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President Biden Kicks Off Reelection Campaign With 'Coming Home' Address to NABTU



Local 11 President Rusty Roten and Business Manager Joël Barton were on hand for President Joseph Biden's first stop on his 2024 reelection campaign at the North America Building Trades Union Legislative Conference in Washington, DC. President Biden highlighted his "blue-collar blueprint to rebuild America," stressed how proud he was to be "the most pro-labor President in American history" and said, "union workers are the best workers in the world [who] built the middle class."

Building Hope Together in the City

By Oren Peleg

On the eastern edge of the City of Hope's sprawling National Medical Center in Duarte, shoring and excavation crews broke ground for DPR Construction on a new cancer outpatient care center in late 2021. The outpatient care building will reach eight floors plus a basement, include state-of-the-art equipment, and become the hospital's new tech hub.

In April 2022, "It was still a pit in the ground," Devin Stevens, Assistant (Continued on page 6)



Phase One of City of Hope's new cancer research center outpatient facility is set to open in early 2024, with Local 11 crews leading construction at a breakneck pace.

Coming Green Hydrogen Wave Set to Create Thousands of New Union Jobs

By Jeremy Kehoe

Federal and state governments are investing billions of dollars in a once-in-a-generation

effort to build hundreds of brand-new hydrogen-powered projects in California that will create thousands of new, high-paying jobs for IBEW 11 brothers and sisters.

While it may not seem that "hydrogen" and "electricity" belong in the same sentence, these all-new green hydrogen facilities will power (Continued on page 5)



Caring Part of the Job For Local 11's Murphy



Veterans Committee Preps Easter Packages for Troops



CSAEW Endorses Schiff for U.S. Senate



BUSINESS MANAGER'S MESSAGE

By Joël Barton

Why Politics Matter

IBEW 11 Sisters & Brothers, I'm

writing this from Washington, D.C. where Building Trades leaders from around the country just heard from President Biden about the importance of our work to the future green economy. He also stressed his proud and continued commitment to organized labor.

That's how important the labor movement is to Joe Biden. Just after announcing his 2024 re-election bid this week, the first place he came to was the North America Building Trades Union (NABTU) convention to address top union leaders from all 50 states.

I want that to sink in for a moment. In my 40+ years of union membership, we've never had a US president as committed to the labor movement as President Biden, nor one who has created as many construction projects that are now in the pipeline – tens of thousands of jobs that will keep our members busy for decades to come. And best of all, Joe Biden wears his bona fide union credentials proudly.

Every spring we come to the

nation's capital to meet with our IBEW brothers and sisters and to lobby our elected officials about important bills that affect the IBEW membership. Already, we've met with officials at the Dept. of Energy, Dept. of Transportation and our California delegation on Capitol Hill about upcoming construction projects in California. We are flexing the power of the IBEW and in turn, our representatives, many of whom we help elect, open their doors to listen to our concerns about jobs, safety, wage theft, pension erosion, inflation and other issues that affect you and your family.

California Politics

Closer to home, a delegation of 20 of our business reps from IBEW 11 spent time earlier this month in Sacramento talking to our elected officials there as part of the April kickoff to the state's legislative season. Each year the California State Association of Electrical Workers convene in Sacramento, where we meet up with other IBEW locals around the state to discuss important bills being considered that will impact our membership.

Representing over 83,000 IBEW members from 27 locals

around the state, the CSAEW is one of the most powerful union political groups in California. This year we hosted the three top contenders for Dianne Feinstein's US Senate seat in 2024 who addressed the group – Rep. Adam Schiff (Burbank), Rep. Katie Porter (Orange County) and Rep. Barbara Lee (Oakland). Following their presentations, we voted overwhelmingly to endorse long-time labor friend Adam Schiff as our choice for the next US Senator from California.

Lobbying our Los Angeles-area representatives, delegates were able to experience firsthand the power of the united electrical unions to help create and sustain good-paying union jobs and protect workers' rights in California.

