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BARACK OBAMA
September 25, 2008

Dear Friends,

It's a pleasure to share these greetings with the workers of Blue Diamond Growers as you fight for a fair and free union election.

I understand that many of you are working with the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 17, and you deserve a process that gives you the opportunity to form a union if you so choose. That's why I will fight for laws that allow unions to do what they do best – organize.

I am proud to stand with you and to fight alongside you to build an America where we value the labor of every American and reward it with a few basic guarantees. We have to make sure that you and your families – and working families across this country – have affordable, accessible health care when you get sick; that you're being treated fairly in the workplace and earning wages that can raise a family; that your children are getting the world-class education they need to compete in the modern economy; and that after a lifetime of hard work, you can retire with dignity and security.

Over the last four years, there have been disturbing reports of employer misconduct in the form of discriminatory firings and unwarranted discipline against employees who speak up in support of the union. This is a dramatic example of why we need the Employee Free Choice Act, and I will sign it as President. Until we pass that law, I encourage management to meet cooperatively with your workers and their prospective agents to negotiate ground rules for a free and fair union election process.

The values you are fighting for aren't just the values of working folks or organized labor. They are American values. And the men and women of ILWU, and working people across this country, deserve a president who doesn't choke on the word "union" and is willing to fight for the right to organize; a president who knows that it's the Department of Labor, and not the Department of Management. And that's the kind of President I will be.

I wish you well and stand with you in your fight for a better future for yourselves and your families.

Sincerely,
Barack Obama
Barack Obama

OBAMA BIDEN

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– Barack Obama

ILWU election effort: holding politicians accountable

The ILWU political program is now in full swing as the election nears on November 4th. Hundreds of member and pensioner volunteers are talking to voters throughout the Western United States.

This year, the ILWU is making a special effort to participate in the AFL-CIO's Labor 2008 campaign, allowing the union to go beyond the

coastal states where members live and work in order to reach AFL-CIO members in nearby "swing states" who could easily determine the presidential election.

"George Bush has stuck working families with a two-trillion dollar tab for the Iraq war and another trillion dollars for the Wall Street bailout," said ILWU International President Bob McEllrath. "Our country is in real serious trouble, so we've got to help people cut through all the balo-

ney and see where these candidates stand on real issues."

The ILWU has identified a number of issues that matter most to union members and working families, including:

The right to join a union: Do the candidates support the Employer Free Choice Act (EFCA) that would make it possible for workers to join a union without being fired or terrorized?

Better health care: Do the candidates

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LETTERS TO THE DISPATCHER

Dear Editor,

I'm against the bailout for those Wall Street fat cats, and I'm sure other ILWU members are too. Everybody I talk to is against the bailout, and that includes both union and non-union workers. I can't believe the problems our country is having since they did away with regulations. That idiot Bush and the rest of them tried to get rid of our Social Security and replace it with personal investments in the stock market. Thank God that didn't happen, but it still could with McCain. We've got to vote for Obama. He's the only hope we've got in this election.

Earl Landsborough
Vancouver, WA

Dear Editor,

My late husband, Guadalupe A. Vasquez of Local 10, would be so proud of Robert McEllrath's "President's Message" in the September, 2008 *Dispatcher*. The sacrifice of the generations before us is still being honored by continuing the legacy for future generations. As a pensioner's widow, I will do my part to support and help the working families in the union by casting my vote at the polls.

Mary C. Vasquez
San Lorenzo, CA

Dear Editor,

I want to congratulate the ILWU negotiating team for securing our latest longshore contract. At a time when so many other workers are losing their jobs, pensions, health benefits, and pay, the ILWU negotiating team was able to sustain and even increase the benefits we had before. This is a great accomplishment. Many times in my retirement years I've said: "Thank God for the ILWU." I've been retired for 15 years and this week will cash my 180th pension check. Each time I look at those checks, I think back on the wonderful men who fought for this union and had the foresight to make the union strong so we could negotiate the benefits that we enjoy today. Fifty years ago, we had to spend our own money on health care; it was like a chain around the working man's neck. Growing up in the Depression years, those health care bills were a common disaster for all of us. Now there are times when we go to the pharmacy and pick up a thousand dollars of prescriptions and pay maybe \$5. People say to me, "wow, what a plan you have!" I tell them, proudly, about all the members who struggled to make this union what it is today. From my heart, I thank you for upholding our pride in the union.

Wesley T. Johnson
Bend, OR

P.S. We support Barack Obama and think he will support unions and be a great President.

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Longshore contract ratified

Longshore Division registrants have ratified the new Pacific Coast Longshore Contract Agreement by a 75% margin. The vote totals were: 7,567 "YES" and 2,506 "NO."

The vote was certified by the Coast Balloting Committee, selected by the Longshore Caucus.

PMA implemented the new wage rates on Saturday, October 4, 2008. PMA will also implement container gang manning changes in LA/LB and Oakland on October 4th.

Retroactivity from Saturday, June 28th, 2008 through Friday, October 3, 2008 will be paid in checks issued on Friday, October 24, 2008.

Pensioners Convention Rocks Portland

More than 200 ILWU pensioners and spouses met in Portland on September 15-17, proving the old adage to be true: "We may have retired from the job, but we'll never retire from the union!"

The 41st annual convention of the Pacific Coast Pensioners Association marked the first time they were joined by the International Executive Board and titled officers of the ILWU. The lively event focused on the pensioners' goals for the November elections, supporting a national single-payer health care plan, and international solidarity.

PCPA President Rich Austin kicked off the convention and told the del-

egates, "This election, more than any other in our lifetimes, has stakes so high that none of us can afford to sit on the sidelines. There is, in the words of words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., 'the fierce urgency of now!'"

The pensioners cheered when Austin noted the importance of volunteering and voting for candidates who support working families and issues like health care and union rights. Oregon State Senator Margaret Carter echoed Austin's remarks and added that we need to elect lawmakers who support social and economic justice, and peace.

Because the ILWU has a rich history and pensioners are often asked for interviews about their life in the union, delegates were given a set of guide-

lines to follow before and during an interview to protect themselves and to avoid revealing sensitive information about union issues. Gene Vrana, Director of Educational Services and ILWU Librarian, along with Harvey Schwartz, Editor and Curator of our Union's Oral History Project, presented the topic and provided a checklist which is available through pensioners clubs.

International President Bob McEllrath addressed the pensioners and thanked them for their continuing support of the ILWU's policies and programs. He received a standing ovation in recognition of his leadership as spokesman for the ILWU Longshore Negotiating Committee. Longshore Division Benefits Specialist George

Romero and all area benefits specialists informed the pensioners about key provisions in the new 2008 Longshore Contract that relate to medical care and pensions. They also explained the many ways that ILWU's Benefits Specialist serves both active and retired members, dependents, and surviving spouses. The pensioners thanked Romero – who is retiring and was accompanied by his wife Diane – for his years of service, and presented him with a plaque honoring his tireless work on behalf of every member in the "ILWU Family." John Castanho of Local 10 has been named the new Benefits Specialist.

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ILWU election effort

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support universal health care insurance for every American? Do they support the “single-payer” approach endorsed by the ILWU and other unions that would provide the highest quality, greatest choice, and most savings?

Fairer taxes: Will the candidates tax our employer-paid health benefits? Will they require corporations and the super-rich to start paying their fair share of taxes?

Ending the War in Iraq: Will the candidates commit to bringing our troops home safely by a certain date, and will they use better judgment before sending U.S. troops abroad?

The ILWU Executive Board carefully evaluated all the major candidates to see where they stood on these and other important issues.

“While no Presidential candidate is perfect, on every issue, it’s clear that Senator Barack Obama was a much better choice for working families,” said Vice President Joe Radisich.

Compared to Senator Obama, Senator McCain failed on almost every issue:

- ✓ McCain’s health care plan calls for taxing employer-paid health care benefits.
- ✓ McCain opposes the Employee Free Choice Act and helped kill it in the U.S. Senate
- ✓ McCain supports more tax breaks for corporations and the super-rich.
- ✓ McCain opposes universal health care and is strongly against the ILWU’s “single-payer” approach that saves money & increases care.
- ✓ McCain refuses to set a timeline for bringing our troops home from Iraq and said they could remain for “100 years.”

Getting these facts into the hands of working families is the job that vol-

unteers are now tackling in local communities and nearby “swing states” that could tip the election one way or another.

