



News from Local 70

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Celebrating Labor Day 2012



Last year, the Alameda Central Labor Council cancelled the Labor Day Picnic. This tradition had been going on for many, many years. Believing that Labor Day is the most important holiday of the year for organized labor, the Local 70 trustees made sure a celebration-free holiday wouldn't happen again. They secured a new venue, Alameda Point, reached out to the other unions in the Bay Area, and spent countless hours organizing this year's event.

More than 30 unions responded to the call by donating money and time to make this event a success. As you can see by these pictures, hundreds of members participated and had a great time celebrating the true meaning of the holiday.

Again, thanks to our trustees—Rich Fierro, Mark Hawkins and Kelsey Frasier—for taking on this task and starting a new tradition.



REGISTER TO VOTE! BALLOTS DUE ON/BY NOV. 6



President's Report

Dominic Chioware

Contract talks in the works

Local 70 Business Agents are currently in negotiations with the following companies:

CWS, AVI and PGS

Felix Martinez and I have been meeting with these companies and expect to conclude these negotiations shortly.

GSC

Business Agent Bob Aiello and Trustees Kelsey Frazier and Mark Hawkins continue to negotiate with GSC. This contract will be the model for all others in the Oakland Port expansion.

Unisource

Business Agent Bob Aiello, Shop Steward Al Rosell and I are currently in negotiations with Unisource key issues are health and welfare, and pension and expect to reach a tentative agreement shortly.

MV Transportation Livermore

Business Agent Bob Aiello has recently reached a tentative agreement and will be holding a ratification meeting.

USF Reddaway

The contract extension still continues day to day has IBT Sec-Treasurer Ken Hall continues to negotiate on behalf of Local 17, 63, 70, 104, 137, 174, 439, 455, 483, and 665. Movement is slow.

Oakland City Solid-Waste Franchise

The Oakland Franchise is out to bid. At this time WMI, AWI, Recology and CWS are all bidders. This work is currently being performed by WMI and keeps 300 employees working.

Voter registration & Get Out The Vote

Local 70 representatives will be visiting all the terminals in the upcoming months to make sure all members are registered and make sure our voice is heard in Washington by **voting**. Labor is in a fight for our life. The politicians are attacking jobs, pensions, and our right to organize. **Your vote may make the difference!**

Reminder: The next Membership Meeting is Thursday October 25, 2012.

Political Action
by LOU MAR

The truth about

Proposition 32, a measure appearing on the November statewide ballot, is not what it seems. While it claims to be about "stopping special interests," the measure actually gives special exemptions to corporate special interests and Super PACs. It would do nothing to fix what's broken in Sacramento. Instead, Prop 32 would give even more power to the wealthy and well-connected to influence elections, control government and weaken our state's middle class.

The millionaire backers misleadingly call it "The Stop Special Interest Money Now Act," claiming it would rein in campaign contributions by both unions and corporations. In fact, the deceptive wording of the initiative specifically limits the voice of union members like our local teachers and nurses and the firefighters and police that keep us safe.

The Facts

Prop 32 was written to limit the voice of union workers and create special exemptions for corporate interests.

Prop 32 exempts secretive super PACs and corporate front groups, which can raise unlimited amounts of money from corporate special interests and billionaire businessmen to support their candidates or defeat their enemies.

According to Mitt Romney . . .

"There are 47 percent of the people who will vote for the president no matter what... who are dependent upon government, who believe that they are victims, who believe that government has a responsibility to care for them, who believe that they are entitled to health care, to food, to housing, to you name it. ... These are people who pay no income tax. ...

And so my job is not to worry about those people—I'll never convince them that they should take personal responsibility and care for their lives."

"I like being able to fire people who provide services to me..."

"Let Detroit go bankrupt..."

"Don't try and stop the foreclosure process. Let it run its course and hit the bottom..."

"I'm concerned when I watch a President kowtow to the union bosses by putting in place those labor stooges at the NLRB..."

"I've taken on union bosses before. I'm happy to take them on again ..."