One of this year's main targets was AB 538 – introduced by Assemblymember Chris Holden – a bill that could destroy up to 1.1 million union jobs for our brothers and sisters in the utility sector. We are asking our members to take a moment and write to your elected officials about the negative impact of this bill.

As the Business Manager of one of the largest and most powerful IBEW locals in the state, I have had

the honor of serving as Secretary/Treasurer of the CSAEW for the past several cycles. I am happy to report that I was re-elected to that position again, and will serve with returning President Tom Hansen, Business Manager of IBEW 302 in Martinez. We also welcome newly elected Jim Rush, Business Manager of IBEW 440, as our new Vice President. We also serve with 12 District area Business Managers and Sr. Asst. Business Managers, who represents locals from around the state, to ensure that every local's voice and concerns are heard.

The influential CSAEW proves that we are truly stronger together. Together, we are improving the quality of life for our members and their families by flexing our muscles and making sure our concerns are addressed. That is the power of union. #StrongerTogether

I am honored to be your Business Manager. I work hard to earn your trust each and every day. My door is always open.

I look forward to seeing you on the job site!

*In unity,
Joël Barton
IBEW 11 Business Manager*

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IBEW Local 11 Leaders Take Their Message to Washington

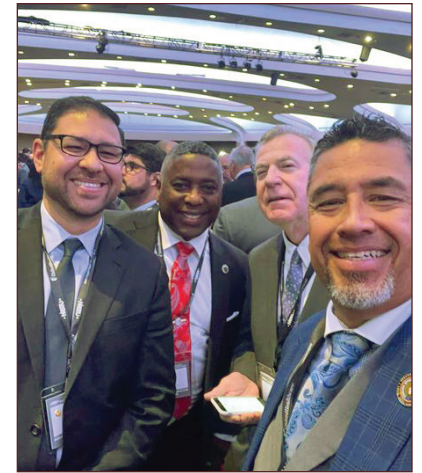
Every spring IBEW Local 11 comes to Washington, D.C. to meet with our IBEW brothers and sisters and lobby our elected officials about legislation that affects IBEW members. Last week at the IBEW Construction and Maintenance Conference 2023 and the North America Building Trades Union convention, Local 11 leaders met with officials at the Dept. of Energy, Dept. of Transportation and our California delegation on Capitol Hill to flex our power and share our ideas and concerns about jobs, safety, wage theft, pension erosion, inflation and other issues critical to members and their families.



U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer M. Granholm emphasized the pivotal role Union labor will play in the implementation of the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act at the IBEW Construction and Maintenance Conference last week.



IBEW International President Kenneth Cooper delivered the keynote address to members at the IBEW Construction and Maintenance Conference in Washington, D.C.



IBEW Local 11 Political Director Antonio Sanchez, District 1 Business Representative Shomari Davis, Business Manager Joël Barton, and Sr. Assistant Business Manager Robert Corona (left to right) lobbied national leaders on Capitol Hill last week.

For Local 11's Jennifer Murphy, Caring is Part of the Job

By Oren Peleg

Local 11's Jennifer Murphy can't not care. Murphy's story of how her recent chance encounter with an unhoused man on the street outside Los Angeles City Hall led to a full-day's journey to connect him with a social worker and find him a shower is a prime example.

"I took a day of my own personal leave to help him," Murphy said. So, it's no surprise that Murphy, an electrician supervisor for the city and an IBEW journeyman inside wireman, recently stepped up to speak up for her brothers and sisters who struggle to find scarce job site parking in downtown L.A.

"During COVID, [the City] allowed people to park in City Hall East with no restrictions," Murphy said. "Anybody with a city badge could

come in." Since most employees were working remotely, the typically precious parking spaces were plentiful. But as more remote workers returned to the office over the last year, newer employees and lower-paid staff were pushed out.

Murphy started making inquiries and investigating affordable parking locations downtown. The cheapest option she found was several hundred dollars a month and still required workers to walk alone in pre-dawn hours through downtown.

"When there's anybody who doesn't feel safe walking, what is that person supposed to do?" Murphy asked. "Right now, everybody's kind of looking out for their friends, everybody's waiting for their friends and walking in little packs, little groups – but it's just untenable."

