

December 2018 Central Labor Council Meeting, Los Angeles County Federation of Labor

The LA FED has canceled LA Dodger Union Night 2019 participation since the Dodger's organization crossed hotel worker picket lines while playing in the World Series in Boston. They gave the organization an opportunity to apologize for crossing and were refused. Last year, union night brought out 5,600 union members to a game in LA.

Nominations were made, accepted and ratified for seats on the Executive Board, Rebecca Rhine of IATSE 600 was one of the nominees elected.

President's Report

Unite Here Local 11 are in negotiations for a new hotel worker contract. There will be strike actions on Dec 20th. For list of picketed hotels go here: <http://www.unitehere11.org/hotelguide/#guide>.

The Fed voted to use up to 10% of the solidarity fund to support the hotel and teacher strikes. More actions are planned. Check their website and feel free to bring by bottled water and snacks.

UTLA is gearing up for a strike on or after Jan 10, 2019. 47,000 teachers and supporters showed up at their recent rally. If the strike happens 550,000 students will be affected. Union leaders encourage parents to show their support by leaving their contact info at the school office for the school's union rep.

In 2018, The Fed accomplished most of their goals, including training 289 union organizers, winning 80% of the races where they backed candidates, grew the county Fed by 16,000 members.

The Fed is actively seeking union members who want to be trained as union organizers.

The strategic planning steering committee is working on setting goals for next year.

LACLA meets the second Wednesday of the month at the FED 6 pm

Dem Assembly District meetings are in January. Union members are encouraged to run for Assembly in their district. Check out the CADEM website for more info: <https://cadem.org/>

The new Labor 411 APP is now available in the Apple and Google stores to help you shop for union goods and services.

State and Local officials on the next ballot have been interviewed for their stance on labor issues. COPE endorsements are given to candidates based on their support for organized labor and its issues. The County Fed has interviewed candidates for upcoming elections for state and local offices in Municipalities, Judicial, and Supervisorial jobs and reviewed when possible their voting records on labor and labor issues. Those who they feel are friends of workers are given a COPE endorsement. For the list of endorsed candidates go to: <http://launionaficio.org/endorsement>

[Www.labor411.com](http://www.labor411.com) has a listing of union made goods and services.

The SOFA, Society of Financial Awareness offers free seminars on financial literacy and workshops to groups to educate the community. More info at: vic@vicclement.com <http://www.sofausa.org>

Labor studies classes on workplace safety, worker rights, grievance handling, collective bargaining and union messaging etc. available at LA Trade Tech. info at www.college.lattc.edu/laborcenter or (213) 763-7129. Scholarships for fall 2018 semester available.

[Www.BuyBlueforAmerica.org](http://www.BuyBlueforAmerica.org) will help you find ways to make your spending support socially responsible companies. #buyblue.

Bill Taxman wants you to know the Federation of Retired union workers is backing Erika Feristan in the January 27th 50th Assembly district. <https://www.adems.vote/ad50/>

The Fed is planning on trying to unseat four State Senate Democrats who endorsed school privatizer Marshall Tuck.

The California School Employees Association is trying to get Jackie Goldberg onto the School board.

The California Nurses Association is still trying to negotiate a contract with Kaiser.

Upcoming Events

The MLK breakfast for 2019 will feature Ta-nehisi Coates as the guest speaker