We can't let this man get elected.

Elect Richard Valle Alameda County Supervisor



Local 70 members Nick Radke and Ruben Bustillos attend Richard Valle's Kick-Off and precinct walk on Saturday, September 8, in Union City. Valle co-owns Tri-Ced Recycling, a company under contract with Teamsters Local 70 and is running for Alameda County Supervisor in District 2.

With our support Richard was appointed to fill the supervisor vacancy left when Nadia Lockyer resigned. Valle deserves our support due to his track record as Union City Councilman, and also because he is one of the best employers we have. He is in a hotly contested race and deserves all the support we can give him.

Key Dates for the 2012 Election

- The deadline to **register to vote** this year is **October 22**.
- **Absentee ballots** will be mailed on **October 8**. They must be mailed back by Tuesday, November 6, or you may turn in your ballot on election day at any voting location.
- **Election Day: Tuesday, November 6**.

You can now register to vote on-line. Go to:

www.sos.ca.gov

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Action Report
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Out Prop. 32

Prop 32 is Not campaign finance reform, as its backers claim. The wealthy supporters of this initiative created exemptions for Wall St. hedge funds, real estate investors, insurance companies and other well-heeled special interests allowing them to continue contributing directly to the coffers of political candidates.

Prop 32 would severely restrict union members in both the public and private sector from having a voice in our political process.

This measure would give **corporate CEOs and their lobbyists** even greater influence over our political system. Corporations already outspend unions 15-1 in politics. Despite the proponents' claims that this initiative is geared toward "getting special interest money out of politics," the truth is Prop 32 is a deceitful measure designed to silence working people.

Prop 32 is misleading, deceptive and full of consequences that hurt all of us. It does absolutely nothing to limit special interest influence on politics while severely curtailing working people's ability to stand up to powerful corporate interests. The result would be a devastating tilt in power to big banks, corporate CEOs and billionaires that would further undermine California's middle class.

Register to vote.



**Re-elect
President
Barack Obama!**

President Obama passed the stimulus (ARRA) which created or saved three million jobs

He led the federal effort that rescued the auto industry, which has seen a complete turnaround since June 2009.

He created a strong and independent consumer protection agency to protect working people from predatory lenders.

His comprehensive health insurance reform, while far from perfect, gives the promise of health security to millions of citizens, a goal that had eluded presidents for nearly 100 years.

He found a way around the Republican gridlock to name new members to the National Labor Relations Board, finally getting that agency to be able to function again.

VOTE NO on PROPOSITION 32!

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Marty Frates



We must win in November

Labor Day Picnic

The 2012 Labor Day Picnic was a huge success. A great time was had by all. A special thanks goes out to our Trustees Kelsey Frazier, Mark Hawkins and Rich Fierro who put this whole event together with the participating unions. They had events for the children, three jumping houses, face painting, etc... We also had a live band. We had the all important voter registration booth going strong, Obama for President and No on Proposition 32.

Local 70's BBQ, along with the Firefighters BBQs, were busy. The coalition of Teamsters and Firefighters can outcook anyone!

We look forward to doing it again next year and increasing the participation. The bottom line is it was great to see labor coming together with their families.

UPS Negotiations

I have previously mentioned that the UPS negotiations will consume a good portion of my time over the next six months. The National Committee and the Nor Cal Committee have put together their contract proposals and are ready to go.

This is not going to be an easy task. Health and Welfare is going to be the main issue. In the Western Region, we have maintenance of benefits protection, which means that the Employer has to pay the cost of the Health and Welfare program, whatever it is. The problem we face is that the cost of our Health and Welfare Plan 1980 which covers UPS, the Solid Waste and other industries is now up to \$1,898 per month for each eligible member.

Part of the reason for the high cost has been Kaiser. Last year, they came in with a cost increase

of 16% and we were able to reduce it to 13%. To make matters worse, they came in with a 17.9% increase this year. We are renewing this policy on a month to month basis. We have met with Kaiser and are demanding an explanation to justify the outrageous increases. What is interesting is that other similar plans had increases in the area of 4%.