Murphy decided to do something about it.

She contacted the Mayor's office, which recommended she raise the issue with the City Council. So, she did – not once, but on three separate occasions in March alone. Murphy even proposed solutions, including allowing city employees to drive city vehicles to and from work since all municipal vehicles have designated parking, and even instituting a shuttle system.

"I'm not trying to solve all the world's problems, and I don't even think that I can solve all of our parking problems," Murphy said. "But I am trying to get the city to step up and recognize that this is an unsolved problem that leads to suffering."

Although the Council has not acted on her requests or recommendations – "No city councilmember has gotten back to me despite these beautiful packets that I gave them" – Murphy remains undaunted.

Murphy doesn't consider herself an activist but rather "an involved member who cares." Still, Murphy's activist core runs deep. In 2010, Murphy joined Jane Templin, former Local 11 vice president, at a grassroots political training school held by former California governor Jerry Brown. Murphy is also married to Anthy Hadjimarkos, Chair of IBEW 11's EMPOWER mentoring program run by the ETI, whose



mission is to recruit, retain, and support female apprentices and journey-level workers.

Murphy embraces Local 11 Business Manager Joël Barton's mission to recruit and retain more female apprentices and journey-level workers and increase the number of women members to 10 percent by 2024. Local 11's current construction female membership is around 3 percent and 4.5 percent among apprentices.

"There are jobs in the electrical industry for people of all body types," Murphy said. Some tasks require heavy lifting, but "there are times when I have had to crawl into a hole that was 12 inches by 12 inches." There are opportunities for everyone, she says, and a well-paying career is available for men and women in the electrical industry.

"When things are nicer for women, they're nicer for everyone," Murphy said. "They really are."

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— IBEW 11 Journeyman Inside Wireman Jennifer Murphy

Local 11 Veterans Committee Preps, Ships Easter Care Packages to Overseas Troops



IBEW 11 Director of Veterans Affairs Mike Kufchak, along with Local 11's Veterans Committee brothers and sisters, worked side-by-side with Camp Pendleton Marines applying for the Veterans Electrical Entry Program (VEEP) to prepare Easter care packages for U.S. Navy, U.S. Army, and U.S. Marine Corps service members deployed overseas.

Kufchak recruited 10 Marines to partner with Cynthia Martinez, president and co-founder of Words of Comfort, Hope, and Promise – a non-profit dedicated to supporting serving military and their families – to assemble over 2,000 care packages that included Easter candy, stacks of snacks, Girl Scout cookies, Starbucks coffee, beef jerky, and home-baked cookies, brownies, cupcakes.

"It's about giving back the

support that I received while deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan," said Kufchak. "I certainly know all too well what it's like to miss holidays away from my family. These packages carry a meaning and a message that our military heroes are always in our thoughts."

The teams also unloaded a 35-foot U-Haul truck filled with chips donated by Frito-Lay that were included in the packages. The packages were then delivered to the Post Office where they were mailed to U.S. Navy, U.S. Army, and U.S. Marine Corps service members in Japan, Guam, Germany, Africa, and the Philippines in time for Easter.

"We knocked these care packages out with those Marines. They don't mess around," Martinez said. "They had me really moving. I felt like a Marine."

Also included in the care packages were handwritten letters from Words of Comfort, Hope, and Promise to thank them for their service, as well as cards from school children to boost their morale.

"Most people don't truly understand the sacrifices these servicemen and woman make for our freedom, knowing that when they deploy they may not come home again," Martinez said.

"When these men and women sacrificing their lives for us see that we the people care about them and we've got their back, it boosts their morale. They know that we appreciate the sacrifices they make, that we appreciate them, and don't take our freedom – or them – for granted."

Local 11 has continuously supported military veterans beyond employment and reached into communities across Los Angeles to support veteran projects with not only veterans like Kufchak but with Local 11 electricians who support veterans.

"We are never done supporting," Kufchak said. "The cost of freedom is paid with sacrifice, and the giving of our personal time pales in comparison to their sacrifices."

