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Building Their Moxy

On the Jobsite with IBEW 11 at Dual Downtown Hotel Development

By Robert Fulton

Downtown L.A.'s famed skyline will welcome a new addition - one with plenty of "moxy" - thanks to the talented electricians who are hard at work on a major project at the intersection of Figueroa and Pico.

"So far so good," said Scott Kuykendall, the superintendent of the 37-story Fig + Pico hotel going up adjacent to the Convention Center in Downtown Los Angeles. "It's moving right along."

The construction of the dual-branded hotel - it will be part Moxy Los Angeles Downtown and part

AC Hotel Los Angeles Downtown - began approximately 18 months ago. The construction was originally scheduled for completion this July, but Kuykendall thinks that Thanksgiving is a more realistic timeline.

The two hotels will occupy a 37-story tower that will also include 65,000 square feet of meeting space, restaurants, bars, and other gathering spaces. A podium structure containing 300 parking spaces will also include a landscaped pool deck. Plans also call for a sky lobby with a bar on the 34th floor of the tower.

The AC and Moxy hotels represent the first phase of the larger Fig + Pico development that will also feature an adjoining parking lot at Pico and Flower Street. The real

estate investment firm, Lightstone, has received approvals to build a smaller 27-story tower containing 378 guest rooms.

The disruptions in the global supply chain that have made it difficult for consumers to find certain automobiles, consumer electronics and pet food are having the same effect on the construction industry.

Kuykendall and project General Manager Ryan Doherty said that anything relating to gear manufacturers, light fixtures, conductors and medium voltage cables can be difficult to obtain. Designers making changes to the project only exacerbate the supply chain headache.

"When design changes occur or there's a shortage of something, it

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BUSINESS AGENTS, UNION BROTHERS AND LONGTIME FRIENDS

District 4 Rep Marc Greenfield and District 5's Mitch Klein Share a Bond

By Evan Henerson

Many years ago, when they went through the Local 11 Apprenticeship Program together, Mitch Klein made a point of always sitting next to Marc Greenfield.

"He was the smart one in the

class," Klein said of Greenfield.

"I copied off someone else, of course," replied Greenfield with a laugh.

The easy banter between the two longtime Local 11 members is understandable. They're professional colleagues, with Greenfield serving as the local's business rep for District 4 (covering the San Fernando Valley) while Klein is the business rep for

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(L-R) Mitch Klein and Marc Greenfield.



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BUSINESS MANAGER'S MESSAGE

By Joël Barton

Protecting Your Contracts

NECA, which represents the contractors. We are preparing to exchange proposals with NECA in the next few weeks.

As usual this round, wages and benefits will be on the table for our CE/CW members, along with updates and improvements to the IBEW's Market Advancement Initiative (MAI). The MAI's were adopted by the IBEW a decade ago to allow new opportunities for employment for our members and underserved communities by allowing signatory contractors to compete on private sector and residential work. We expect to reach a tentative agreement by early June when we will bring the contract before the unit for a ratification vote.

In addition, the Inside Wireman and Intelligent Transportation negotiations will be coming up soon. Those contracts expire June 30. We should be starting negotiations in late April. As Business Manager, I am part of all of these negotiating committees, backstopped by your President Rusty Roten. Both Rusty and I have many years of experience negotiating these contracts, so you can rest assured you are in good hands.

I'm proud of the contracts we've negotiated on behalf of the membership under my administration – regular raises, increased pension and healthcare contributions, better safety on the job, and additional

funds toward ongoing training. We are a family, and we take our responsibility seriously. Some of our battles against the contractors have been hard-fought, but we haven't had to go on strike.

Politics is on the Agenda

Recently, your Political Director Antonio Sanchez and I attended the California Democratic Party convention, where delegates voted for our collective endorsements. The delegates from across the state agreed on many of the candidates, with 60% plus needed to ratify. IBEW 11 will be making its own endorsements, ensuring the best representation for our members. As I've discussed in the past, our endorsements are one of the most powerful tools we have as trade unionists, and we spend considerable time and energy on the process. We interview candidates and make sure their interests align with ours before making any endorsements.

We will soon be calling on you to phone bank and precinct walk on behalf of these endorsed candidates. Why? Because it gives us political power to vote as a bloc. We have an open door to these politicians when we need legislative relief. Because we have a history of working together, IBEW

11 is well respected at City Hall, in Sacramento and in Washington, DC.

Look no further than our own Michael Fong who was just elected in the 49th Assembly District in a recent Special Election. As a 20-year city worker and member of the EAA and IBEW 11, Mike will be a good steward for our local and a man who understands the needs of our membership. Mike will be a good friend in Sacramento.

In other news, save the date for our annual IBEW 11 blowout picnic on August 6, to be held once again at Hollywood Sports Park. Details will be coming soon.

Two special shout outs I want to mention here: Congratulations and a special mention to IBEW 11 President Emeritus Dean Todd, who just received his 50-year pin at our March membership meeting. And another shout out to IBEW 11 member Tommy Faave who has been working with authorities at the port to help clear up the backlog of containers, thereby helping to relieve supply chain problems at our jobsites.

As always, I am honored to serve you. My door is always open. I will see you at the jobsite!

*In unity,
Joël Barton
Business Manager*

Dear Brothers and Sisters, March has been a busy month here at IBEW 11. In addition to ramping up for the upcoming political season, making sure you're safe on the job, and all the other work we do on behalf of our members, it's contract season. We're currently negotiating one contract and preparing for our next two coming up soon.

To effectively negotiate these contracts, we need your input. You're in the field every day and know where our contracts can be strengthened. We have set up a "Contracts Proposal" page on our website, on the home page. We hope you will use it.

First up are the CE/CW negotiations. That contract expires at the end of May, and already we are deep in negotiations. I, along with IBEW business managers from across the Southern California 9th District, have been meeting with

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Working More Efficiently for You

At Local 11, we are always working to help our members become more involved in their union and to make it easier for you to participate. To that end, we're using the same video technology that became so popular during the pandemic, to reach our goals of member involvement. We know how hard it is to drive miles after working a long day, so we have now made the district/unit meetings hybrid, meaning that you can

attend the meeting in-person or via a Zoom link from home.

The Barton/Roten administration promised we would bring back district offices, and we have, opening two new offices that make it easier to have a sense of your IBEW community near your home. The challenges are great, but the reward should make it all worthwhile as Los Angeles County, our home territory, covers 4,500 square miles.

In 2020, COVID-19 altered reality for many of us. The construction industry quickly adopted video conferencing for pre-job conferences allowing us to ensure that our contractors capture our

work. Pre-job conferences are held before any contractor begins working on one of these projects. The contractor's scope of work is discussed, and the assignment of work to the chosen union is discussed and accepted, or not.