Recently, the ILWU Longshore Division decided to support 40 members and pensioners who are volunteering to work on AFL-CIO campaigns in Alaska, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico and Oregon. The key “swing states” in the west that are most likely to determine the Presidential race are Nevada, New Mexico, and Colorado.

“By expanding our campaign in five key states, the ILWU can help shift the balance of power in Washington, D.C. more towards working families,” said Local 40 member Dawn Des Brisay, who is overseeing the traveling volunteer program. “We need to make sure that working families in these states have accurate information about the candidates to make good decisions.”

In Alaska, U.S. Senator Ted Stevens was indicted on corruption charges this past July by federal prosecutors, making his re-election bid less certain. Stevens, along with Senator John McCain, has also been blocking passage of the Employee Free Choice Act, the proposed law that would end employer firings and harassment of union supporters, and allow a majority of workers to have a union if they want one. Stevens was charged with concealing \$250,000 in favors that he took from an oil company in exchange for helping them with business deals in Pakistan, Russia, and Alaska. The indictment increases the possibility that Senator Stevens could be defeated, making passage of the EFCA more possible in 2009. On the downside, the selection of Gov. Sarah Palin as McCain’s Vice President could motivate large numbers of conservative anti-union voters who may not care that Stevens’ was indicted for corruption.



Talking with voters is the best way to campaign, as Alfredo Perez is doing for Local 29 in San Diego.

Colorado’s nine electoral votes are up for grabs in the Presidential race. There’s also a hotly-contested U.S. Senate seat that’s a toss-up between former oil company executive and anti-union candidate Bob Schaffer, and ILWU-supported Congressman Mark Udall who has a 93% lifetime AFL-CIO voting record. Colorado voters are also facing a blizzard of ballot propositions, including three anti-union measures funded by 28-year-old beer heir Jonathan Coors. Amendment 47 is a “right to work (for less)” scheme that would ban union shops. Amendment 49 would strangle public-sector unions by banning dues check-off, and Amendment 54 would prohibit union political contributions. There are also ballot measures on abortion and affirmative action that conservatives hope will confuse and divide working families around controversial cultural issues. Labor unions have responded with their own ballot measures to increase penalties for white-collar crimes and protect workers from being unfairly fired. The underlying story is that public employees have been organizing and getting stronger, putting big business and conservative leaders in a panic because their dominance in Colorado is being challenged.

Nevada’s five electoral votes are up for grabs and being aggressively sought by both the Obama-Biden and McCain-Palin campaigns. If the race is close, Nevada’s handful of electoral votes could make a big difference.

New Mexico has five electoral votes and two U.S. Representatives who are competing to fill one U.S. Senate seat held by retiring Senator Pete Dominici. The outcome in this race is one of several that could shift the balance of power in the U.S. Senate more toward working families. Candidate and current Congressman Tom Udall has

a history of voting for working families 97% of the time, while Congressmember Steve Pearce has supported working families only 13% of the time, according to AFL-CIO records. New Mexico polls show Obama and McCain are running in a dead heat.

Oregon voters are enduring a nasty U.S. Senate race that pits Oregon House Speaker Jeff Merkley against incumbent Senator Gordon Smith. Merkley won a Gold Medal from the Oregon AFL-CIO for his leadership on behalf of working families, while Sen. Smith has been voting with George W. Bush 90% of the time. Voters are also facing – for the fourth time – an anti-union “paycheck deception” ballot measure that aims to weaken public employee unions by prohibiting members from paying dues through automatic payroll deduction. The Obama/McCain contest is too close to call in Oregon.

Local 8 member Shanti Lewallen is working full-time to recruit other union members into the Oregon campaigns. The volunteers he is recruiting are canvassing door-to-door and making phone calls to reach ILWU and other maritime union voters.

“The U.S. Senate races are really important because our right to organize unions is at stake,” said Lewallen. “We need change in Washington, and one way to do that is by getting more people to volunteer and vote this November.” Lewallen says that volunteers are needed to counteract the expensive advertising campaign that Senator Smith is using to make the longtime politician appear more “worker-friendly” than he really is.

Washington state volunteers are working hard to re-elect Gov. Chris Gregoire and send Darcy Burner to the U.S. House of Representatives. While noting that “there’s no perfect candi-

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Volunteers are getting the word out and leaving information for voters at the doors. Henry Evans from Local 29 shows how it’s done



Photo Credit: Joe Barrentine. Used with permission from the News Tribune.

Bob Gould, center, helps his Local 23 team pull the letter carriers' team past the center line to win a tug-of-war contest at the Labor Day picnic in Tacoma. Other members pictured include Tracy Montgomery, Scott Latterell, Walter Walls, Ron Pearsall and Ron Jenkins. Barbara Alverson is cheering them on.

Labor Day: West Coast Style

Los Angeles/Long Beach...

Hundreds of union members and supporters joined public officials and former Screen Actors Guild president Ed Asner at the Southland's largest Labor Day celebration. The event began with an ILWU-sponsored parade through the streets of Wilmington that ended in Banning Park where ILWU families joined members from many different unions. A live band belted out the blues and kept the speeches from politicians and union officials from going too long. ILWU Coast Committeeman Ray Ortiz Jr., delivered a short but passionate speech about the power of unity and solidarity that built the union 74 years ago and helped secure the latest Longshore Contract victory this summer.

"We're looking at some serious economic problems in this country. We can't afford to have politicians only take care of Wall Street and turn their backs on working families," he told the group. "It's up to us to come together and hold politicians more accountable."

Actor Ed Asner, known for his roles in "Lou Grant" and "The Mary Tyler

Moore Show," is also a longtime union activist who served as President of the Screen Actors Guild. "It's Labor Day so we're all together now, but it can't just be today – we've got to stick together everyday!"

Asner said the Screen Actors Guild is having trouble negotiating a new contract and urged unions to help each other. Asner also encouraged union members to get involved in politics and support good candidates who support unions, such as Steve Young, who's running against an anti-union opponent in Orange County's 48th Congressional District.

Among the many elected and appointed officials at the event were Los Angeles Councilwoman Janice Hahn, who served bowls of chili to attendees; Long Beach Vice Mayor Bonnie Lowenthal; Congresswoman Laura Richardson; State Assemblyman Mike Eng; Carson Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Gibson; and Port of Long Beach Harbor Commissioner Mario Cordero.

Richardson, a former Long Beach Councilwoman, mentioned her labor roots. "My mother is a retired Teamster,"

she said. "She was a single mother who raised two kids on her own. A lot of the things that we had, like braces for me and my sister, were possible because we were part of a labor union."

Sacramento...

Sacramento's Interfaith-Labor Coalition kicked-off a week of Labor Day activities in California's Central Valley, with a breakfast on Friday, August 22nd. More than 150 religious and labor leaders attended.

"I'm very grateful for the work of my brothers and sisters in the inter-religious community and my brothers and sisters in the labor community who were willing to come together and see what we could do in anticipation of Labor Day," said Bishop Jaime Soto, Roman Catholic Diocese of Sacramento. "I hope this is the first of many events where we can come together and support each other."

A large delegation of Local 17 members joined dozens of other volunteers who spent part of their holiday weekend preparing and serving meals for the hungry on Labor Day. The community

group "Loaves and Fishes" served more than 700 meals this year. Sacramento's Labor Council has been volunteering to help the project for 25 years.

Joining the ILWU volunteers were State Senator Darrell Steinberg, Galt Mayor Andrew Meredith, Congressional candidate Bill Durston, Rancho Cordova City Councilmember Ken Cooley and many others. Local 17 won special praise for having the largest number of volunteers at the event.

A record crowd – including ILWU members – turned out for the Annual Labor Day Picnic at Sacramento's William Land Park. In addition to the complimentary BBQ, there were children's activities, karaoke, a Texas hold-em poker tournament, bingo, and a raffle. Politicians were out in force, including Lt. Governor John Garamendi, State Senator Darrell Steinberg, Assemblymember Dave Jones, Congressional Candidate Charlie Brown and many others.

California's official State Fair in Sacramento runs two weeks through Labor Day, and Local 17 members were part of this year's event. They staffed the "Turn Around America," booth that was visited by fair-goers who signed over one thousand petitions supporting the Employee Free Choice Act. Visitors also learned about the workers at Blue Diamond Growers in Sacramento who want to join the ILWU.

