the AGC and ABC to dismantle the pro-PLA stance established by Obama. However, President Biden has taken this further than any of his predecessors, mandating PLAs for most large-scale federal construction projects. This policy shift aims not only to create jobs but also to ensure that local economies benefit from federal investments.

The Stakes of Project 2025

As we approach the upcoming elections, it's crucial to consider the implications of Project 2025, which threatens to undermine labor unions and abolish PLAs. The potential changes

could directly affect job security, overtime requirements, and the rights of workers.

Your Vote Matters

With twenty years of data supporting the notion that PLAs create jobs and invest in local economies, the upcoming election is more than just a civic duty; it's an opportunity to shape the future of our industry. When you step into the voting booth this November, remember the significance of your choice—not just for today, but for the future of construction jobs and the prosperity of our communities.



Labor Day 2024: Local 11 members turned out in force to celebrate Labor Day with several thousand union members from across Southern California at the annual Labor Day BBQ and Parade in Wilmington.



NEWELLA ROSEMOND

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Rosemond's parents immigrated to the United States nearly 50 years ago. Her dad is from St. Lucia and her mom is from Belize. They met when they got to Los Angeles and eventually got married and started a family. Rosemond was born and raised in South LA as the youngest of seven children.

After attending college for a semester Rosemond began her post-high school journey by joining the Navy in 2008.

There were multiple reasons for that decision.

"I wanted to leave LA and travel and get free education," she said.

Rosemond's service in the Navy began with weeks of classroom work, where she gained a lot of

technical knowledge that has been the foundation for her career.

Working as an electrician's mate, Rosemond spent four years in the Navy, doing mainly a lot of maintenance and repairs on a ship.

Despite gaining a lot of valuable experience, she decided to leave the military.

"I wanted to do something different," Rosemond said. "I think four years was enough."

Following her military service Rosemond lived for two years in Virginia, where she attended school at ITT Tech and worked at a shipyard as a deck electrician doing new construction on the U.S. Gerald Ford, the last Navy carrier to be commissioned.

Rosemond's next move was to come back to LA and spend the next three years at jobs unrelated to

electrical work.

But that lasted only so long before she decided to get back into the trade.

Rosemond joined IBEW Local Union 11 in 2018.

It's a decision that she believes has been greatly beneficial for her.

"It gave me the opportunity to build on my skills that I already had from the military and the shipyard," Rosemond said. "I learned a whole new set of electrical skills like working on a refinery, a water treatment plant and residential. I didn't know how to do residential before."

Rosemond, who is currently employed by SVE, credits working as a union electrician for allowing her to buy her first house and live a comfortable life.

Her current job entails both residential and commercial work.

Part of the time she works on low-income housing running MC wires and putting in boxes. On the commercial side she works on large boxes, EMT Pipe ending, and installing supports.

Much of her work has her following drawings.

"I enjoy my job," Rosemond said. "It allows me to have a blank space and then I use my skills to create the drawing on my own. I like doing that. It's pretty cool."

Rosemond is also happy and proud of what she has been able to do with her life.

"I think that it is a big accomplishment for me and my family," Rosemond said. "It's pretty fulfilling that they were able to come here and raise someone who can be a part of something so great."