By having these meetings online as opposed to in-person, union reps and their teams can cover far more projects than they would if they were spending time driving all over LA. With pre-jobs being held on Zoom, the average rep can conduct three to four pre-jobs a day, as opposed to one or at most two. Instead of taking three to four hours to drive to, attend, and return to the office or go to the next pre-job conference, an hour is all that is required. We are learning to be more efficient. Local 11 is invested heavily in Project Labor Agreements and Community Workforce Agreements. In a year of a pandemic overshadowing the nation, we performed nearly 10 million man hours.



I also want to thank all of our members who have taken the time to fill out the online contract proposal form and offer us suggestions for our next round of negotiations, which is coming up. We encourage all to take advantage of this forum, and give us your thoughts.

*Stronger together,
Rusty Roten
President / Senior Assistant
Business Manager*

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Meet Hector Campos: a Veteran Electrician in More Ways Than One

By Oren Peleg

Hector Campos, a Local 11 inside wireman, became a US Citizen last November after what he labels "50 years of procrastinating."

The El Salvador-native came to Los Angeles in 1972, at the age of 16. He attended Belmont High School, just outside of downtown LA, and graduated in 1974 with high honors. "After I left high school, I did a year of college, but it wasn't for me," Campos says. He decided to join the U.S. Navy, enlisting in 1976 with the plan "to get schooling there, and I got what I wanted."

The Navy turned out to be a great place to learn the electrical trade. "It's pretty fast-paced and intensive," Campos says. "They'll teach you what you need to know in order to work on the ship where there's 480 people moving around. It's pretty good."

The six years Campos spent on the USS Southerland were rather

peaceful. The Vietnam War had just ended, and the world political order remained in a delicate balance. When he left the Navy in 1981, Campos continued as an electrician. "It was my trade [then], and it's been my trade ever since," he says.

Campos was hired at Mass Electric, and he started working in power plants across California, including those at Long Beach and Walnut Creek in the Bay Area. He also worked at the Scattergood generating station near LAX. "That was something that I liked a lot," Campos says, noting that Mass Electric had solid safety protocols and that the company treated him well. "They didn't need to take me by the hand, and I appreciated that," he says.

Over the ensuing years, Campos has established himself as a skilled and talented general electrician. "I can troubleshoot, I worked maintenance in the industrial sector," he says, adding with a chuckle, "I'm pretty good overall if you don't mind me saying so."

For the first 26 years of his career

in the private sector, Campos says he avoided joining a union largely because of negative hearsay. If you don't know anything, you get easily distracted by what other people tell you."

But when the 2008 recession hit and money was especially tight, Campos finally decided to join his Local 11 brothers and sisters, a move he called "the best decision I ever made. It changed my life." The union has given him benefits he never previously enjoyed and has made the process of finding new jobs easier.

"It's easier money," says Campos whose two sons have followed in their dad's footsteps, becoming Local 11 electricians as well.

Reflecting on his nearly 50 years as an electrician, Campos says he wants apprentices to "be diligent of the work, be proud of what they do, and respect electricity."

And to anyone reluctant to join the union as Campos once was, he recommends they "don't listen to what other people say, but go and



get the facts yourself from the office. People are always going to give you the negative aspects of something. Check it out yourself."

Oh, and about that citizenship ceremony last November? It took place – fittingly enough – aboard the Navy Battleship USS Iowa, on Veterans Day.

Organizing: The Lifeblood of Our Union

Local 11 Organizing Director Robert Corona Emphasizes the Need for Growth

Robert Corona, a proud 30-year IBEW 11 member, has served as the local's Organizing Director for more than 10 years.

After all the local has given to him, Corona believes in giving back to the local by being an active member, teaching apprentices, volunteering at events and training the next generation of organizers. Corona believes that there's nothing more gratifying than organizing members into the IBEW 11 family and seeing the way that lives are changed. He has built the IBEW 11 Organizing Department into a powerful force. With nine full-time organizers, Local 11 is one of the IBEW's largest organizing departments in the country.

News@11 recently spoke with Corona.

Q: Why is organizing important?

Organizing is the lifeblood of any union. Without organizing, you don't have growth. It's the members that make the union strong. The more members you have, the more work you can control.

Q: What are some of the different aspects of your job?

There are three components to organizing.

- You organize the non-union electricians, so they become members.
- You organize the work. We do that by going to city council meetings working with politicians and the political process.
- You organize the contractor, getting them to sign up with NECA.

As an organizer, you can be talking to a non-union contractor in the morning, to non-union electricians in the afternoon, and talking to politicians at one of their events in the evening. It's not just walking jobs. It's speaking at city council meetings, in public forums, at community events and at the job site. It's talking to the contractor and keeping a level head when they yell at you.

We have nine organizers, one for each of the six districts, and a few general organizers. We currently have an organizer who deals specifically with veterans. Veterans

make great members because they're disciplined and used to taking orders and being on time.

Q: What's it like in the field?

Some contractors are better than others. 50% are hostile, 25% refuse to see us, and 25% we can actually have a conversation. That's why we do so much role playing with our new organizers. We try to meet every week to go over problems, issues, and do some role playing on what you'll confront on the jobsite. One of us will play the "hostile" contractor, and let the organizer know what they're up against, how they can't lose their cool.

We used to have video cameras to document these hostile encounters if we ever needed to go to court. We're allowed to be on public property and to talk to the electrical workers during lunch and breaks. But the contractors aren't always happy about it.

Q: What qualities do you look for in hiring an organizer?

You're a disciple for the union when you're out there. It's your duty to explain why union is better. We have to live and breathe unionism. It's like preaching the union gospel. So, what do we look for?

- Someone who has the respect of their peers in the field. That means people will listen to them, especially if they have a reputation as a good worker.
- Someone with supervisory experience, running work as a foreman. That way, they know how to successfully deal with different personalities.
- And we look for people who are active in their union, people who go to meetings, volunteer at events and give back. This isn't just a 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. job; this is 24/7. You might get a call from someone at 7 pm and you have to take it, especially if it's about safety on a job site that you have to deal with the next day. This is a real brotherhood and sisterhood. We change people's lives.

Q: What has been your most gratifying experience during your time with Local 11?

There's so many, but I recall going to an apprentice graduation a few years back and an electrician I had brought into the union reached out to me and said, "You probably don't remember me, but

you brought me into the union, and it changed my life. And it changed my son's life. I'm here for his graduation today, so thank you."

I was really touched, but I told him, "I just showed you the door. You walked through it."

It feels very gratifying to know you've changed people's lives and affected multiple generations and brought people into the middle class.

Q: How did you get involved with IBEW 11?

I was in the U.S. Air Force for four years, came home, got a job at the refinery for two years, where I became a steward for the union there. Then one day I saw some electricians working at the refinery and I was interested. So, I applied and was eventually accepted into the union.