San Francisco...

Members gathered at Local 10's dispatch hall to celebrate Labor Day in the Bay Area. In addition to plenty of food and drink, ILWU's "Men Along the Shore and the Legacy of 1934" historical exhibit was on display. Also on hand were staff from San Francisco State University's Labor Archives, who brought an exhibit of local labor history.

Oregon...

Oregon ILWU members know that Astoria is the place to be on Labor Day, and this year was no different. The food is always fantastic, with plenty of barbecued salmon and fresh crab. For folks in Portland who couldn't make the trip, there was the traditional Northwest Oregon Central Labor Council picnic at Oaks Park that attracted members from more than 30 unions, including ILWU locals 5, 8, 40 and 92 – with some Washington visi-



ILWU locals sponsored the annual Labor Day march from Wilmington to Banning Park in San Pedro.

How will the election impact you, your family, and your union?



"We're now engaged in two wars, our economy is in a shambles, banks are failing, the Constitution has been eviscerated, we torture people, our schools are overcrowded and under-funded, 47 million Americans still don't have healthcare, our "energy policy" means record profits for the oil companies while gas prices have tripled. The National Labor Relations Board has rolled back workers' rights, thousands of homes are being foreclosed,

and the list goes on. My children and I deserve better than this. So do you and yours. So does America. That's why I'm voting for Barack Obama and Joe Biden this November and I urge all of my ILWU brothers and sisters to do the same."

**Linda Kennedy, Local 63 OCU
Lakewood, CA**

"This election is about preserving the middle class in our country. If McCain is elected, he will continue the Bush-like attack on our union families and our jobs. McCain wants to tax us on our health care premiums, and more Americans would have to go without health care. In Oregon, we're working to elect Jeff Merkley to the U.S. Senate. He's a friend of labor who passed a bill that allows workers to collect unemployment during a lockout like the one we had in 2002. An anti-worker candidate wouldn't do that."

**Torrae DelaCruz, Local 8
Portland, OR**



"Why is this election so important? I think about my 15-year-old son and, to be honest, I'm worried about a draft. My uncle fought in World War II and we both thought McCain was crazy enough to draft kids like my son to fight for oil. I'm not going to send kids to die for greedy corporations. This economy, this whole country is at stake. Our whole existence is at risk, and Obama is the best candidate to put things on the right track."

**David Serrato, Local 13
San Pedro, CA**

"At a personal level, Barack Obama's campaign gives me hope. His education as a Harvard grad and law professor is reassuring, and he tempers his intelligence with compassion. Even though I may pronounce "new clee-ar" wrong sometimes, I don't expect my president to do so! As an independent voter, I appreciated Obama's early opposition to the War in Iraq when so many Congressional Democrats were voicing their support for military action. Obama also said he would vote for the Employee Free Choice Act. This sends a strong message to workers like me that he supports us. A lot of working people do not vote in their self-interest, but I think that if more of us vote for Obama, then working Americans will be better off."

**Jacqueline Peigare, Local 17
West Sacramento, CA**



Lou Grant throws an elbow: Actor and former union president Edward Asner jokes around with ILWU Coast Committeeman Ray Ortiz at the 29th annual Labor Day march.



So Cal Drill Team Debut: The newly-formed Southern California Marching Drill Squad looked sharp at the annual Harbor Area Labor Solidarity March.

tors from across the river at Locals 4 and 21.

"The politicians were there to give some speeches and hug some babies," said Local 8 Secretary-Treasurer Bruce Holte. Congressman Earl Blumenauer urged the crowd to work hard to elect working families' candidates in November.

"Barack Obama didn't go to Wall Street; he went to the south side of Chicago to work with the steelworkers who had lost their jobs," said Blumenauer. "This is an opportunity to put someone in the White House who will be an ally for working America. With Obama in the White House, Jeff Merkley in the U.S. Senate, and Kurt Schrader in the U.S. House of Representatives, we'll have a pro-working families legislature."

Representative David Wu spoke in support of Merkley, reminding union members of the importance of the Employee Free Choice Act. When Merkley took the stage, he said, "We need to make America a place that works for working people again. We need to end the war. We need to provide affordable, accessible health care for every man, woman and child. We need to end trade and tax policies that are unfair to the American worker. We need to pass the Employee Free Choice Act! This race is a tipping point in the U.S. Senate. The Senate must no longer be a place where House bills go to die, but a place where good House bills

go to thrive. Wouldn't it be great if we could do what we did in the Oregon House and Senate in the U.S. Senate and House?"

During the 2007 Oregon Legislative session, Merkley was instrumental in passing a bill that allows workers to collect unemployment insurance during a lockout like the one the ILWU suffered in 2002. Washington and California had allowed UI benefits for the locked-out longshore workers, but Oregon did not.

Washington...

Some ILWU members in Tacoma were among the 400 people who attended the Tacoma-Pierce County Labor Day picnic at Wright Park. Local 23 members competed in the annual "tug-of-war" contest and won the top honors, beating out last year's Letter Carrier champions. Their accomplishment was featured in the local newspaper, which reported that "the longshore workers won two straight rounds in less than a minute each." Local and state candidates including Darcy Burner, John Ladenburg, Jim McIntire, Steve Conway, Tami Green, Calvin Goings, Troy Kelley, Tim Farrell, Rob Cerqui, Debi Srail and Dawn Morrell attended the event.

ILWU members from Locals 19, 52 and 98 in Seattle participated in the annual King County Labor Council picnic.

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Prop 3 ... Childrens Hospital Bond	Yes	Prop 5 ... Nonviolent Offenders	Yes
		Prop 6 ... Crime (Sentencing)	No
		Prop 7 ... Renewable Energy Statute	No
		Prop 8 ... Same Sex Marriage	No
		Prop 9 ... Victims' Rights	No
		Prop 10 ... Energy Bonds	No
		Prop 11 ... Redistricting	No
		Prop 12 ... Veterans Bond Act	Yes

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BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT BOARD

Dist. 7: Lynette Sweet
Dist. 9: Tom Radulaovich

SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL MEASURES

Bond Measure A: SF General Hospital & Trauma Center Earthquake Safety Bonds: YES

SAN FRANCISCO CHARTER AMENDMENTS

- B**–Affordable Housing Fund: YES
- C**–Prohibiting City employees from serving as members of charter boards and commissions: NO
- D**–Financing Pier 70 Waterfront District Development Plan upon Board of Supervisors' approval: YES
- E**–Changing the number of signatures required to recall City officials: YES
- F**–Holding all City elections only in even-numbered years: YES
- G**–Allowing retirement system credit for unpaid parental leave: YES
- H**–San Francisco Clean Energy Act: NO RECOMMENDATION
- I**–Creating the Office of an Independent Rate Payer Advocate: NO
- J**–Creating an Historic Preservation Commission: NO
- K**–Changing the enforcement of laws related to prostitution and sex workers: NO
- L**–Funding Community Justice Center: NO
- M**–Changing the residential rent ordinance to prohibit specific acts of harassment: YES
- N**–Changing real property transfer tax rates: YES
- O**–Replacing the emergency response fee with an access line tax & revising the telephone user tax: YES

CALIFORNIA STATE PROPOSITIONS

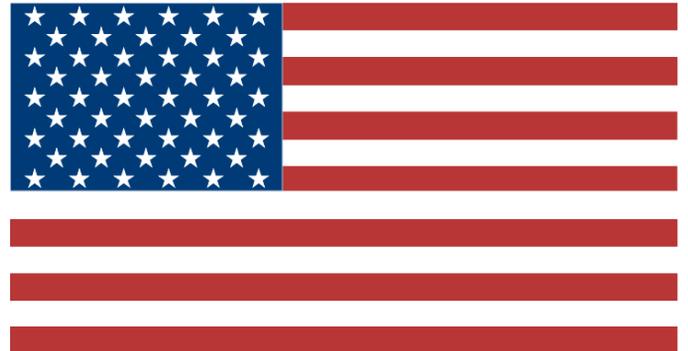
- Proposition 1**–High Speed Passenger Train Bond Act: YES
- Proposition 2**–Treatment of Farm Animals: NO RECOMMENDATION
- Proposition 3**–Children's Hospital Bond Act: YES
- Proposition 4**–Waiting period and parental notification before termination of minors' pregnancy: NO
- Proposition 5**–Nonviolent offenders, sentencing, parole, and rehabilitation: YES
- Proposition 6**–Criminal penalties and laws. Public safety funding: NO
- Proposition 7**–Renewable Energy: NO
- Proposition 8**–Limit on marriage: NO
- Proposition 9**–Criminal justice system victims' rights, parole: NO
- Proposition 10**–Alternative Fuel Vehicles and Renewable Energy Bond: NO
- Proposition 11**–Redistricting: NO
- Proposition 12**–Veterans Bond Act of 2008: YES

For a more complete list of NCDC city and county office endorsements please visit the ILWU website (www.ilwu.org).