And, the Easter packages arrived on time and were appreciated.

"One Marine in Afghanistan wrote me back to tell me how thankful they were for our support," Martinez said. "He told me that Starbucks coffee we sent helped him get through because they were up working around the clock day and night. He said, 'You should've seen the smiles on the faces here. You boosted our morale. It reminded us who we're fighting for.'"

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— IBEW 11 Director of Veterans Affairs Mike Kufchak

HYDROGEN

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a host of next-generation, clean-energy projects in sectors including energy storage, transportation, manufacturing, and appliances that will all need to run along an electrical backbone.

“We were in the mechanical era 50 years ago, and now we’re in the electrical era, and soon to come we’ll be in the hydrogen era,” said Local 11 Business Director of Renewables Tommy Faave said. “This is the next era of good-paying electrical jobs – whether it’s hydrogen production, storage, or transportation – hydrogen projects like these are going to be key to building up our membership and bringing in more apprentices and more journeymen into Local 11. Fossil fuels are not going to be around forever.”

The green hydrogen-energy transition is already underway in California. The state recently announced that 100 percent of passenger vehicles and 50 percent of all heavy vehicles in California must be all-electric or hydrogen powered by 2035.

From the Port of Long Beach – which has set a goal to have zero-emission terminal equipment by 2030 – to El Segundo where the LADWP announced an \$800-million plan to convert the city’s largest gas-fired power plant to green hydrogen – up to the City of Lancaster – which announced its plan to become the first hydrogen-powered city in the U.S. – the green hydrogen evolution is gaining momentum.

“We have to have the energy ready to power our vehicles, to power our homes and businesses, and hydrogen must be included in that formula,” said IBEW 11 Political Director Antonio Sanchez. “This should be a lot of work for us – a lot more job calls. We have aggressive clean-energy goals in California. Now, we have to implement them. Green hydrogen has to be part of the solution.”

And, Local 11 has been well ahead of the clean-job curve, making sure new, green hydrogen jobs will be filled by union members – everything from fitting pipes and building fueling cells and fueling stations to running electrolyzers and creating the physical hydrogen transportation infrastructure.

Over the last two years IBEW 11 has been actively working to position itself and its members at the forefront of this new green



In February the Los Angeles City Council unanimously approved an \$800-million plan to empower the LADWP to convert the Scattergood Generating Station in Playa del Rey – the city’s largest gas-fired power plant – to green hydrogen.

hydrogen future to make sure that as each new hydrogen power project gets funded that it will be built by union labor.

IBEW 11 a Powerful Voice Shaping California’s Green Hydrogen Future

IBEW 11’s mission to put members front and center in the green hydrogen-energy future included co-founding ARCHES (Alliance for Renewable Clean Hydrogen Energy Systems) – a statewide coalition of private, public, non-profit, academic, and environmental groups.

In fact, ARCHES’ first meeting between labor and University of California education leaders was held at IBEW’s ETI facility in Commerce.

“IBEW 11 is well recognized as the leader in the field of new technology and new technology implementation, and they took a leadership role in ARCHES early on,” said Angelina Galiteva, ARCHES’ acting CEO. “IBEW 11 has been on the hydrogen forefront.”

ARCHES this month submitted a \$1.2-billion proposal to the U.S. Department of Energy to build one of four national clean-energy hubs (funded under the Inflation Reduction Act) here in California, which will create over 200,000 new jobs and reshape the state’s economy.

Galiteva said IBEW 11 was

instrumental in the initial design and creation of its blueprint on how to build a green hydrogen hub, which served as the foundation for ARCHES’ proposal.

IBEW 11 is also working on all the detailed proposal components – from including language on workforce codes and standards, safety protocols, and PLAs to ensuring local hire requirements and forging pre-apprenticeship program partnerships with building trades – to make sure labor is represented at the table.

“We want to rely on the knowledge and experience of our labor partners who have actually dealt with situations required in developing a hydrogen economy like transporting gases in pipelines, building pipeline infrastructure and building out the overall system that will unlock that hydrogen potential statewide,” Galiteva said. “We want to show everybody how it gets done right.”