I actually took a pay cut to join IBEW 11. I went from making \$16 an hour to \$8 at the time. I had a wife and a family to support, but they told me they would teach me a trade. And it's been very good for me and my family. I was blessed to be able to join IBEW Local 11.

Q: What has been one of your biggest successes as an organizer?

It's not always the big jobs you remember. In fact, so many of the big shops today are all union because they were started by our members – CSI, Morrow Meadows, Rosendin. All the bigger jobs with PLA's have to be union. But it's the smaller contractors you flip that you remember. There was a non-union contractor in the San Fernando Valley – PowerCo Electric – back in 1999. We were much more militant then. We picketed in front of the contractor's jobs, we closed down the gate where they were working. Then we picketed in front of his gated community.

There was another contractor, Iron Mountain in Carson in 2005-'06. They were residential satellite installers. We held job actions, and it ended up going to an NLRB election. We started with seven employees, and finally got 15 into the union. We won the election from the bottom up.

Q: What do you see as the biggest challenge of organizing?

The last few years under [former President] Trump were tough for



the labor movement. He made so many changes that weakened our labor boards. That's why politics matters. It's so vital that we change and strengthen the labor laws. But they're slowly coming back under President Biden.

The biggest jobs all have PLA's and they're union. But we still have tons of non-union commercial and residential work that needs to be organized. Aerospace too.

Q: What does a day in life of an organizer look like?

That's a good question. You might start out cold-calling a shop and telling them you're coming out. Then you go out to the job site, and maybe you get yelled at, and you have to be polite and hand them your card.

Sometimes we get tips from workers asking us to come to the job. At other times, the contractors call in to us wanting to become signatories so they can go after the bigger jobs. You definitely need persistence to be a good organizer.

Q: What do you find to be the biggest objection about joining the union from non-union electricians?

Fear of change. We find that so many non-union electricians in the field are just resistant to change. They hear all these rumors about the union being bad and just taking your money, that you'll be out of work. So, our job is to convince them. They can make \$30 per hour as a non-union electrician, but \$50 per hour as a union electrician.

I can't tell you how many times I've heard from members who finally do join the union: "I wish I'd done it sooner." Or "You changed my life." When you hear that, that's a good day.

Victoria Reodica: EAA's Fixture at LAWA

By her own admission, Victoria Reodica is a person who “likes to help people.” That mindset puts her in alignment with Engineers and Architects (EAA), the union of which she has been a member for 14 years.

“My staff members belong to a different union, but some of them are new and I try to guide them,” said Reodica, a senior management analyst at the Los Angeles World Airports’ (LAWA’s) Information Management Technology division. “I guide them to the MOU. It’s important.”

“I greatly appreciate what the unions do,” she added. “The benefits they negotiate, the cost of living, the raises ... If you’re in private industry, sometimes those things are not guaranteed. I think employees at places that are non-union are missing out.”

Reodica’s staff at LAWA manages the accounting section,

administering payment for the airport’s systems and technology projects as well as the IT portion of its capital construction projects. Previously, she managed human resources for LAWA’s Engineering and Facilities Management Division, overseeing hiring for multiple positions, including electricians, helpers and other trades.

When she first came to work for the City of Los Angeles in 2008, Reodica was an accountant with what was then called the Office of the Treasurer (it later merged with the Office of Finance). Her job involved working with the city’s investments.

“That was an interesting job, and it was very fast-paced” she recalled. “A billion dollars would come in in one day, and we would have to balance to the penny because they invest every penny.”

Her work with the City of L.A. is actually Reodica’s second career. She had previously worked in the title industry as an accountant, which she also described as being

fast-paced. With the economic downturn in 2008, Reodica decided to leave the private sector for something that promised more stability.

“I went to night school and took the board exam to get my CPA’s license,” she said. “The license is inactive now, but I’m reactivating it so I can volunteer to help others with tax preparation.”

A native of the Philippines, Reodica came to the United States and threw herself into her work, attending night school to earn straight As, finish her degree and — once she joined the workforce — move up through the ranks to quickly achieve management status.

Although she had little experience with organized labor before coming to work for the city, Reodica’s appreciation for the work of unions has been passed down to the next generation. Her son, Mike Reodica, is a shop steward and apprenticeship instructor with IBEW Local 40, a self-described



“union evangelist.”

“I have really seen the value of what unions do through his experience,” said Victoria Reodica. “My son and I are the first two union members in our family, and I’m trying to encourage other people to be able to have unionized jobs in their industries. It’s beneficial.”

When asked if there was anything else she wanted fellow union members to know about her, Reodica, a woman who is deeply committed to her faith, shared her belief that “God loves them.”

“God is for you and not against you,” she said. “I feel that a big part of me is to share the goodness of God with people.”

Busy Tim Mulqueen is a Man on the Move

Tim Mulqueen doesn’t have much use for downtime.

When he’s not working as an inside wireman for Southland E&I Services, the longtime Local 11 member and ETI instructor is an active father to four children. How active? Well, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, he has scoutmaster commitments for the troops of each of his three youngest children.



Well, that still leaves Thursday and Friday nights for leisure, right?

“Actually, I’ll probably be going back to teaching on Thursday nights,” says Mulqueen with a laugh. “Most of my days start at 4 a.m. and have me getting home at 9 p.m. But one of the nice things about working in refineries is we have four 10-hour days, so I usually get Fridays off.”

It’s not like this work and family life balance is a new thing in the Mulqueen household. Mulqueen has coached the Little League and soccer teams for son Colin (age 14), and daughters Kieran (12) and Camryn (7). In addition to the three kids still at home, Mulqueen and his wife, Nandar, also have an older son, Aidan, who is a freshman at the University of Hawaii.

Work keeps him plenty busy as well. With nearly 20 years as a certified instrumentation technician under his belt, Mulqueen has enjoyed a successful career which has taken him to job

sites across the southland. Since turning out of the apprenticeship program in 2004, the Pasadena native has worked at locations ranging from the Los Angeles Zoo to numerous schools, to LAX as well as several power plants. Once he started working at refineries, Mulqueen began to get a glimpse at the world of instrumentation, and he decided he’d like to try that as well.

“I was doing all the conduit work and the wiring, and I would see someone else show up and be there to start everything up and do the testing,” Mulqueen said. “So, I took instrumentation training through the ETI program. It’s like learning a whole new trade. Having our electrical background is a huge advantage, but we have to learn a lot of new skills on top of that.”

Having mastered those skills himself, Mulqueen has been teaching instrumentation through the ETI since 2006. He views teaching as a means of



“giving back the knowledge that I learned,” thereby hoping to make his students more employable and helping the industry. Earlier in his career, Mulqueen’s involvement with Local 11 included working with the District 6 Welfare Committee, serving on the apprenticeship student council and volunteering for various political campaigns. He credits Jane Templin, and the late Dave Wenderlich and Kim Craft as mentors.