The Trustees are looking for an alternative to Kaiser that will provide the same services at a reasonable cost. We know that a lot of our members are happy with Kaiser but we cannot afford unreasonable increases that force our Health and Welfare plans to cost \$2,000.00 per month per employee. There is only so much money in the pot to pay for Health and Welfare.

It is important for UPS members to prepare for a potential strike. We don't want one but we have to be ready.

Voter registration and VOTE!

The more we get into the political season it becomes obvious that we have to win. Politics used to be the art of compromise, but the Republican platform clearly wants to get rid of unions. That is not compromise; it is war!

The bottom line is that unions and our contracts cost money and they don't want to share. They want you to pay for your pension and they want to pay less in wages.

The only way we can protect what we have and to move forward is to participate and win in the political process. For yourself, your family and your future, please register to vote and please vote for Obama and vote No on Proposition 32. Also, please participate in your local union and attend membership meetings.

Local 70 members elected to TNBC leadership

The Executive Board of the Teamsters National Black Caucus at their International Conference elected Local 70 Vice-President Milton Lewis to serve as Regional Chair and member Jerome Otis to be Secretary-Treasurer.



Milton Lewis and Jerome Otis stand against Prop. 32 and for the TNBC.

"In my position as chairman, I plan to implement the programs based on the goals and missions of the TNBC," says Lewis. "The TNBC Bylaws state that we are to 'uphold the principles of the Teamsters' movement and to foster the opportunity for all Teamsters to serve in leadership capacities, throughout the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and its affiliates.' Further, we are to 'unite

African American, other minorities, and persons of good will for education and training about the trade union movement and to promote culture, civic, legislative, political, educational, fraternal, charitable,

welfare, social and other activities which further the interest of minorities.' It is my sincere hope that we all can work together to achieve these goals," Lewis says with pride.

Teamsters Local 70 would like to congratulate Milton and Jerome for their hard work and dedication to the TNBC. We are confident they will do a great job in their new positions and, as always, represent Local 70 honorably.



Labor unites on Labor Day

More than 30 unions came together to celebrate Labor Day in Alameda. This year's picnic was sponsored by unions and union supporters.

The event had jumpers, face painters for the kids, informational booths, free food and live entertainment. The picnic focused on families and not politicians although they were welcome to come enjoy the day.

With the attack on labor and the upcoming elections, building relationships with other union brothers and sisters is critical.

A special thank you to April Frates, to Local 70 members Ruben Bastillos and to Joe Sanchis and his family for all of the work they did at the barbeque, and also Lester Mina for the great pictures.

Voting this election

This election is crucial to our survival. **If Prop. 32 passes, we are all in danger of losing our rights in the political process.**

We will be visiting terminals asking you to register to vote. If you have moved, didn't vote in the last election, or your name is Chuck but the Local 70 titan shows you as Charles, Local 70 records will indicate that you are not registered to vote. In an attempt to correct this problem, every voter registration form we receive at Local 70 will update titan to reflect the information on your registration form.

We need 78 percent of union members to **Vote NO on Prop. 32**, so

take the time to register to vote or to re-register. Make an effort to explain what Prop. 32 really is: big corporations taking away your choice to participate in drive.

Picket Organizing Assessment Committee

Local 70 will be leafletting Petco stores across Alameda County to help add pressure to Nexeo/TPG in an attempt to get them to change their view on the pension. This will be the first action for the Picket, Organizing, and Assessment Committee to act on. The Picket, Organizing, Assessment Committee will start making phone calls and sending letters to our members to get you involved.

This will be one of many activities the committee will be a part of. The Rank and File is the backbone of the local and with your efforts anything is possible.

Website updates

Local 70's website is full of information meeting schedules, upcoming events, and political functions. Any time you need a form that has to do with union business, you can probably find it on the website. The local has just received some new t-shirts and women's shirts as well, so check out the website from time to time: www.teamsterslocal70.org

Hopefully we will see you at one of the next meetings on Saturday October 13 or Tuesday, November 13.