LOCAL ELECTION ENDORSEMENTS

District 43	PAUL KHEKORIAN (D)	Office 82	CYNTHIA LOO
District 44	ANTHONY PORTANTINO (D)	Office 84	LORI-ANN JONES
District 45	KEVIN DELEON (D)	Office 95	PATRICIA NIETO
District 46	JOHN A. PEREZ (D)	Office 119	JARED MOSES
District 47	KAREN BASS (D)	Office 123	KATHLEEN BLANCHARD
District 48	MIKE DAVIS (D)	Office 125	JAMES BIANCO
District 49	MIKE ENG (D)	Office 134	MICHAEL JESIC
District 50	HECTOR DE LA TORRE (D)	LOCAL BALLOT MEASURES	
District 51	CURREN PRICE (D)	LOS ANGELES COUNTY	
District 52	ISADORE HALL (D)	Measure R	Transit Sales Tax Yes
District 53	YED LIEU (D)	Measure U	Tax Modernization Yes
District 54	BONNIE LOWENTHAL (D)	LONG BEACH	
District 55	WARREN FURUTANI (D)	Measure G	Tax Modernization Yes
District 56	TONY MENDOZA (D)	Measure I	Infrastructure Bond Yes
District 57	ED HERNANDEZ (D)	HAWTHORNE	
District 58	CHARLES CALDERON (D)	Measure V	Tax Modernization Yes
District 61	NORMA TORRES (D)	LAHEWOOD	
District 62	WILMA CARTER (D)	Measure L	Tax Modernization Yes
District 69	JOSE SOLORIO (D)	LYNWOOD	
District 76	LORI SALDANA (D)	Measure II	Tax Modernization Yes
LOS ANGELES COUNTY		WATER BOARDS	
Supervisor (2nd)	MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS	CENTRAL BASIN WATER	
District Attorney	STEVE COOLEY*	Div 4	RUDY MONTALVO
LA SUPERIOR COURT		Div 5	MASON D. INOCENTES
Office 72	HILLERI MERRITT		

Note: Slatecards with complete endorsements will be sent in the mail, with extra copies available at dispatch halls.



Oregon Area District Council

PRESIDENT: Barack Obama

US CONGRESS

US Senate: Jeff Merkley

CD 1: David Wu

CD 3: Earl Blumenauer

CD 4: Peter DeFazio

CD 5: Kurt Schrader

Oregon Attorney General : John Kroger

Labor Commissioner: Brad Avakian

Oregon State Treasurer: Ben Westlund

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Multnomah County Commissioner (D4): Carla Piluso

Columbia County Commissioner (Pos. 3): Pat Zimmerman

STATE BALLOT MEASURES

Measure 56–Voting Matters: YES

Measure 57–The Better Way to Fight Crime: YES

Measure 58–Limiting English Learning: NO

Measure 59–Sizemore’s Double Deduction: NO

Measure 60–Paying to the Test: NO

Measure 61–Mandatory Minimum Sentencing: NO

Measure 62–Diverting Lottery Funds: NO

Measure 63–Bad Neighbor Building Permit: NO

Measure 64–Don’t Silence Our Voice: NO

Measure 65–Top Two Primary: NO

Puget Sound District Council*

*Recommendations compiled by the Puget Sound District

PRESIDENT: Barack Obama

Governor: Christine Gregoire

Lieutenant Governor: Brad Owen

Attorney General: John Ladenburg

Insurance Commissioner: Mike Kreidler

Public Lands Commissioner: Peter Goodmark

State Treasurer: Jim McIntire

State Auditor: Brian Sonntag

Secretary of State: Sam Reed

Sup’t of Public Instruction: Terry Bergeson

U.S. House of Representatives, CD 8: Darcy Burner

STATE SUPREME COURT

State Supreme Court Pos.3: Mary Fairhurst

State Supreme Court Pos.4: Charles Johnson

State Supreme Court Pos.7: Debra Stephens

STATE LEGISLATIVE RACES

CD 1 Senate: Rosemary McAuliffe

CD 1 House: Al O’Brien

CD 1 House: Mark Ericks

CD 2 Senate: Marilyn Rasmussen

CD 2 House Position 1: Jean M. Christenson

CD 2 House Position 2: Tom Campbell

CD 3 Senate: Lisa Brown

CD 3 House Position 1: Alex Wood

CD 3 House Position 2: Timm Ormsby

CD 5 Senate: Phyllis Huster

CD 5 House Position 1: Jon Viebrock

CD 7 House Position 2: Joel Kretz

CD 8 House Position 2: Larry Haler

CD 9 Senate: Mark Schoesler

CD 10 Senate: Mary Margaret Haugen

CD 10 House Position 1: Patricia Terry

CD 10 House Position 2: Tim Knue

CD 11 Senate: Margarita Prentice

CD 11 House Position 1: Zack Hudgins

CD 11 House Position 2: Bob Hasegawa

CD 12 House Position 1: Cary Condotta

CD 12 House Position 2: Mike Armstrong

CD 13 House Position 2: Bill Hinkle

CD 16 Senate: Mike Hewitt

CD 16 House Position 1: Maureen Walsh

CD 17 House Position 1: Timothy Probst

CD 17 House Position 2: Deb Wallace

CD 17 Senate: Don Benton

CD 18 House Position 1: Vanessa Duplessie

CD 18 House Position 2: Jonathan Fant

CD 18 Senate: Jon Haugen

CD 19 House 1: Dean Tako

CD 19 House 2: Brian Blake

CD 19 Senate: Brian Hatfield

CD 21 House Position 1: Mary Helen Roberts

CD 21 House Position 2: Marko Liias

CD 25 Senate: Jim Kastama

CD 25 House Position 1: Rob Cerqui

CD 25 House Position 2: Dawn Morrell

CD 26 House Position 1: Kim Abel

CD 26 House Position 2: Larry Seaquist

CD 27 House Position 1: Dennis Flannigan

CD 28 Senate: Debi Srall

CD 28 House Position 1: Troy Kelley

CD 28 House Position 2: Tami Green

CD 29 House Position 1: Steve Conway

CD 30 House Position 1: Mark Miloscia

CD 30 House Position 2: Carol Gregory

CD 31 House Position 1: Ron Weigelt

CD 31 House Position 2: Chris Hurst

CD 32 House Position 1: Maralyn Chase

CD 32 House Position 2: Ruth Kagi

CD 33 House Position 1: Tina Louise Orwall

CD 33 House Position 2: Dave Upthegrove

CD 34 Senate: Joe McDermott

CD 34 House Position 1: Eileen Cody

CD 34 House Position 2: Sharon Nelson

CD 36 House Position 1: John Burbank

CD 36 House Position 2: Mary Lou Dickerson

CD 37 House Position 1: Sharon Tomiko-Santos

CD 37 House Position 2: Eric Pettigrew

CD 38 House Position 1: John McCoy

CD 38 House Position 2: Mike Sells

CD 39 Senate: Fred Walsler

CD 39 House Position 1: Scott Olson

CD 39 House Position 2: Kirk Pearson

CD 41 Senate: Fred Jarrett

CD 41 House Position 1: Marcie Maxwell

CD 41 House Position 2: Judy Clibborn

CD 43 House Position 2: Frank Chopp

CD 44 House Position 1: Hans Dunshee

CD 44 House Position 2: Liz Loomis

CD 45 House Position 1: Roger Goodman

CD 45 House Position 2: Larry Springer

CD 46 House Position 1: Scott White

CD 46 House Position 2: Phyllis Kenney

CD 47 House Position 1: Geoff Simpson

CD 47 House Position 2: Pat Sullivan

CD 48 House Position 1: Ross Hunter

CD 48 House Position 2: Deb Eddy

CD 49 House Position 1: James F “Jim” Jacks II

CD 49 House Position 2: James C. Moeller

CD 49 Senate: Craig Pridemore

Washington State Initiative 985: NO

Local 4 proposed a resolution at the recent International Longshore Division Caucus that passed unanimously to support the Fort Vancouver Seafarers Center, a non-profit public benefit corporation that provides facilities and services for merchant seafarers calling at the port. The Center is financially supported by donations from the Vancouver community, including Local 4, and by grant money from the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF).