“I definitely take being part of a union to heart,” he said. “I see the benefit of having a union and it means a lot to be involved and help out in any way you can to make it better for everybody.”

BUILDING THEIR MOXY

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has a cascading effect on the duration of the project and meeting scheduled deadlines,” Doherty said.

“Luckily we were able to order everything at the beginning, but if you have to get replacements for anything it takes a while,” Kuykendall added. “For everything, the lead time is extremely long now.”

The COVID-19 pandemic surprisingly hasn’t been the biggest impediment to getting the work done on the jobsite. Safety measures such as the use of masks and vaccinations have helped stem the tide, though the Omicron variant did cause some issues.

“COVID-19 wasn’t [an issue] through the beginning of the project, but once this Omicron hit, we were having two or three guys a week [miss work],” Kuykendall said. “It’s hard to project your manpower when you’ve got guys who come down sick and they’re out for a week.”

Kuykendall started work at the Fig + Pico

project as its general foreman before his promotion to superintendent. He has been a member of IBEW Local 11 for 11 years and turned out of the apprenticeship program as an Inside Wireman in 2017. He was a regular attendee of District 5 meetings before the pandemic, and now that things are easing up, he plans to go back.

While working for his father as a non-union carpenter many years ago, Kuykendall was inspired by what he saw on a jobsite.

“I did windows and doors for my dad’s company,” he said. “We were working on a house one day and I saw these electricians twisting wire nuts when I’m lifting a 300-pound entry door and I said, ‘I want to do that instead.’”

A friend told him about IBEW 11, and the rest, as they say, is history.

“Between the pay and the benefits, it’s allowed me to purchase a house. It’s allowed me to be financially stable,” Kuykendall said. “We just had

our first child last year, so I was able to not have a bill when he was born because of our benefits. It’s amazing what it’s done for me compared to my other friends that are all non-union and I hear what they have to go through.”

Doherty has been with IBEW 11 for 10 years and turned out of the apprenticeship program in 2016, also as an Inside Wireman.

“I worked for a non-union electrical contractor for five years,” Doherty said. “The whole time I was trying to get into the union, the timing wasn’t on my side.”

Doherty said being a union member has given him “everything I hoped it would give me and everything that they promised.”

“As long as you walk into it like any other industry and profession — with a good attitude and ready to work your ass off — then all the rewards are there,” he said.

Doherty said the money is good and the benefits are outstanding. He hasn’t missed a day



of work unless he wanted to.

"I've walked into two childbirths and never had to pay a dime and every prescription I've ever needed has been free and so on and so forth," Doherty said.

Doherty has been on the job at Fig + Pico for a little more than a year, and he will soon move on to his next project: the largest homeless housing development in Los Angeles history in Skid Row. The Tom Bradley International Terminal at LAX had been the biggest job he's worked on to date, but Fig + Pico is the largest one on which he has served as a superintendent.

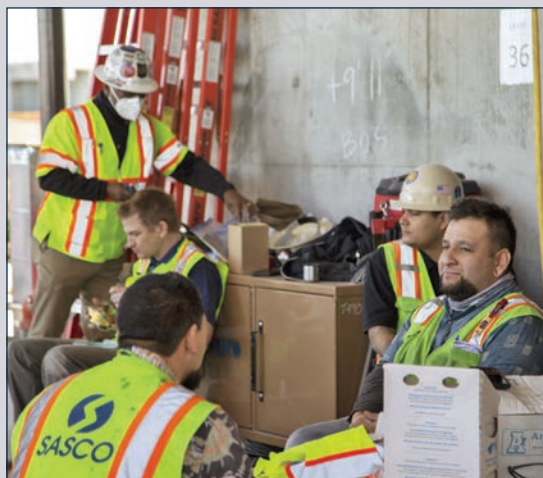
Kuykendall said this is the biggest job he's managed by far. He has approximately 30 electricians on the job at any given moment.

"It's been a challenge," Kuykendall said. "Luckily I have a lot of help between my field team and my office. So it helps having a good team behind you."



Local 11 Apprentice Kenny Figueroa and Business Manager Joël Barton.

Hear from some of the electricians working at Fig + Pico in our member voices section and be sure to check out the video featuring Local 11 Business Manager Joël Barton's visit to the job site on the Local 11 website and YouTube page.



Members Speak Out

Voices from the jobsite at Fig + Pico

"Everyone comes out and they have that training from the union. It's nice to be able to tell a guy what to do and they go and do it. The brotherhood is strong out here. You can really tell by the quality of the craftsmanship around this project."



—SCOTT KUYKENDALL
Site Superintendent

"I just crossed over from Sound & Communications. I finally made the jump and I've been here since October seeing what the inside wiremen were doing. I just wanted to learn and be part of that. The overall package in the long term was going to work out for me. I have three kids. I've been able to provide for them this whole time because of the union, because of the local."



—KENNY FIGUEROA
Apprentice

"I'm a first-year inside wireman apprentice here with the IBEW. Nobody in my family has ever done electrical so I've pretty much wanted to learn how everything works. Brotherhood, sisterhood, everybody helps out. If you need anything, everybody's here to help you out and give you advice on different approaches that they've seen or done. I really love that."



—CARINA MOTAS SOTELO
First-Year Apprentice

"Healthcare, dental and all that for me and my family takes worries off my head. Good pay. They take care of you. They let you work wherever you want to work. Everyone cares about quality. They care about safety here in LA. IBEW 11: that's my home."



—DANIEL SHUBIN
Inside Wireman

"I'm a journeyman here in the union for seven years. You give life to a building and when you turn the power on, it means the building is alive. It's different every day and I love it. I don't have to worry about medical. I don't have to worry about pension. Everything is in there for you when you need it. When I had my second baby, I went to Kaiser and the nurse said, 'Here's your bill.' The co-pay was nothing. I didn't pay anything."



—HAO HSIEH
Journeyman Inside Wireman

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District 5 (Palmdale and the high desert). But the two L.A. natives have known each other since long before they started their journeys with Local 11.

Greenfield's and Klein's fathers were classmates at Roosevelt High School, and they stayed friends as they grew older and started their families. A large group of friends that included both families would get together on a regular basis, often at Greenfield's house, as his was the one with the swimming pool. The families stayed close and the bond between the Kleins and the Greenfields solidified even

further when the two dads — both of whom were named Arnold — moved into the trade.

"What are the chances of two men going through life together, of our fathers having the same name, and we both became electricians like them?" said Klein. "It's crazy. Marc and I played together as little kids. We were in Indian Guides together, Boy Scouts. We went to different schools, but we always stayed friends, and of course our fathers were electricians.

"We got to a point in our lives where it was like, 'OK, what are we going to do with the rest of our lives?' Our fathers were hammering down on us, so we thought maybe we should become electricians."