REGISTER TO VOTE! www.sos.ca.gov

Teamsters Local 70

2012 MEETING SCHEDULE

General Membership & Steward Council Meetings

October 13, 2012Saturday, 10:00 a.m.
 November 13, 20122nd Tuesday, 7:00 pm.
 December 15, 2012Saturday, 10:00 a.m.

Sick Benefit Meetings

2nd Tuesday of the Month

Call Tony Lara, Sick Committee Chairman for more information:
 800-243-1350 or 510-569-9317

**Unless notified otherwise, all meetings are held at
 Teamsters Local 70: 400 Roland Way, Oakland, CA 94621**

Local Union 70, City of Oakland, CA International Brotherhood of Teamsters TRUSTEES REPORT

July 2012

INCOME

Membership Dues	\$209,229.71
Initiation and Re-initiation Fees	8,827.28
Assessments & Fines	292.00
Non-member fees	809.91
Funds for transmittal for members	278.00
Other Income (Schedule A)	6,547.60
Total Cash Received	\$225,984.50

EXPENSES

Salaries	51,907.60
Expense allowances	5,100.00
Per capita tax	59,101.30
Contributions	800.00
Benefits Paid	18,192.59
Funds for Transmittal	167.00
Refunds - Dues	1,674.64

Refunds - Initiation & Reinitiation	0.00
Refunds - Other	0.00
Office and Administrative	14,263.70
Legal Fees	11,729.48
Arbitrator Fees	5,250.00
Other Professional Fees	1,611.01
Taxes	6,926.97
Meeting and committee expenses	878.19
Auto expenses	2,553.40
Out-of-town travel	8,491.54
Other expenses (Schedule B)	12,857.61
Other transactions (Schedule C)	224.96
Total Paid Out	\$201,730.15
Net Increase (or Decrease) in Cash	\$24,254.35
Cash balance: beginning of period	\$328,927.95
Cash Balance: end of period	\$353,182.30

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES As of July 31, 2012

Assets	July 1, 12	Change	July 31, 12
United Labor - General Fund	328,927.95	24,254.35	353,182.30
Petty Cash	850.00	0.00	850.00
General Fund-CD	229,082.24	1.85	229,082.24
Cash in Special Funds	34,707.77	2.77	34,710.54
Land	823,521.00	0.00	823,521.00
Buildings	3,462,224.36	0.00	3,462,224.36
Office Furniture/Equipment	46,861.36	0.00	46,861.36
Total Assets	\$4,926,174.68	\$24,257.12	\$4,950,431.80
Deduct Obligations	\$(182,884.48)	\$224.96	\$(182,659.52)
Net Assets	\$4,743,290.20	\$24,482.08	\$4,767,772.28

List of Obligations	
Obligations	\$(168,285.28)
Payroll Liability	\$(14,374.24)
Total list of Obligations	\$(182,659.52)

SCHEDULES

Schedule A—Other Receipts		Schedule C—Other Transactions	
Sale of Supplies	699.00	Janitorial Service	900.00
General Fund Checking	14.08	Gardening Service	1,700.00
Other Receipts	4,202.88	Security System	225.00
Overpay on Checkoff	103.64	Northern California Teamster News	945.66
CR-Corr. Overpay on Checkoff	1,468.00	Oakland As v SF Giants Game Tix	7,133.86
Insurance (Benevolent)	60.00	Settlement	115.84
Total Other Income	\$6,547.60	Penalties	117.25
		Total Other Expenses	\$12,857.61
Schedule B—Other Expenses			
Sick Benefit Payments	1,720.00	Schedule C—Other Transactions	
		Payroll liability: deducted not disbursed	224.96
		Total Other Transactions	\$224.96

Teamsters Local 70's Office will be closed the following days in 2012

Thanksgiving Day	November 22
Day after Thanksgiving	November 23
Christmas Eve	December 24
Christmas	December 25

Business Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.