Local 5 members lent their voices to a 300-person rally on Oct. 1 calling on Congress to craft a reasonable bailout plan that would support working families – not Wall Street. Local 5 Secretary-Treasurer Britta Duncan spoke at the rally at the Federal Building in Portland, saying, "How can Wall Street tell us that we haven't been managing our money properly, when we have no control over utility and medical costs? Northwest Natural just announced a 20% rate increase, and 50% of bankruptcies are tied to people's medical costs. All of us are one accident or diagnosis away from financial ruin." The organizers called for a responsible bailout plan that includes accountability for private financial institutions and other protections for taxpayers and working families. ... Local 5 members who work in food service at the Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wa, are starting contract negotiations Oct. 13 with Aramark Food Services.

Local 8 President Jeff Smith was incensed when he saw the *Oregonian* newspaper using a dock and container photo to support a right-wing columnist's bashing of an ILWU-endorsed candidate for U.S. Senate. Smith wrote a letter that was published and which set the record straight: "David Reinhard should join me working on the docks at the Port of Portland," wrote Smith. "We used to ship up to eight containers loaded with U.S. goods for every one container that we unloaded. Today, that ratio is almost 1:1 -- and many containers are going back out to sea empty. America's working families are paying a terrible price for the 'free trade' fiasco that's been so popular with Wall Street investors and Bush White House officials. Jeff Merkley's approach to fair trade is thoughtful, balanced and long overdue in Oregon, where we need more well-paying jobs with real ben-

efits to support working families." ... Local 8 member Shanti Lewallen has been working as a release timer to support the Labor 2008 campaign by recruiting and training maritime union volunteers, planning and staffing phone banks, organizing precinct walks, staffing rallies, and other events across the state.

Local 10 scheduled a rally for October 6 at the Yolo County Courthouse in Sacramento to support two longshoremen who were arrested at the Port of Sacramento on August 23, 2007, after objecting to their car being searched after returning to work from lunch. Two busloads of Local 10 members came to the courthouse last October to show support when Aaron Harrison and Jason Ruffin first appeared in court... Local 10 members responded with solidarity when Local 75 watchmen established a picket line at the Port of Oakland's Berth 57 related to difficult contract negotiations. Local 10 member and International Executive Board member Lawrence Thibeaux worked with the watchmen to help them win a new agreement ... Local 10 Pensioners are inviting everyone to join their bus trip to the Jackson Rancheria Casino on November 8th. The bus will pick you up in San Francisco at the Local 10 Dispatch Hall (400 North Point) at 7:30am or in Oakland at 73rd and Bancroft at 8:15am. The cost is \$25 and there are no refunds, but Bertha Miller (510-632-1830) and George Cobbs (415-474-0300) think you'll have a good time and invite you to call for a ticket.

Local 12 is supporting efforts to restore a rail line out of Coos Bay that would connect to Eugene, Oregon. Governor Ted Kulongoski and Congressman Peter DeFazio both support saving the rail line, which has fallen into disrepair, from abandonment by the Central Oregon and Pacific Railroad. According to Local 12 President Marvin Caldera, rail service could help attract Maersk Shipping, which expressed interest in locating a container facility in the North Bend-Coos Bay area.

Local 13 member Rich Dines is coordinating a large phone bank operation with Local 63 and the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor that is marshalling volunteers to make calls from Local 63 offices ... Local 13 members honored a picket line on Sunday, September 21, at the Port of Long Beach, Berth B-229, that was established by seafarers of the Liberian-flagged *MV Cap Spencer*. The



Meet me at the fair: Local 17 volunteers reached thousands of visitors at the California State Fair in Sacramento about the organizing campaign to help workers at Blue Diamond.

sailors were protesting their low wages and poor working conditions. Later that day — with help from the International Transport Workers Federation (ITF) and ILWU — the crewmembers were able to secure back wages, letters of indemnity, and an ITF-approved contract. "ILWU members understand that solidarity between seafarers and dockworkers is the best way to stop union busting on the waterfront. With so many attacks on maritime workers around the world, any union that gives solidarity today may be needing it tomorrow," said Ray Familathe, ILWU's Coordinator of International Relations. Familathe alerted dockworker unions in Australia and New Zealand so that workers and ITF officials in those countries can check in with the *MV Cap Spencer* crewmembers who are expected to arrive "down under" in the coming weeks ... David Arian is meeting with LA Harbor Community College students on October 15th. He'll show them the "Eye of the Storm" video, then talk about ILWU history.

Local 14 members are criticizing an attempt by the Wall Street investment firm Goldman Sachs to raise funds for a scheme that would privatize the ownership and development of the Redwood Marine Terminal at the Port of Eureka in California.

Local 17 held a press conference on September 26th to support hundreds of workers employed by Blue Diamond Growers who want to join the ILWU. After organizing for several years and enduring illegal firings and harassment by the company's anti-union management, Blue Diamond workers have decided to go forward with an election that will be conducted by National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). The vote will be closely watched by leaders from local churches, community groups, and political leaders who support the workers. At the September 26th event, letters of support from U.S. Senator Barack Obama, Senator Ted Kennedy, and local House member Doris Matsui were read and distributed to workers. The date for the union election will be set by the NLRB, but could be delayed if Blue Diamond tries to include supervisors or temporary workers in the vote.

Local 19 was featured in an article in the Seattle's *Post-Intelligencer*, and used the opportunity to reinforce the value of longshore workers and their union: "The ILWU wants to move into the future with the shipping carriers and bring more cargo to the West Coast," President Herald Ugles said, referring to the Negotiating Committee's securing ILWU jurisdiction over new technology on the docks in the 2008 Longshore Contract. "The Contract sends a message to the whole shipping world: If you want to invest big bucks, this

is the place." Ugles said, "We want to make them a whole bunch of money while we keep our slice of the pie. It is an acknowledgment by both sides that we need to work together. Why spend time fighting when we can figure out how to make the terminals work better?" The *P-I* also noted that longshoremen had placed a priority on taking care of the pensioners in the new Longshore Contract. Dabula Getahun, a 14-year longshoreman, told the newspaper why loyalty to the pensioners was important: "We are where we are because of the sacrifices they made."

Local 21 is busy working a boom in wheat exports at the Port of Kalama, the state's largest grain exporter. The port's two terminals had already loaded a total of 160 ships by the end of August, compared to 125 at the same time last year. The *Daily News* attributed the boom to high world prices, a weak U.S. dollar, a decline in international competition, and increased demand from China. Port of Kalama officials expect that exports will decline in a few months after U.S. farmers sell their existing crops. Local 21 President John Philbrook acknowledged in the article that more ship traffic was good news for longshoremen, and he told the *Dispatcher*, "The more we work, the more money we bring into Cowlitz County. The local economy can really use the boost in our schools and public services." ... Philbrook said the local is focused on getting out the vote for upcoming local, state, and national elections. Re-electing Gov. Christine Gregoire is a priority for the ILWU. Local 21 is also evaluating candidates who are running for Cowlitz County Commissioner. The local will decide who can best represent working families on the County Commission.

Local 34 awarded its annual Frank Billeci Scholarships to students Gina Van Loon and Mark Radanovich. The scholarship honors retired Local 34 President Frank Billeci, and provides \$1,000 to two deserving students. The program is open to children and grandchildren of active and retired Local 34 members ... Local 34 members were among those who honored the picket line that Local 75 members established at Berth 57 in the Port of Oakland on September 3rd. "The employer was clear that the Watchmen had the total support of other Bay Area locals and it probably helped the bargaining reach a successful conclusion," said Local 34 President Richard Cavalli.