That's exactly what they both did, turning out as inside wiremen and entering the profession as union electricians. Over the years, they have worked together on several projects (both served as foremen while working on the Ritz-Carlton in Pasadena) and both eventually deepened their involvement with Local 11. Klein was a member of the Local 11 Examining Board and Greenfield served three terms on the Local 11 Executive Board. Ultimately, they joined the union's administration as Business Reps.

"Our job is basically to keep everybody happy. We police the agreement and help our contractors," Klein said. "We try to

keep things lighthearted. Marc is a very funny person, and I am too. We have different personalities, but we still click."

These days, Greenfield and Klein interact on a regular basis, whether conducting union business, at meetings or at conventions. The next generation of Greenfields and Kleins doesn't socialize much; Klein had daughters and Greenfield had sons (both of whom, their proud father notes, are also Local 11 electricians).

And after all these years and all this shared history, do Mitch Klein and Marc Greenfield still find time to hang out together during off-hours?

"We get enough of each other during the week," said Greenfield, with a laugh.



Solidarity for UFCW Grocery Workers

Local 11 members and staff joined their brothers and sisters from UFCW on the front lines of work actions at Ralphs grocery stores around southern California. Despite record profits during the pandemic, Kroger is refusing to budge on issues of safety with its essential workers.

Your Vote Counts

By Antonio Sanchez, Political Director

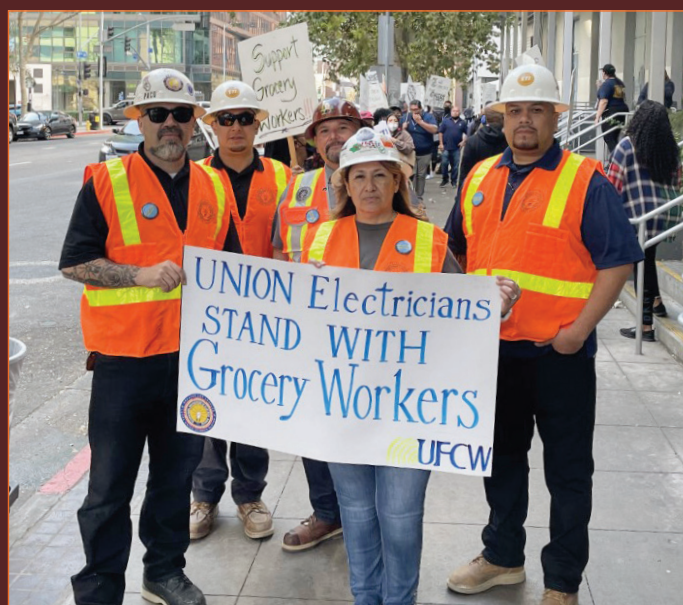
Before we head to the voting booths this June, I need to take this opportunity to remind everyone who is eligible to please register to vote. There are races that have been determined by one or two votes. Know that your vote matters and can swing an election, especially if we vote as a bloc. Please remember the words of Thomas Jefferson: "We do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate."

The most convenient way to register is by visiting www.registertovote.ca.gov. You can also pick up a voter registration card at your local post office if you're old school. In addition, we will have registration cards available at the halls.

The primary election this June will include the Governor and all other constitutional officers. Below you will find our endorsements for the statewide races. We will include a full list of endorsements in the next newsletter.

Governor – Gavin Newsom
Lieutenant Governor – Eleni Kounalakis
Secretary of State – Shirley Weber
Attorney General – Rob Bonta
Controller – Malia Cohen
Treasurer – Fiona Ma
Insurance Commissioner – Ricardo Lara

Register at www.registertovote.ca.gov



Stepping Up Safely: The Dos and Don'ts of Ladder Usage

By Mike Costigan

As I visit jobsites here in Local 11, I notice more and more scissor lifts and fewer step ladders.

Don't get me wrong, I still see plenty of step ladders, but they are just not as prevalent. Scissor lifts are more cost-efficient in terms of production than step ladders. It allows the person to cover more area without having to climb down and reposition the ladder. It also allows the person to carry tools and materials on the lift. When you compare the cost of a scissor lift rental to the increase in job production, it's an easy decision.

But I view this choice through the lens of safety. Of course, not all tasks can be performed with a lift, requiring us to use a ladder. Nationally there are more than 160,000 injuries each year when using ladders, including multiple deaths. A high percentage of these injuries and deaths are caused by the misuse of ladders and a disregard for ladder safety.

When using a step ladder,

remember these rules:

1. Select the proper ladder for the task. A ladder cannot only be too short for the task. It can also be too tall, impeding access to the work.
2. Inspect your ladder before use. Look for missing shoe grips on the bottom, cracks in the rails and damaged steps and spreader bars.
3. Set up your ladder properly. Make sure all four feet are in solid contact with a level surface with spreader bars open all the way. Do not set up a ladder near a leading edge or open floor tile.
4. Use your ladder the way it was intended. Maintain three points of contact when ascending and descending, with no tools or materials in your hand and belt buckle between the rails. Never stand on the top step or ladder cap.
5. Care for your ladder. Store the ladder in an area away from any possible damage from other trades working in the area. If possible, lock up your ladder so no unauthorized people use your ladder without your knowledge. Borrowed tools are never treated



as well as owned tools. And never "walk" your ladder. You are inviting trouble and possible injury if you do.

As always, please stay safe out there and take care of each other. If it can't be done safely, it can't be done correctly.

Jefferson Han: Apprentice of the Month

Congratulations to 4th year apprentice Jefferson Han, apprentice of the month for February who was recognized at the March General Membership meeting. Not only did Han get straight A's in his classes, he also had perfect attendance, and got 5.0 evaluations from the contractors.

"Jefferson is a great example of the kind of apprentices we're looking for and who deserve this kind of recognition," noted ETI

Training Director Diana Limon.

"Joining IBEW 11 was the best choice I made in my life," said Han. "Before this I was working in a donut shop. I knew I wanted a better career."

A lot of people go to college because they think that's what they should do, said Han, who graduated college from CSUN with a degree in business finance. But Han quickly realized working in an office wasn't for him, so he sought out a job in the trades.

"I much prefer working with



my hands," he said. "There's a real brotherhood and sisterhood on the jobs. We have each other's backs. I really like that. I definitely encourage other people to consider joining IBEW 11 as well."



Barton Honored With IBEW Life Saving Award

The day began innocently enough. The scene was an IBEW 11 fundraising function, something this group had done dozens of times over the years. But this time, on July 24, 2021, something out of the ordinary happened.

Business Manager Joël Barton was tapped on the shoulder and saw a fellow member gesturing that he was having trouble breathing, with something obstructing his airpipe. Barton's years of CPR training kicked in, and, without hesitation, he conducted the Heimlich maneuver on the brother in distress. Out popped the offending food item and the member could catch his breath once again.

"My years of first aid and CPR training came in handy," noted Barton. "This is the second time I was able to use it in the past

40 years. I highly encourage everyone to learn first aid and emergency training. It could save a member's life."