Galiteva was especially impressed with Local 11 leadership’s recognition of just how powerful a job creator the green hydrogen energy category will be and how pivotal a role the electricity sector will play in its development.

“This a showcase of how the leadership role of labor is important to establish what is necessary to build the energy system of the future,” Galiteva said.

“We cannot do this without the active participation of labor.”

Local 11 Has the Green Energy Training Programs in Place

Local 11 members’ transition to this green hydrogen era will not require some great technological leap, Faave says. IBEW 11 has already put in place all the training programs brothers and sisters need to equip themselves with the skills to step on site at any hydrogen project and succeed right away.

Faave pointed to Local 11’s Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Investment Training Program – a 20-hour course for journey-level wiremen available at JATC training centers and online – and additional industrial and commercial training application courses as examples of training members can complete for certification.

“We’re not reinventing the wheel when it comes to hydrogen,” Faave said. “We already have training and curriculum in place through our journeyman and apprenticeship program for this type of work. Whenever we need to upskill or add a new technology into our curriculum, we always stay ahead of the curve so we can be prepared for any new technology coming down the pipeline. There’s no need to retrain our workforce. It’s nothing new to us.”

CITY OF HOPE

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Project Manager at CSI Electrical Contractors, Inc. (CSI), told News @ 11. “So, in the past 12 months, they’ve already come out of the ground, erected all the steel, and topped out. Electrical risers are completed to the roof, all gear is installed, they put the north facade wrapping on, and they’re currently working on the south facade.”

When it was time for Local 11’s crew to get in, the speed and quality of work continued at a breakneck pace. At one point, crews discovered that an unforeseen, six-inch-thick conduit that fed 18 different transfer switches across the hospital was in the footing of the new dock and needed to be relocated.

“The guys did a great job with the discovery – coming out and identifying where the actual conduit run was, planning the most effective way to relocate it outside the footprint,” Stevens said. “It was maybe a couple hundred hours’ worth of planning and a 100-page MOP (Method of Procedure), and they executed the cut-over” in one 15-hour day, with crew members at 18 different transfer switches across the entire campus monitoring the power, without interruption to the campus.

City of Hope’s Inspector of Record has always been impressed with CSI’s electrical work, Stevens continued, adding that “the work shows for itself, because we’ve been on this campus now for over eight years working with [them] and constructing buildings for City of Hope, and they just continue to have us right back.”

“We have a great group of guys and some good

leaders out there,” said Julian Pineda, General Foreman of the project for CSI. Local 11’s crew is “showing the apprentices the way to do things – the modern way of doing things.” On this site, that means extensive use of prefab parts to accelerate work.

“The prefab seems to be working pretty good,” Richard Mojica, a foreman with IBEW Local 11, said. “Everything these days is about cost and efficiency and getting the work done in a timely manner.”

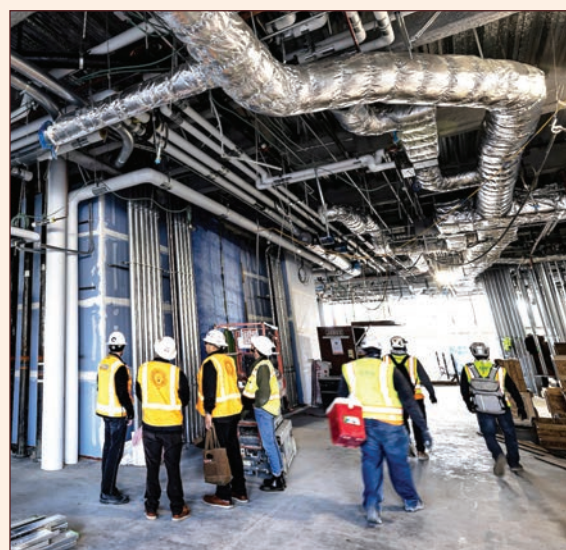
City of Hope “seems very happy with the contractors out here,” Tommy Zielomski, IBEW 11 District 6 Organizer, said of Local 11’s work on the outpatient care building. “It seems like they’re just going to keep giving them more work because they’re doing such a great job for them, and they know they have the ability to handle any situations that arise out here.”