Local 40 is working full speed ahead on implementing the ILWU's political program, with member Dawn Des Brisay coordinating 40 Longshore Division members and volunteers who are being dispatched to Alaska, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico and Oregon. Oregon's main focus is the election of Oregon House



ILWU at Veterans for Peace. Former Local 10 President and U.S. Army Airborne veteran David Gonzales addressed more than 500 delegates at the "Veterans For Peace" national convention in St. Paul, Minnesota on August 29th. Gonzales spoke with veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and the Gulf War about the ILWU's long history of social activism, and explained the dramatic action on May 1st by longshore workers who took a day without pay to support the troops by calling for an end to the war in Iraq. "We stood down from our jobs in order to stand up for America, for the troops, and to speak out against the war," said Gonzales.

Speaker Jeff Merkley over incumbent Gordon Smith. Merkley worked hard as Speaker in the 2007 Legislative Session to pass a bill that will allow workers to collect unemployment insurance in the event of an employer lockout.

Local 50 hosted its 50th Annual Labor Day Picnic, drawing more than 700 ILWU members from Portland and other surrounding ports for a day at Cullaby Lake in Warrenton, Oregon ... Astoria, where Local 50 is based, provides a safe harbor for some National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) research vessels.

Local 54 has seen less work this summer with most class B-registrants averaging only 4-5 shifts a month. Most of the work has involved unloading wind turbines and break bulk steel cargo.

Local 63 President Jim Spinosa has been talking to local officials about the new radio frequency identification devices (RFID) that are being installed on trucks coming into the ports of LA and Long Beach. He's been in touch with the Mayors of LA and Long Beach, plus Harbor Commissioners for both ports regarding the impact on jobs – if the new technology is misused. The local isn't opposed to RFID technology, but wants to make sure it will be used as intended – monitoring truck traffic to collect clean air fees and make sure that only newer, cleaner trucks are entering the terminal ... The phone lines

are buzzing after hours at Local 63 because union volunteers – including ILWU members – are calling other union members about the November 4th election. The effort is being coordinated by the LA County Federation of Labor ... Domenick Miretti and Patricia Aguirre from Local 63, and Paul Zuanich of Local 13 attended the Long Beach Green Port Fest on Saturday, October 4th. The event was designed to give residents an inside view of the port and the people who work there. The ILWU will have an exhibit that explains the union's history and priorities – that include support for cleaner air around the ports... Besides his role as liaison to the ports, Domenick Miretti is trying to help Locals 13, 63, and 94 find funding to build a Harry Bridges memorial in the harbor area. ... Hard to believe, but Local 63 is already making plans for its annual Christmas Party on Friday, December 5th at the Doubletree Hilton – San Pedro's only union hotel. ... The new drill team was a hit when they performed in the Labor Day Parade, and invitations to perform at other events have followed. The weekend after Labor Day, they performed at the campaign kickoff for State Sen. Mark Ridley-Thomas, who is now running for LA County Supervisor.

Local 94 held its "Bridges Cup" golf tournament on September 20-21 to raise money for the Miller's Children's Hospital at Long Beach Memorial. Turnout was impressive, with some players who came down from ILWU Canada



Negotiators who helped Local 75 members with the new contract covering nearly 100 Watchmen in the Bay Area (L-R): Patrick Kim, Thomas Koon, Russ Bargmann, Lawrence Thibeaux, Dave Terry, Michael Terry, Ron Defanti. (not pictured: Joe Pinguelo, Darrell Hare, Darrell Barrow)

and the Columbia River. ... Local 94 is working with Locals 13 and 63 to ask the LA Unified School District if a new school can be named in honor of Harry Bridges. They've sent letters of support and are circulating petitions. ... 2000 people visited a ILWU-sponsored booth at a community event on September 20th, where Local 94 volunteers distributed infor-

mation to local residents about how to prepare for earthquakes and other emergencies. ... Longtime Local 94 member Tom "Rapid Fire" Risler (#34072) passed away suddenly on Labor Day, September 1st. He is sorely missed by local members and was a mentor to many longshore workers and foremen.

Pensioners Convention Rocks Portland

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South African Guests

Two labor leaders from the South African Transport and Allied Workers Union (SATAWU) recounted their experience in fighting for workers rights under their country's apartheid government. At a time when unions were banned but segregated "associations" were permitted, Vagalingam "Tony" Naidoo, and Kgobodi "Moses" Sehlola risked severe physical punishment, including imprisonment, torture, and even death, to fight for the right to organize into unions and negotiate for better working conditions.

Thanks to SATAWU and the Nelson Mandela-led African National Congress, South African unions have since merged, integrated, and increased their power. The motto of SATAWU is the same as the ILWU's: "An Injury To One Is An Injury To All."

To recognize the honored guests' work for the international union movement, the Oregon Area PCPA presented Naidoo and Sehlola with PCPA Life-

time Membership jackets, longshore hats, and lapel pins. Their wives, Anni and Enica, received bracelets, corsages, and flowers.

Addressing the Health Care Crisis

Dr. John Geyman, author of the health care advocacy book "Do Not Resuscitate," spoke about the urgent need for universal, comprehensive health care that is high quality and affordable for all Americans. Geyman is an advocate for HR 676, the United States National Health Insurance Act, which would create a single-payer health care plan endorsed by the ILWU's 2006 Convention.

"Dr. Geyman made a strong case for why we need to move beyond the incremental 'band-aid fixes' that have plagued our nation's health care system for decades," reported Austin. "Even with all the tinkering that has taken place over the years, nearly 50 million residents of the U.S. still lack health insurance, and tens of millions more are finding it more and more difficult to afford whatever coverage they have."



Photo by: Lewis Wright

Campaigning for better health care: Pacific Coast Pensioners awarded a plaque to Dr. John Geyman following his informative speech on the need for national health care reform at the 41st annual Pensioners Convention in Portland. Dr. Geyman is joined by PCPA leaders Barbara Lewis, Arne Auvinen, Rich Austin, and Lou Loveridge.

Geyman warned that if Congress fails to address the crisis by the year 2025, health care costs for workers and their families will equal the wages they receive.

Resolutions and Changes

Delegates voted and approved several issues, including:

- Continued support for the California Rite-Aid workers who have voted to join Local 26 and are now negotiating their first contract.
- A resolution calling on former Coast Committeeman Bill Ward to write about his life in the ILWU.
- Honoring former PCPA President and outgoing Recording Secretary Arne Auvinen with President Emeritus status.
- Honoring outgoing PCPA Vice-President Lou Loveridge with Vice-President Emeritus status.

The group also elected their PCPA officers: President Rich Austin, Vice-President George Cobbs, Treasurer Barbara Lewis, and Recording Secretary John Munson. Lewis Wright was elected to the Longshore Division's Education Committee, and Rich Austin was elected to the Division's Benefits Committee.

Several delegates thanked the Host Committee for their hard work on the excellent tours, meals, banquet, and much more. Members of Local 8 and Local 5 were thanked for hosting a barbecue that welcomed the delegates.

The next PCPA Convention will be held in Victoria, British Columbia on September 14-16, 2009.



Photo by: Lewis Wright

Pensioners celebrate solidarity in Portland: Arne Auvinen, outgoing PCPA Recording Secretary and past PCPA President, greets South African labor leaders at the banquet during the PCPA Convention in Portland. The guests included Moses Sehlola (SATAWU Pensioner Delegate), his wife Enica, Anni Naidoo and her husband Tony Naidoo (SAWATU Pensioner Delegate).

NOTICE TO ALL ILWU-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES, ILWU MEMBERS, FINANCIAL CORE NON-MEMBERS AND NEW HIRES (September, 2008)

This notice applies to all ILWU-represented employees, ILWU members, nonmembers and new hires working in an ILWU bargaining unit, including members and individuals who happen at any time to become financial core members by any means, including by choice, suspension or expulsion from union membership in any local or division affiliated with the ILWU, for the one year period following the date of this notice or until such time covered by a later notice of similar kind.

The information contained herein applies to ILWU International per capita and, for those working in the Longshore Division, the ILWU Coast Pro Rata fees or payments of any kind under a union security clause. This notice also applies to local dues and fees paid to any affiliated ILWU locals or divisions, except those affiliates who have chosen not to be covered by this notice and have issued their own separate notice under their own separate policies and procedures. (Accordingly, this notice shall be superseded by any other notice issued by any affiliated ILWU local or division with respect to its dues and fees.)

Please be advised that individuals working under a union security clause contained in a collective bargaining agreement, notwithstanding the specific provisions of such clause, are only required as a condition of employment under such clause to pay uniform dues and any required initiation fees and may, by writing to the ILWU Secretary-Treasurer, or to their local ILWU secretary-treasurer, resign or decline union membership and choose to become a "financial core member" at any time. Such "financial core members" are deemed to be in compliance with any union security clause, regardless of any specific wording to the contrary, so long as they timely pay all regular and periodic financial core dues or fees properly charged by their bargaining representative as explained herein.