For his quick thinking, the IBEW International awarded Barton its highest honor: its Life Saving Award. The award was officially presented by President Rusty Roten at the February 17 general membership meeting. Barton received a round of applause from members, as well as well wishes from his family in attendance.

"The saving of a human life is one of the greatest achievements on this Earth," the plaque reads. "The above-named member of this local union, with presence of mind, prompt action and genuine concern for another human being, performed this heroic service on the date specified. All members of the IBEW honor this distinguished service."



Local 11 Business Manager Joël Barton (top center) is pictured with his wife Anna, son J.C. and grandson Joey.

DISTRICT 1 (NORTH)

Brett Moss

Greetings from District One North, Brothers and Sisters. I hope this report finds you and your families well.

A reminder that D1 meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m. The meetings are currently in hybrid format, in-person at the Commerce Hall and also via Zoom. Watch your email for the Zoom registration link each month.

With the recent time change, please be sure you are getting plenty of rest.

We will be seeing more LAUSD, Prop HHH, and hospital work coming to the area in 2022. These projects, combined with others in the area and all over the jurisdiction, should keep members working this year.

Let's keep looking out for each other on the job. Be mindful to test circuits, use the proper ladder, practice good housekeeping and use that PPE.

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

DISTRICT 1 (SOUTH)

Shomari Davis

5TH ST. HHH. This \$32 million project is a remodel of an existing hotel that has just finished a pre-job conference. Construction has just begun with temporary power being installed. Several non-union contractors have been awarded a portion of the work. We will be keeping an eye on this project.

Serenity HHH Apartments in Downtown LA is a five-story slab on grade podium project. It's just getting started and has no electrical contractor yet, but we are expecting one will soon come on board. Alpha Construction is the general contractor.

La Guadalupe project in East LA next door to the Mariachi station is a \$20 Million project that has just been awarded to SBE Electric. They are installing all electrical systems. They are grading right now and will be calling for manpower soon.

Intuit Dome (Clippers Arena) CSI Electric has hit the project working on the decks that are going up for the project with a very small crew. The project is moving at a good pace so more manpower will be added shortly. GEC2.0 was just awarded some low voltage pathways under Rosendin Electric. As the building progresses, there will be a need for more brothers and sisters.

NFL Retail across the street from the Intuit Dome is starting to heat up with potential tenants visiting the movie theater and restaurant spaces. Look for the April newsletter for an announcement on some the upcoming awards.

It is a pleasure to serve as your Business Agent.

DISTRICT 2

By Gary Tomlin

My Brothers and Sisters,

The work picture is D2 has been slow for some time now and looks to remain that way for the first couple months of the new year. Just like with a lot of businesses right now, there seems to be a shortage in materials as well as shipping delays.

There should be some upcoming work in the Ports of Long Beach and LA this year.

There will be an upcoming project in downtown Long Beach under a PLA for two eight-story mixed use buildings. Gregg Electric has a few projects in the D2 area still to come, two of them at the Long Beach Airport inside existing hangars and one adjacent to Carson Marathon Refinery. The Ports of Call in San Pedro should hopefully be starting up this year with their new construction.

If you are thinking about traveling to other locals to look for work, make sure you have an up-to-date travel letter. You can request one in-person at any of the halls or request it online. You must be on the out of work list to request a travel letter.

Also, if you're going to travel any significant distance, always call the hall prior to going there to see how the work picture is for Book 2 and what their protocols are for signing their Book 2. Make sure you have a current dues receipt with you.

If you see any construction sites in you travels

that you want me to look in on, or if you want me to stop by your site, please give me a call, text or email. The only way we know where the current jobs sites are is if we see job calls come into the halls, if we happen to drive by a site, or if you the members give us a call.

A reminder that we have negotiations coming up this year, so if you or any other members have ideas on what you would like added to, deleted from, changed in our agreement, start writing down your ideas. There is a form on Local 11's website, that you can fill out and submit. Encourage all your fellow brothers and sisters you are working with to participate.

The District 2 Welfare Committee has a new challenge coin out to celebrate the anniversary of Local 11 forming from six separate locals. We have the coins for sale at the South Bay Hall, in Commerce and of course Dave Grabowski has them for sale when he is down in Commerce. During the first part of April, District 2 will have its Super Bowl challenge in. These will be limited and numbered so don't sleep on it if you'd like one. Remember, the first Wednesday of each month is our D2 Meeting's and the last Tuesday of each month is our D2 Welfare Committee meetings. All members are welcome to our D2 monthly meetings and all D2 members are welcome to attend the D2 Welfare meetings. The welfare meetings are where we discuss new designs for shirts, challenge coins, pins etc. so if you want to get involved, please stop by. Currently both meetings are held at the South Bay Hall, starting at 5 p.m.

If you know someone who needs help with their dues or is financially in need, have them reach out to the welfare committee of their district to see what the welfare committee can do to help out. They can fill out and turn in the form at any of the halls to request assistance.

Keep August 6 marked on your calendars. This will be the date for the annual IBEW Local 11 Picnic. It will be at the Hollywood Sports Park again this year.

I'd like to close my report by asking everyone to keep an eye on each other on the jobs. I'm not just talking about the typical day-to-day construction hazards. Let's check in with our brothers and sisters to make sure they are doing OK, both physically and mentally. We have great benefits, so if you see someone who is not quite the same, talk to them. Sometimes that may be all that is needed. If you or someone you know is struggling with any type of addiction or depression, remember we have a Members Assistance Program available to help. And as always, take care of the older members on the jobsites. Eventually you will be that older member.

Thank you all for letting me serve as your D2 Agent, it is an honor and privilege to serve this membership and this great local.

DISTRICT 3

Mike Costigan

Hello, from District 3

The job calls have slowed down a bit in District 3, but that doesn't mean we don't have our fair share of work going on. I recently visited an El Segundo job site where CSI has started the second phase of a data storage project. This job looks to top out with about 25 members. I also visited the LAX ConRAC project with our newly appointed Sound & Communications agent, Christine Austria-Lozoya. Steward Mike Hawkins took us around to visit the members. Although Morrow Meadows' work is nearing completion, we still have multiple contractors putting on the finishing touches.

A District 3 retired member sent me an article about an upcoming construction project at St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica. I'll be visiting them to gather more information and will keep everyone updated.

On another note, negotiations are this year, and we are asking for your recommendations. You can send them to the Business Manager by visiting our website at IBEW11.org. Click on "Contract Proposals" and fill out the form. The deadline to submit proposals is April 11 for Inside Wiremen and June 3 for Sound & Communications. Not only do we want your recommendations, we need membership input.

We need to send a message to the contractors that we are informed and engaged.

Lastly, a brother once told me that the dues receipt in your pocket makes you an IBEW member, but it's how you conduct yourself on the jobsite that determines if you are a good brother or sister.