On the roof of the building, Stevens, Zielomski, and Troncoza, Local 11 District 6 Business Representative, looked out at the nearby San Bernardino Mountains freshly covered in snow. The three agree that the views make for an incredible job site. Troncoza then reflected on the project itself.

“With so many members being able to work here, they’re able to feed their families and live a good life with the benefits that they’ll need in order to continue going on in the world, and in life, and the trials and tribulations that happen,” Troncoza said.

Troncoza added that working at this City of Hope location is an honor. “This particular hospital caters to the families as well as the victims of cancer and other ailments,” Troncoza said. “We’re glad to be a part of that and help them out.”

Phase One of the new cancer research outpatient care facility is set to open in early 2024.



Members Speak Out

“As a woman in the trade, there’s not very many of us, but I do encourage more women to go for it, take the chance, change your life. It’s worth it. It’s definitely worth it. I love what I do. I love the trade. I love the IBEW. And I do believe it’s just going to be wonderful for my future.”



— **JUANISHA WARREN**
First-Year Apprentice, CSI

“It feels good to give back something that you see from the highway as you drive by. You know you’ve been there and made your mark. You put your time in with the community. It’s a beautiful feeling.”



— **TIM D. SMITH**
Inside Wireman/Journeyman, CSI

“It makes you feel a little better knowing that you’re building something that’s going to help some people. The job itself, building a hospital, is a little more work involved with codes and that stuff, but we’re working on big wires, substations, switchgear, transformers, etc.”



— **DEREK DAVIS**
Journeyman, CSI

“It gives me a lot of pride, because I live in Pico Rivera, so I’m pretty local. Knowing that this job is going to help people that need help and all that—it does put a little bit extra meaning to it. So yeah, in that sense, yes, I feel very proud that I’m part of this project.”



— **RICHARD MOJICA**
Foreman, CSI

DISTRICT 2

Gary Tomlin

Here is the current project outlook in the District 2 area:

Conti: Rooftop solar project Alta Sea in San Pedro.

CSI: San Pedro Market Place Renovation.

CSI: Skechers HQ in Hermosa Beach.

Siege: At Pier 400 on Navy Way.

Gregg Electric: Boeing Enclave new tilt-ups by Long Beach Airport.

Neubauer Electric: Cerritos Community College Health/Science Building

ProCal Lighting: Bus Charging Infrastructure Project in Carson

LEED Electric: Port of Long Beach D48-50 Transit Shed Renovation

H&S Electric: Kaiser South Bay

Upcoming projects:

Harbor UCLA, 5-year plus project Rosendin/Meadows JV. Currently, just the new parking structure is being built.

Gregg Electric: New tilt-ups at the corner of 190th Street & Western Avenue. They are still rough grading the site.

Dyna: Train charging station in the Port of Los Angeles

PLA for City of Long Beach: \$100-Million Belmont Beach & Aquatics Center

Remember, if you see another trade doing our work, call one of the Business Agents or Organizers.

DISTRICT 4

Marc Greenfield

Greetings District 4 Brothers and Sisters.

Work is starting to pick up slowly but surely. Work has begun on the East Valley Light Rail Project. DWP has begun to relocate electric vaults on the east end of Van Nuys Blvd. This project will connect NoHo to the Sylmar Station. There will be nine stations along the track. The new Los Angeles Rams training facility is still in the design phase. Hopefully,

we will be building it by this time next year. We also have a 90MW battery storage facility that should begin before this summer.

I would like to thank the volunteers on our committee for all of their hard work and dedication. I would also like to invite all D4 members to our monthly meetings, which are held on the first Tuesday of every month.

DISTRICT 6

Jacob Troncoza

Hello, Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this finds you in good health.