Please be advised, however, that financial core members deprive themselves of the valuable rights of union membership in the ILWU and their ILWU local or division. A financial core member does not have the right to vote, nominate for office, hold office, or be a candidate for office in the ILWU; nor may he/she participate in or even attend ILWU meetings or any functions of the union that are limited to union members. In addition, a financial core member has no right to vote on dues increases or on contracts submitted to the membership for ratification. These rights and privileges of union membership are accorded only to union members in good standing.

Nevertheless, financial core members are still legally required under a valid union security clause to pay to their union for the costs related to collective bargaining, contract administration, grievance adjustment, and union organizing of establishments within competitive markets of ILWU-unionized employers, and other activities reasonably related to the effectuation of the union's representational duties (hereinafter called "chargeable activities"). However, union expenditures for non-representational activities such as political activities, lobbying (hereinafter called "nonchargeable activities") - activities which most workers know help build a better climate for us all in bargaining with employers and in securing fundamental worker rights - may not be charged to financial core members who file timely objections.

For calendar year 2007 (which is the most recent audited year), the financial review has confirmed that no more than 11% of all ILWU International's expenditures were for nonchargeable activities. While each ILWU local and division may have different percentages of nonchargeable expenditures, financial reviews and practical experience confirm that the nonchargeable percentage for ILWU locals is significantly lower than that for the ILWU International. Nevertheless, those ILWU locals and divisions covered by this notice will not collect or seek to collect financial core fees greater than that based on the nonchargeable percentage of 11% stated above for the ILWU International for the applicable collection period herein or until such time as such local issues a separate notice.

For those individuals employed in the ILWU Longshore Division and work for a PMA-member company under the Pacific Coast Longshore and Clerks Agreement, please also note that with respect to Coast Pro Rata Fees (including "Fighting Fund" fees), for calendar year 2007 (which is the most recent audited year), the financial review has confirmed that no more than 11% of all ILWU Coast Pro Rata Committee's expenditures were for nonchargeable activities.

The ILWU International Executive Board and the ILWU Coast Pro Rata Committee have adopted the following Procedures on Financial Core Members Objecting to Nonchargeable Expenditures (hereinafter called the "Procedures"). Under the Procedures, a financial core member of any affiliated ILWU local and division has the right within an applicable 30 day period of time to object to expenditure for nonchargeable activities of his or her local dues paid to the ILWU local and the per capita paid to the ILWU International, as well as any Coast Pro Rata fees paid to the ILWU Coast Pro Rata Committee. In the event a financial core member perfects such objection, he or she shall receive either the appropriate monthly reduction or an advance rebate of a portion of local dues and per capita reflecting the ILWU International's nonchargeable percentage of 11% stated above and, additionally for those working in the ILWU Longshore Division, an appropriate monthly reduction or an advance rebate of a portion of the coast pro rata fees reflecting the ILWU Coast Pro Rata Committee's nonchargeable percentage of 11% stated above.

Under the Procedures, an objection by a financial core member must be made in writing and post-marked within 30 days from the date of this notice or the date of becoming a new hire or a financial core member under an ILWU union security clause and receipt of this notice, whichever is later, and addressed to the ILWU International Secretary-Treasurer, 1188 Franklin Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94109. To be valid, the written objection must specify the objector's name, address, social security number, current wage rate, the name of his or her employer and the name of the local union or division which represents the objector. A written objection must be timely in order to be valid. Without waiving the 30-day filing period with respect to other notices of this type, please be advised that under this notice only, objections filed by current financial core members will be deemed timely if postmarked on or before November 1, 2008. Individuals who after the date of this notice become new hires or financial core members may file an objection within 30 days of the date they become a new hire or financial core member or receive this notice, whichever is later.

Unless changed by a later notice, those financial core members and new hires who file timely objections will not be charged from the date they file a timely objection through October 2009 for expenditures related to nonchargeable activities based on the applicable percentages noted above and also will be provided detailed, independently audited financial information concerning the breakdown between chargeable and nonchargeable expenditures of the ILWU International, the ILWU Coast Pro Rata Committee (if the objector works in the Longshore Division) and of their ILWU local (if covered by this notice as explained herein). Objectors will also be given an opportunity to file, within 30 days of receipt of such financial information, a challenge to the amount and calculation of any such nonchargeable expenditures and percentages, as well as an opportunity to have such a challenge resolved, if not voluntarily settled, through expeditious arbitration before a neutral arbitrator selected by the American Arbitration Association (AAA) in proceedings conducted under AAA Rules applicable to objections to agency fees. Please also note that the amount or portion of financial core fees pending the period for filing any objection and challenge as well as the amount reasonably in dispute pursuant to any challenges will be kept in an interest bearing escrow account pending resolution of such challenges. Objectors who file challenges will receive any amount that may be determined to be owed them, plus accrued interest, pursuant to these Procedures.

It is important to know that the vast majority of ILWU represented workers believe that the little extra in dues for maintaining union membership and enjoying all the valuable benefits of full participation in the governing of the ILWU, and the negotiation of working conditions is quite a bargain. For a few cents more each week, union members enjoy all the benefits of membership in the ILWU. We sincerely believe that after careful consideration, new hires and financial core members too will agree that becoming and remaining a union member makes the most sense. If you are not a union member already but are eligible for membership under your Local's constitution and rules, please contact your ILWU local to join the ILWU.

This notice may be superseded or amended by later notices as issued by the ILWU, the Coast Pro Rata Committee or affiliated locals and divisions of the ILWU. (rev. Sept. 2008)



New Board member Steve Hanson (right) was sworn-in by International President Bob McEllrath.

Executive Board meets in Portland

The ILWU International Executive Board met in Portland on September 18-19. ILWU's International Trustees met on September 17th. Both meetings were scheduled to follow the Pacific Coast Pensioners Association Convention (see Pensioners Convention Rocks Portland in this issue).

New Board member Steve Hanson from Local 8 in Portland was sworn-in to replace Jerry Ylonen who stepped down after becoming a foreman with Local 92.

International Trustees presented their report, followed by a financial report from International Secretary-Treasurer Willie Adams. Both reports noted that the ILWU International 2008 first quarter financial statement showed a surplus.

International Vice President Joe Radisich introduced a report about

ILWU Organizing efforts, followed by a short presentation from Organizing Director Peter Olney who summarized the status of 10 projects including the Blue Diamond Growers plant in Sacramento where workers recently decided to file for a union election, and the Rite Aid warehouse in Lancaster where 600 new ILWU members are trying to negotiate their first contract.

Other reports presented at the Board covered developments at the Inlandboatmen's Union, ILWU Canada, Hawaii, plus reports from every Board member about ILWU activities in their area. A report from the Board's Subcommittee on Elections was tabled until the next meeting.

The International Executive Board will meet on December 11-12 at the ILWU headquarters in San Francisco. International Trustees will meet on December 10th.

TRANSITIONS

RECENT RETIREES:

Local 8: Michael M. Lutz, Sr.; Dennis D. Thorne; Kenney L. Goodell; Nellie L. Oliver; **Local 10:** Clarence Baptiste; Christopher N. Newton; George E. Romero; **Local 12:** William W. Gumm; **Local 13:** Jessie L. Smyth; Wilbert Jackson; George N. Padovan; Clement Costa; Rogelio B. Martinez; Andrew C. Heilman; Dale R. Vander Heide; **Local 19:** Lawrence J. Hansen; Wayne G. Erickson; Thomas A. Bakken; Lawrence L. Spafford; Ardell R. Bruil; **Local 21:** Charles F. Grogan; **Local 23:** Matthew C. Michael; Lyle A. Dobiash; David R. Bingham; **Local 26:** Charles G. Roland; **Local 29:** Abel De Brito, Jr.; **Local 34:** Donald R. Daley; **Local 52:** Roderic Johansen; **Local 63:** James C. Seals; John J. Burns; Greg Kordich; **Local 91:** Ray G. Mullinax; George S. Anthony; **Local 94:** Joseph S. Di Cola; Marcelino Martinez; John H. Masse; Severo Romero; **Local 98:** Thomas R. Chelius; Michell S. Mizell.