It is a privilege and an honor to serve the members of IBEW Local 11.

DISTRICT 4

Marc Greenfield

Greetings Brothers and Sisters from District 4,

I hope this article finds you and your families happy and healthy. It seems we have turned the corner on this pandemic and things seem to be getting back to normal.

In the San Fernando and Santa Clarita Valleys, LAUSD and LACCD campuses are being rebuilt or added on to. We have a new PLA on the community being constructed behind Magic Mountain. We also have a \$1 billion PLA at Olive View Medical Center. Work has already begun on that project. Hot off the Press! The Rams may be building a new Training Center at the site of the old Promenade Mall in Woodland Hills! The work picture looks great for the foreseeable future.

As a reminder, contract negotiations are coming up. This is your local, and contract proposal suggestions may be submitted on the Local 11 website.

I would personally like to thank the entire District 4 Welfare Committee for all their hard work in helping our members. If you know of any members having trouble paying their dues due to illness, injury or other hardship, have them contact their welfare committee for assistance.

ETI is willing to hold continued education classes at District 4 if we can show there is a demand. Come to District 4 or call to have your name and card number placed on a class list.

I hope everyone and their families remain happy and healthy throughout the year!

DISTRICT 5

Mitch Klein

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

As of this writing, we are continuing work on the two 25 MW solar jobs with Rosendin Electric and Ferreira Construction. We are also working the two 125 MW Battery Storage projects with CSI Electric and Sargent Electric. While these projects have the most manpower, they have either peaked or are on the downhill stride.

We have several contractors working at the various Kaiser facilities throughout the Antelope Valley. Work continues at the Antelope Valley Transit Authority Bus stations, and we have contractors working at Antelope Valley Hospital, mainly on infrastructure. A big upcoming project is the one million square foot Amazon Distribution Center in Palmdale. We are feverishly working on a Community Workforce Agreement for that job. We are also on the cusp of a Community Workforce Agreement for the Antelope Valley Union High School District. Special thanks to our Business Manager Joël Barton, our business development team and staff for all their work in securing these projects.

Remember, Brothers and Sisters, that through politics we create jobs. We have our own Brother King Moore who is currently a Lancaster City Planning Commissioner who is now running for Lancaster City Council. There are several other political races we are getting involved with.

If you are interested in taking a class in District 5, please call the hall to get your name on the list. Don't forget that our District 5 meetings are the second Tuesday of every month at 5 p.m. Attend your meetings to be informed on what's going on in your area and enjoy the comradery.

I would like to give a heartfelt thanks to our Chairman Alfredo Torres, Recording Secretary King Moore, Welfare Committee officers Steve Joyner, Mike Kaminski, Dion Jensen, Ron Dreiling, Chris Bonfilio, Miguel Sanchez and Beto Gonzales. Thanks to Ray Jacinto, Juan Winters and Bryant Cooper for stepping up. A shout out also to Apprentice Coordinator Alton Wilkerson,

Organizer Adalberto Gonzales and Representative Kris Mendoza for all their hard work.

Thank you to all our Brothers and Sisters for your help, participation, and involvement in making District 5 and Local 11 great!

God Bless the IBEW.

DISTRICT 6 Jacob Troncoza

Greetings to all our Brothers and Sisters of the mighty IBEW Local 11.

We recently hosted a steward class conducted by IBEW International Reps. Thank you for all who stepped up, much respect. Our ETI is now open for classes in all classifications. District 6 is still taking roster for classes we will be having soon including LA QSP and Foremanship courses.

Congratulations to the newly-elected members of our welfare committee! I'm sure you all will do a great job at truly helping members in need. Fresh, new innovative members have been elected to give D6 welfare revitalized and rejuvenated ideas.

The strike by BCTGM Local 37 at Rich Frozen foods that we supported - and that I had the honor of standing with - has finally come to agreement! Now the grocery worker's union, UFCW, is about to take a strike vote, and Local 11 will back our UFCW brothers and sisters on the front lines also.

We will soon be hosting a Contractor Course, a five-day in-depth class.

Remember to take advantage of our Cadillac benefits for you and your loved ones, including financial education, mental health, and professional assistance.

Negotiations are just around the corner, and I recommend that you save your money and live within your means. We came close to a strike vote at our last contract negotiations, so be wise. Local 11's website has a place where you can submit proposals for our negotiations online. There will be hard copies of this form at all our Local 11 halls soon.

Hybrid unit meetings have been successful and useful for those wanting the in-person meeting but who can't manage to get there. The Zoom registration links are blasted to our membership prior to the Unit Meetings.

Recently the LA County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, completed its endorsement of union-friendly advocates, who will fight for us and continue to protect our interests.

We have work coming up with the Irwindale Brewery, Queen of the Valley Hospital, Foothill Extension, EV installations in the SGV, and a high school football stadium. A major car company will be building design facilities in District 6 soon.

Down the road, we've also got our Local 11 picnic scheduled for August 6. Stay tuned for details.

Tutoring is available by staff and members for interested members.

Please refrain from "bearing false witness" on social media in attempts to help others. Misinformation and false information are just that. I understand people trying to help, but at times it hinders progress. Get with the current administration for the real deal.

Take good care of yourselves and loved ones out there. As always it is my honor and privilege to serve this union. May God bless you abundantly.

REFINERY Manny Solis

We had a Paramount Planning Commission Board meeting scheduled for Monday, March 14, at the City of Paramount City Hall at 5:30 p.m. During this meeting, Local 11 had members who live in the city of Paramount present speeches on behalf of the IBEW to the project's commissioning board and the Paramount City Council to hopefully push the start date for the Clean Fuels project at Paramount for our IBEW contractor, Newtron Electric. Newtron Electric is ready to begin the demolition phase of the work at the old Paramount Petroleum Refinery along with the new rebuild of the new "Clean Fuels" Refinery.

For our members who are looking to go to work on this project, Newtron Electric is requiring that members have a current RSO 20 training card and

be fully vaccinated to work at the new World Energy Facility.

California Spectra is getting close to the completion of the turnaround work at Valero, Wilmington Refinery. Some of those members may be transferred to the New World Energy Refinery, as Cal Spectra has a small portion of the work at the New World Energy Refinery in Paramount as well. I am hoping that the AQMD permit gets signed and this major project gets started to provide plenty of very nice brand-new industrial work for many of our members.

Work will be ramping up at Phillips 66 Refinery in the coming months as well. To work at P66 - Wilmington, our members must have a current RSO20 cert., a current TWIC Card and be fully vaccinated.

There will also be a few small turnarounds at Valero, Wilmington to work for Schultz Mechanical. Schultz will also require the RSO20, TWIC and full vaccination to work at Valero, Wilmington.

Please stay current on all your certifications and I hope to see you at one of our refineries!

