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WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER.

It is time for us to once again get to work and vote for the President of the United States. The choice is yours, but please keep in mind that at OPEIU, we are the working middle class Americans that both parties seem to be talking about. Now ask yourselves, "who will better serve you and your family's lifestyle as a middle class Union worker?"

We know we are not where we want to be as of today, but we are getting there. Let's not be fooled by all the rhetoric going on. The 1% would love to take back the hard-won achievements we have accomplished over the past years. The problems are not all with the President. We need to make changes in Congress as well. We need to let both the Senate, and the House of Representatives know that our voice counts, and we will be heard.

I KNOW!! It seems that we always stress the importance of each election, but this

year... this year, more than any other year in the modern times, it is truly imperative that we participate to the fullest. Our International is requesting that every member volunteer to do precinct walking, voter registration, and phone banking. They are also asking for volunteers to work in the battle ground states with all-expenses paid. If you are interested in this important work, please see the information below. Get your family, friends, and neighbors involved. It is important that we Show Up and Show Out at the polls throughout the United States of America.

WE WILL NOT BE ROBBED OF OUR RIGHTS!

Join the OPEIU GOTV 2024 Program Make Your Voice Heard!

As we approach the critical 2024 election, we are calling on all union members to participate in our "Get Out The Vote" (GOTV) program. This initiative is crucial to ensuring that working people have a strong voice in shaping the future of our communities and our country.

The OPEIU GOTV program offers multiple ways to get involved, from making calls to canvassing in key battleground states. Whether you have a few hours or a few days, there's an opportunity for everyone to contribute! You will receive all the training and materials needed to make a meaningful impact, and compensation is available for your time and efforts.

How Can You Get Involved?

- Battleground Deployment: Travel or work locally in battleground states.
- Weekend Warriors: Volunteer on weekends or your days off.
- After-Work Campaigners: Make phone calls after work hours.
- Phone Bank Volunteers: Engage voters from anywhere, with shifts that fit your schedule.

Joining the GOTV program is a great way to support candidates who stand with unions and working families. Plus, it's a rewarding experience that allows you to connect with others who share your commitment to workers' rights.

Ready to Get Started?

Sign up today by filling out the <u>GOTV 2024 Registration Form</u> and join us in making a difference this election season!

Together, we can amplify our voices and ensure a brighter future for all workers. Don't miss this opportunity to stand up for what matters most!

UNION STRONG WE'RE ONLY AS STRONG AS OUR MEMBERSHIP!



We would like to welcome the following members to OPEIU Local 537 and extend an invitation to join us for our General Membership meeting September 18, 2024. Craig Acorn Shane Amaya Alicia Angulo Carolina Armenta Maria Banuelos Keiandra Beacham Isa Bellinger Angela Bryant-Tyler Kristy Chan Kenia Chavarin Vanessa Chavarria Ashley Cruz Diana Garcia Jesus Garcia Jessica Griffith Mary Handsome Dervis Hernandez Angel Hinojosa-Chavez Jasmine Jingco Tyler Keeling Briana Martin John Martinez Cheryl Matthews Liseth Mendoza Royal Montoya Adina Morfoot Andrea Olivas Daisy Ortiz Kimberly Palacio Jhemari Quintana Melina Ramirez Lashay Reid Julie Shelton Joel Sherman Dakota Soliai Ashley Staudenraus Casey West Shannon Wong Wendy York Blanca Ysais

CONGRATULATIONS



Local 537 sends cheers and congratulations to Geisha Coleman of Teamsters Local 631 on the birth of her baby girl, Gianna, who was born August 29. Giannia weighed 7 lbs 15oz.



Congratulations to Deja Graham, daughter of Jasmine Vaughn of United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA), on being selected to attend the Romeo Corbil/Gilles Beauregard Summer Camp, which took place July 21 - 26, 2024, in Little Rock, Arkansas.



The Officers and Staff of OPEIU Local 537 sends out a Congratulations to our member who served tirelessly to the Union and Employer.

We wish you the best as you enter into a new phase in your life.

Angelina (Angie) Jara of

Machinist Lodge 947 retired after 23 years of service. Angle served 17 years as a Shop Steward for Local 537.

RATIFIED CONTRACTS

UPCOMING NEGOTIATIONS



- Asbestos Joint Apprenticeship
- Electrical Training Institute
- IBEW Local 440
- SMART Local 170
- SMART Local 206 Wages
- Teamsters Local 631
- UA PLUMBERS Local 525-Wages
- UAW-LETC
- Union Roofers Administration Fund

- American Federation of Musicians Local 47
- Benefit Programs
 Administration
- California Federation of Teachers - Wages
- IATSE Local 122
- IBEW Local 413 Wages
- IBEW Local 441
- Los Angeles Federation of Labor
- Operating Engineers
- Richard Prochazka, a Professional Corp.
- Rothner, Segall & Greenstone
- San Diego Electrical Training -Economics
- Shanley, a Professional Corporation
- SMART Local 26
- SMART Local 88
- SMART Local 88 JATF
- SMART Local 104
- Union YES Federal Credit
 Union

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 7:00 pm

This meeting will be held by ZOOM, registration is required.

Please RSVP to Marlene at marlene@opeiu537.org if you would like to attend.

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