DECEASED:

Local 8: Robert H. Kuehl; Martin K. Probsdorfer; William Mildenberger; Larry L. Smith; **Local 10:** Joe K. Bangay; Frank G. Gauthier; Delmont Blakeney; Louie F. Rasso; **Local 12:** Delbert E. Hiveley; **Local 13:** Jaime M. Nevarez; Carleton O. Dorsett; Michael Malnar Jr.; Ernesto J. Herrera; Rudy M. Urquides; Blanca E. Clarens; **Local 14:** George H. Simpson; Local 21: Clifford L. Goodrich; George S. Derrick; **Local 23:** Joel B. Rinehart; **Local 29:** David R. Peer; **Local 34:** Frank Todaro; Leonard

Erickson; **Local 52:** Tony J. Pirak; **Local 63:** Richard Villescas; Jack E. Gordon; George L. Drudge; **Local 91:** George E. Jacobsen; **Local 92:** Fred J. Girt Jr.; **Local 94:** Raymond R. Bell; Frank S. Pacheco; Gene D. Hilbert; **Local 98:** Jack O. Alexander.

DECEASED SURVIVORS:

Local 10: Virginia Jones; Willa M. Dellums; Clara C. Mehl; Pearlina Martin; **Local 13:** Goldie A. Wilson; **Local 14:** Alma J. Peters; **Local 19:** Juanita Epperson; **Local 21:** Neva J. Grauman; **Local 26:** Lynn R. Hayes; Richard Mccullough; **Local 34:** Conceicao Ravella; **Local 46:** Emma M. Olivera; **Local 54:** Lorraine C. Jensen; **Local 63:** Connie L. Schroeder; **Local 91:** Roseina De Mercurio; **Local 94:** Jennie Nelson.

NEW SURVIVORS:

Local 8: Melesila Weilert (Leonard); Gisela Probsdorfer (Martin); Elaine F. Mildenberger (William); **Local 10:** Billie T. Davis (James); Doris J. Mc Clarty (Lawrence); Mary C. Vasquez (Guadalupe); Dorothy Blakeney (Delmont); Antonia K. Rasso (Louie); Cynthia Rutter (Norman); Nina R. Clay (Edward); **Local 13:** Doris Umbarger (Robert); **Local 19:** Iris M. Vinje (Clifford); **Local 21:** Hailie C. Martinez; **Local 23:** Geraldine Merz (Edward); **Local 26:** Ruth V. Hayes (Lynn); **Local 32:** Mary Lou Burgess (Robert); **Local 52:** Wanda L. Sullivan (Thomas); **Local 92:** Dorothy L. Girt (Fred J. Girt Jr.); **Local 94:** Esther A. Hilbert (Gene). (deceased in parenthesis)

Local 4 members and students direct longshore videos

For the past five years, Local 4 dispatcher Troy Olson has been helping students at high schools in Vancouver, Washington and Portland, Oregon develop an innovative film and mentoring program that has produced safety training videos to protect longshore workers – while providing students with valuable skills and experience about local jobs and unions.

In 2003, Olson contacted video production teacher David Blackwell at Fort Vancouver High School about working with students to produce a safety video for the Port of Vancouver. Blackwell agreed that it was an excellent opportunity for his students to get hands-on experience and learn more about longshore work. Over the next several months, Olson worked closely with Blackwell and two students to make the vision come alive.

After Olson wrote a script, the student crew spent several days on the docks shooting video footage and getting a good education about the kind of work that takes place at the port. The final product was finished in 2005 and called: “United Harvest: Get in the Game.” The video is being used to educate new longshore workers about the safety “do’s and don’ts” at the grain processing terminal on the Columbia River in Vancouver. The training film instructs new workers how to safely

board barges, operate grain augers, and handle other machinery in the grain elevators.

“The final DVD’s are grade-A productions that are cost-effective and independently produced without the usual employer slant,” said Olson. “This program provides students with valuable ‘hands-on’ experience about filmmaking and offers them some important lessons about working for a living and the role of unions.”

The initial project was so successful that Olson continued the local’s relationship with Blackwell after the teacher moved to nearby Mountain View High School. Since then, Local 4 has funded other student video productions there, such as “First Days on the Front” (2006) and “Retirees Dinner Local 4 Historical Video” (2007).

“The union is working with students, teachers and schools in such a positive way,” Blackwell said, “This partnership has far exceeded everyone’s expectations.”

Local 4 also cooperated with Portland’s Reynolds Learning Academy—a vocational school for high school students that runs a “Trading Up” program. The program helps students learn about job opportunities by combining classroom training with hands-on experience at local union jobsites.

On Nov. 29, 2007, eight students went to work for the day as longshore workers at the Port of Vancouver. Local 4 “A” men walked the Reynolds students through the dispatch process,



Lights, Camera, Union! Local 4 dispatcher Troy Olson with high school students from the Reynolds Learning Academy in Portland. The longshore local in Vancouver, Washington is partnering with local high schools on programs that help students and the union.

taught them about the equipment, then provided lunch. After a quick tour of the port, students were broken into two groups and learned how to drive equipment at four worksites.

“This experience was life-altering for our students, because most never experienced this type of an environment before. It’s an incredible opportunity to be trusted with a chance to operate such valuable equipment,” said Angie Gilbert, who coordinates the School-to-Work program at Reynolds. “We were all incredibly impressed with the longshore workers’ professional-

ism and their knowledge. We were also overwhelmed by their good humor and ability to connect with kids. These one-day, hands-on experiences help our students move into a trade after they graduate.”

Olson is excited about his next chance to work with 14 Reynolds students on October 13th and 15th, adding with a laugh that the kids seem eager to return to the docks.

“When was the last time you heard a teenager say that they were looking forward to spending more time at work!”

ILWU election effort

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date,” Rich Austin, President of the Pacific Coast Pensioners Association, pointed out strong contrasts between the candidates in these two top-priority Washington races.

“Gov. Gregoire has created 285,000 new jobs and extended health care benefits to 84,000 uninsured children,” reported Austin. “Her opponent, Dino Rossi, is a devotee of the Bush economic policy, has an abysmal labor voting record, and wants to privatize our roads and other public resources.”

Austin said that ILWU volunteers are also helping to elect Darcy Burner over incumbent U.S. Representa-

tive Dave Reichert, who has a dismal 21% rating from the AFL-CIO, and was given the dubious honor of being ranked among the lowest 10% of all members in Congress by the non-partisan Roll Call magazine.

“Dave Reichert continues to support Bush’s unending war in Iraq and is one of the least effective members of Congress,” said Austin. “Darcy Burner supports the orderly, safe withdrawal of our troops. She also favors real health care reform, is a very strong advocate of public education, and she supports the Employee Free Choice Act.”

California isn’t a swing state in the presidential race because support is



Local 8 member Torrae Delacruz (far right) joined other union members to question U.S. Senate candidate Jeff Merkley from Oregon on September 29th. Merkley pledged to support the “Employee Free Choice Act” that will help workers join a union without being fired. Merkley’s opponent, U.S. Senator Gordon Smith, cast a vote to kill the legislation.

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– ILWU Secretary-Treasurer Willie Adams

already so strong for the Obama-Biden Presidential ticket. But volunteers in Southern California are working with the AFL-CIO to reach across state borders to contact union members in Nevada, New Mexico, and Colorado.

“ILWU volunteers are calling long-distance from Local 63’s phone bank to reach union members in those three key states,” explains Rich Dines, who heads the ILWU Southern California District Council which coordinates political and legislative work in the region.

Their goal is ambitious: “We’re joining other unions in the LA Labor Federation who want to reach a half-

million union homes in Nevada, Colorado, and New Mexico. We’ve already got volunteers on the phones calling Monday through Thursday nights, so we’re on track to meet that goal,” said Dines.

“Every election is important, but this one is historic,” says ILWU Secretary-Treasurer Willie Adams. “Another Great Depression is staring us in the face. The tide is going to change. We must wrap our brain around this election. The posterity of working families is up for grabs. The ILWU is not taking anything for granted. We will win on November 4th.”



Election volunteers in Oregon are contacting ILWU members with information about candidates who are supporting working families.



ILWU President Bob McEllrath with Barack Obama. The ILWU Executive Board endorsed Obama after comparing the records of all presidential candidates and concluding that he had the best record on issues that matter most to working families.

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