I am honored to be your representative.

SOUND & COMMUNICATIONS Christine Austria-Lozoya

A father said to his daughter, "You have graduated with honors. Here is a car I bought many years ago. It is fairly old now. But before I give it to you, take it to the used car lot downtown and tell them I want to sell it and see how much they'll offer you for it."

The daughter went to the used car lot, then returned to her father and said, "They offered me \$1,000. because it looks pretty worn out." The father said, "Now take it to the pawn shop."

The daughter went to the pawn shop, then returned to her father and said, "The pawn shop offered me only \$100 because it's an old car." The father asked his daughter to go to a car club and show them the car.

The daughter then took the car to the club, returned, and told her father, "Some people in the club offered me \$100,000. for the car because it's a Nissan Skyline R34, it's an iconic car and sought by many collectors."

The father turned to his daughter and said, "The right place values you the right way."

If you are not valued, do not be angry, it means you are in the wrong place. Those who know your value are those who appreciate you. Never stay in a place where no one sees your value.

We as a unit must remember that our self-worth and valued hard work depends on many factors including advancing skills, promptness, respect for others, being available, mentoring, and striving for a respective leadership role that may allow you to help this unit do great things. Look deep within and ask yourself if you yourself meet these basic needs. IBEW Local 11 is the classic car club. Are you that classic car?

Negotiations will be here soon enough, and it will take all of us to show, not just express verbally, that we are worth it. I have undying faith that you are and can be that classic car. Stay safe and be well.

UNIT 14 CIVIL SERVICE Luis Arida

Sisters and Brothers,

The following is an update on the current status of our contract negotiations.

LA City: The wage reopener negotiations are a top priority. We are meeting with the city twice per week to reach an agreement that will address the financial impact of the pay raise deferment agreed to by the membership. The full contract negotiations will begin this summer, so please take the time now to send me any proposals.

LAUSD: We are still negotiating your successor agreement and we are fully aware of how long this process has taken. We ask for your continued patience so that we can bring you a contract that is worthy of your vote.

LA County: We are gearing up to resume contract negotiations with the county. Employee

representatives have been selected. I will keep you updated as things progress.

For further information, please attend our monthly Unit 14 meeting which takes place on the fourth Thursday of every month at 5 p.m. Additionally, please feel free to contact me on my cell phone, (626) 712-4769. Or by e-mail at arida@ibew11.org.

CE/CW Jackie Waltman

Hello Sisters and Brothers,

I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of a few things.

Remember to log your hours in your student portal, it's important to get your upgrades. If you are unable to make it to class, please fill out a letter of Absence (LOA) and submit the documentation for your absence. It must be for a legitimate reason.

You are responsible for renewing your trainee cards, so be aware of when they are due to be renewed. At 60 days prior to the expiration date, send your renewal fee and a letter from the ETI with your application.

I am excited to say that we are currently moving classifications through the process to become journeyman. I'm also very involved in getting all CWs their upgrades, making things flow easier. Please be safe out there, wear your masks when needed to protect from COVID.

I'm here if you need me, seven days a week. It is an honor to serve you,

INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS Patrick Owens

As Daylight Savings arrives, let's hope all are well and ready to enjoy spring, summer and our chance to go outside and enjoy more freedoms.

Please continue to practice safe protocols to protect you and your loved ones, when they are in place.

Although things stayed steady throughout the fall and winter, several employers seem to have work available soon. At this time, there are a few members in the hall who are available for work. With the work picture improving, there soon should be an opportunity to go to work.

In preparation for the upcoming negotiations, please check the Local 11 website and fill out the form regarding any changes or proposals to the Transportation Systems Agreement and submit those via the website.

Lastly, as things start looking and feeling normal, please attend union functions like picnics and meetings. After all, these are for you, the member, and for your family.

VETERANS Mike Kufchak

Fellow Veterans of Local Union 11,

In February of this year (2022), The Veterans Administration proposed changes to the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities, for conditions related to respiratory, auditory and mental disorders. The proposed updates to the rating schedule for these conditions will enable the Veterans Administration to incorporate modern medical data and terminology to help provide veterans with more accurate and consistent decisions regarding their disability ratings.

Additionally, burn pits were a common military operation practice in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as other areas of Southwest Asia. If you, as a veteran, were exposed to burn pits and have an illness or condition related to in-service exposure, you should file a claim for VA benefits.

On a final note, if you served in the military between 2003 and 2015 and you are suffering from hearing loss or tinnitus, due to the 3M military hearing protection that was issued, you are also entitled to fill out a survey form to determine if you meet the requirements for compensation. Just google 3M Hearing Protection Lawsuit.

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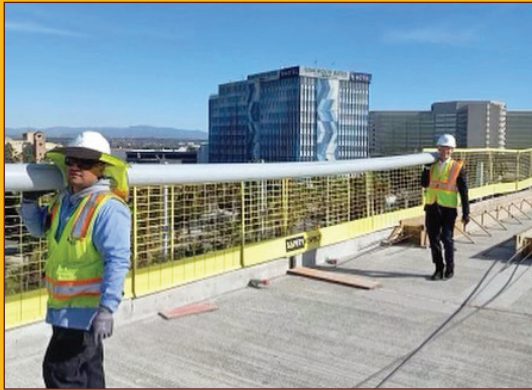
AROUND THE LOCAL

Mayor Garcetti, Local 11 are All About Moving People

Just who was that well-dressed individual helping out with the 5-inch PVC conduit at LAX? It was none other than outgoing LA Mayor Eric Garcetti who recently visited Rosendin Electric at the future site of the Automated People Mover (APM).

Construction crews began the \$2 billion project in 2019. According to recent news reports, the APM is getting closer to the finish line with testing beginning this year and a projected opening to the public in 2023. The train line is more than two miles long and will take about 10 minutes to go from one end to the other.

During his visit, Mayor Garcetti suited up and even helped Local 11



Apprentice Chris Rodriguez haul some PVC conduit.

"He came to shake our hands and thank us for a fine job," said Rodriguez.

You can read about Local 11's work at LAX on the APM and Intermodal Transportation Facility ITF-West on the website: www.ibew11.org/2021/03/local-11-helps-lax-passengers-take-flight.

Job Fair



Organizers Adalberto "Beto" Gonzalez and Ruben Mendoza attending a job fair at Burbank High School. The two organizers also turned up at a job fair at John Burroughs High School as well.

Congrats to Brother Dean Todd

During the local's March membership meeting in San Fernando, Local 11 President Emeritus Dean Todd received his 50-year pin.



Local 11 on the Campaign Trail

Pictured at right, District 5 Business Representative Mitch Klein and rep Kristian Mendoza joined Christy Smith, Democratic nominee for the 25th

Congressional District. Below, Local 11 members turned out at a campaign kickoff for Los Angeles City Council Member Gilbert Cedillo.