Construction jobs are getting back on track after our heavy rainfall. District 6 has much school and hospital work. The pharmaceutical job is still with Taft, CSI, and other contractors, with multiple on-site buildings. Our political agenda captures opportunities for IBEW work in our jurisdiction.

All are invited to our Unit Meetings held on the fourth Wednesday of every month at our District 6 hall at 5 pm. Please get involved and express what's important to you with respect for all members.

We also had multiple volunteering opportunities these last few weeks. Thank you to those who helped with the BBQ Trailer! The LAEWA Hike was another excellent opportunity to have fun in the sun. I hope to see you all contribute selflessly to others. That's the IBEW way! God bless you all!

COMPLIANCE

Veronica Martinez

This month IBEW 11 had the pleasure of meeting Katie Hagen, Director of the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR), to discuss DIR's efforts in prevailing wage enforcement and the process for the publication of collective bargaining agreements. DIR shared the formation of the Labor Enforcement Task Force (LETF) and its recent successes with projects. This meeting resulted in a renewed commitment by DIR and IBEW to continue their partnership to help DIR meet its goal of departmentwide automation to identify

noncompliance issues more proactively. IBEW 11 will continue to meet with DIR management personnel in May, 2023.

INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION

Chris Longoria

First, I appreciate those who have communicated their thoughts and concerns over the past year. On every ITS project, ALL electrical work must be done by an IBEW Electrical worker. Apart from several of you who have already identified areas that require improvement, many of you have referred qualified candidates to bring into IBEW membership. The amount of work in front of us is going to require member attention and participation. For more information, please attend our next ITS meeting in Commerce on Tuesday, May 16 at 5pm. Additionally, you can reach me directly at (626) 318-6333, or email me at clongoria@ibew11.org.

REFINERIES

Manny Solis

Now is the time to look to work in our refineries!

Schultz Electric continues to hire more journeymen and apprentices at Marathon in Carson and Wilmington. Schultz is two years into a 10-year automation project. They are projecting to bring on many more journeymen and journeymen, apprentices, and a few dozen certified LEVEL "B" instrumentation technicians. To work for Schultz, members are required to have a current RSO20 card and a current TWIC card.

Newtron Electric will be looking to hire more journeymen and journeymen, along with apprentices this summer at the World Energy Refinery in Paramount. Newtron has a major contract at the Paramount Refinery to demo the old refinery then build a new clean fuels/bio-diesel refinery. This is a five- to six-year project. Newtron Electric requires a current RSO20 card and a current OSHA 30 card.

Other contractors will place refinery calls this summer!

California State Association of Electrical Workers Overwhelmingly Endorses Rep. Adam Schiff for U.S. Senate

At its April Legislative Conference in Sacramento, the California State Association of Electrical Workers (CSAEW) voted overwhelmingly to endorse California Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA) in his bid to become the state's next senator. CSAEW represents 83,000 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) members from 27 different Locals across California.

"Adam Schiff has been a long-time friend of labor," said CSAEW Secretary-Treasurer and IBEW 11 Business Manager Joël Barton. "I've known

him personally for over 20 years and he's always come through for working families."

Rep. Schiff from Los Angeles, Rep. Katie Porter from Orange County, and Rep. Barbara Lee from Oakland, all candidates who plan to run for Sen. Dianne Feinstein's senate seat after she announced in February that she will not seek an additional term in 2024, spoke to the CSAEW leaders at the conference, laying out their credentials and seeking the endorsement.

Added Barton, "We know Adam's door is always open. He has our back and will listen to our concerns. That's why the State Association

voted to endorse him."

Also on the agenda was the election of new officers for the CSAEW, one of the most powerful union political groups in the state. Returning to office are Tom Hansen, Business Manager of IBEW 302 in Martinez, as President; and Joel Barton, Business Manager of IBEW 11 in Los Angeles, as Secretary/Treasurer. The group welcomed newly elected Jim Rush, Business Manager of IBEW 440 as its new Vice President. The 12 District Business Managers or Sr. Asst. Business Managers, who represent locals from around the state, remained the same.

DISTRICT 2 Oscar Martinez

Over the last several months the Organizing Department has been working to make our Local grow by going to community outreach programs such job fairs, job site visits and city council meetings.

Remember, we are all organizers with our Local. So, if you see a job site or come across an electrician at the store or out having dinner remember the benefits that we were all blessed with, and pay it forward to some young apprentice or a journeyman wireman who needs the benefits we are privileged with. Also, just a quick reminder to members to stay current on your dues.

On a personal note, I will be retiring this June after 25 years with our Local. It has been an honor to serve you as District 2 organizer, apprentice, journeyman, wireman, foreman, steward, and election judge.

Thank you, and God bless you all.

DISTRICT 4 Ruben Mendoza

Sisters & Brothers,

In 2022 women made up 10.9 percent of the U.S. construction workforce. Women make up 3 percent of the membership in Local 11. Help Local 11 grow our percentage of Women in Non-Traditional Employment Roles (WINTER). A more inclusive future will mean better opportunities for everyone, regardless of gender, race, or education. Women in construction will allow all of us to build a better tomorrow. WINTER is part of the LA/OC Building Trades MC 3 program and offers free construction training, OSHA 30 Safety Certificate, First-Aid/CPR Certificate, and Physical Strength Training and Tool Recognition, to name a few. Contact WINTER at (213) 749-3970 or via e-mail: info@winterwomen.org.

org to get started. Women who work in the construction industry are intelligent, resourceful, skilled, and excellent leaders.

DISTRICT 6 Tommy Zielomski

As an organizer I'm tasked with many responsibilities, including job site visits, apprentice interviews, teaching COMET classes, attending career fairs, signing up new members and contractors, attending city council meetings, and connecting with elected officials. Meeting with politicians provides us the opportunity to discuss IBEW's agenda and communicate what matters most to our members.

This month at the CSAEW Conference I had the opportunity to lobby state assembly members in opposition to AB538. AB538 risks 1 million green union jobs and California's clean energy goals if it were to become law. What I really enjoyed was being able to meet with my Assemblymember from Assembly District 53, Freddie Rodriguez. I explained to Freddie that many members of IBEW including myself are his constituents, and the bill will negatively affect many of us if it becomes law. Freddie was opposed to the bill after the meeting.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT Mario Barragan Ben Frank

Brothers and Sisters,

On the Business Development front, we have been working with one of our developer partners, Luminous. We also look forward to our upcoming Contractors Business Course May 15-19. If you are interested, we still have a few spots left.

We have been extremely successful in signing contracts with school districts in Los Angeles County. This will account for over 28 Megawatts of solar carports and sunshades. Here are some of projects to look for in the future: Downy Unified School District (6 megawatts); Norwalk/La Mirada Unified School District (7 megawatts); Roland Unified

School District (4 megawatts).

These projects will break ground fourth quarter 2023. Additional projects that will break ground this summer: Alhambra Unified School District (5 megawatts) and City of Long Beach (6 megawatts).

These projects have only been made possible because of our political relationships in each of these public agencies. I want to thank members who have attended public hearings in support of these projects. Let's keep up the good work.

MANUFACTURING & INDUSTRIAL Kristian Mendoza

Hello. I hope all is well with you and your families are well and staying safe.

A few key highlights from the Industrial and Manufacturing arena this month:

At Kinkisharyo they have started the hiring process and are bringing in three to five new hires weekly.

At Covanta things are also moving along. We had a productive bargaining session last month and are currently working to lock down dates in May to wrap things up.

Our affiliates at the Supervisor Association Metropolitan Water District are continuing to work hard to finalize a contract with the MWD and are meeting on a weekly basis to bring that to completion.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns about Manufacturing or Industrial.



IBEW Local 11 Organizers Tommy Zielomski and Ruben Mendoza presented at the Architecture, Engineering and Construction Careers Event this month to educate future brothers and sisters on the benefits of union membership.



IBEW Local 11 Organizers Lali Castillo and Ruben Mendoza presented at the public charter school Phoenix Options For Youth Los Angeles of Cudahy Unified School District this month to show students the path a union future can offer.

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