



# PLUMBER'S LOCAL UNION 78 PRODUCTIVE, QUALITY CRAFTSMEN

**BUILDING & MAINTAINING LOS ANGELES SINCE 1892**

June 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

It is hard to believe we are already at the middle of 2014, how time flies. Soon the kids will be out of school enjoying their summer break and the weather will be heating up. This is also a time that Plumbers Local 78 is anticipating some of the work that began over a year ago to gain momentum. We have heard that developers from all over including the Pacific Rim, Middle East and Canada have started buying property, and are hiring architects to dust off old drawings to make them fresh, a few such projects have been on and off for over twenty years. Today it seems that the financing is available, and the city is actively working to see that these projects move forward.

The Building Trades, Local 78 and some of the other trades have been working closely with the AFL-CIO Housing Invest Trust and UNICO to help solidify the necessary financing to move forward some of their slated projects. Our work with AFL-CIO Housing Invest Trust and UNICO is one way

that our pension money can get reinvested and turn into work for us while making a market return on our investment. At this time the AFL-CIO Housing Trust which has only been operating on the West Coast for the last two years is swiftly making progress in financing projects that have been shelved for a number of years because of the inability to secure financing.

Local 78 is seeing a push to fill several positions for some of our signatory contractors. In the past two months we have sent out requests for resumes for detailers, super-intendants, service and repair technicians and for service and repair manager. If you have not gotten your resume in please forward it to me at [g.cook@uaplumber78.com](mailto:g.cook@uaplumber78.com).

Finally, we are starting to see work pick-up. If you have not already done so now is the time for you to go out and brush up on your skills or learn some new skills. For a list of classes please visit the A & J website at [www.ajtraining.org](http://www.ajtraining.org).

If you were unable to attend our regular membership meeting on May 8, 2014 we had Joel Brick, CIO and Dan Vela,

CFO from the Southern California Administrative Trust Funds spend some time reviewing the changes to our medical plans, and how to be a better advocate for you and your family. They also spent some time discussing the current state of our Pension Plans, and the different 401 plans.

In closing, I would like to extend a personal "Thank You" to everyone that volunteered their evenings and weekends to work in the recent political campaigns. Your support on spreading the word for these campaigns make a huge difference in strengthening our relationship with the candidates which in turn helps to improve our work forecast.

Fraternally yours,

*Business Manager*



**Next Membership Meeting will be held:**

**REMINDER • REMINDER • REMINDER**

Date: September 11, 2014  
Time: 5:00 P.M.  
Place: LA/OC Building & Construction Trades Council  
1626 Beverly Blvd  
Los Angeles, CA 90026

- ◆ Call the Hall as soon as you get laid-off. Your sign in date may qualify you for unemployment dues.

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## Business Agent Jeremiah Ashmore

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

As we move into summer work is still moving pretty slow. The good news is that we have all the signs that work is starting to pick up a little; the books are starting to move! Contractors have started calling to request manpower for some of the small jobs and some of the big jobs are slated to begin gearing up very soon. Wilshire Grand is moving, slowly, but it too is finally moving. They are looking to start manning up near the end of this summer.

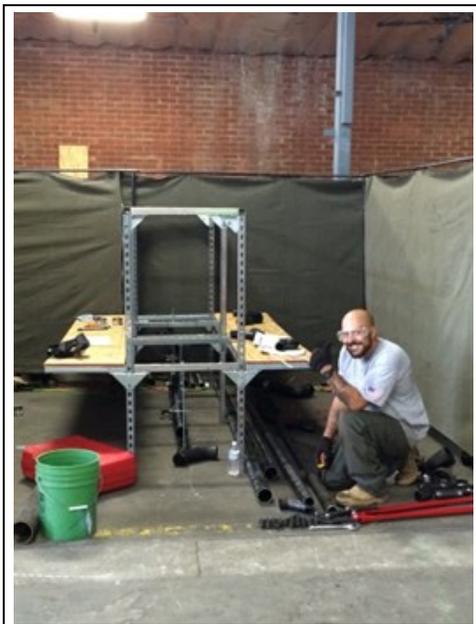
There are still a couple of projects that we are trying to get approved through city hall, one such project is the Century City Center. I want to thank all the members who showed up to the recent meeting to help local 78 and the building trades with their efforts to get this project passed. We are always looking for volunteers to help the hall whether attending a hearing, or participating in a precinct walk if you think you can help please make sure to call me so I can add your name to the list. Not too long ago the city of Carson was involved in quite a lot of controversy. It had come to our attention that the city was trying to put a ban on oil extraction within its boundaries. But, thanks to Local 78 members and the 500 building trades members who showed up to fight this issue, the ban was not put in place.



*Attendees at the meeting in Carson to discuss a ban on oil extraction*

## 2014 California State UA Apprenticeship Contest

The Local 78 apprentice contest was held March 22, 2014. I want to congratulate the participants Aaron Brown, A.J. Wilson and Patrick Fitzgerald. Aaron Brown, a fifth year apprentice won the Local 78 contest and represented Local 78 in the State Apprenticeship Contest held in May at the Van Nuys Training Center. Congratulations Aaron on your achievement! Local 78 is encouraging any of our apprentices that would like to come out and compete in the local contest, we hope you will choose to do so. I personally am looking forward to seeing you there next year.



Congratulations Aaron Brown our Local 78 Apprenticeship Contest Winner

# Business Agent Doug Marian

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

As we head into June we do so with hope that this summer we will see a significant increase in job opportunities. We have many projects that have started across Los Angeles and Long Beach that bring expectations of hiring this summer. There are a multitude of projects slated to bid and or break ground. Our crosshairs are set on these projects to promote our signatory contractors and membership as the best value and the best trained. During all up swings in the economy the open shops start to pop up everywhere paying substandard wages, coming in with ridiculously low bids and making it very difficult for our contractors. The effort we put into the Project Labor Agreements is the best defense against these tactics. The projects at the Port of Long Beach and Los Angeles require a TWIC card to get access into the project. The TWIC cards are issued by the Department of Transportation and can be applied for online. The TWIC is only one of the certifications that is being required we still get requests for brazing certified, med gas, crane signal, trimble and LA City licenses so please keep up you certs.

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Attention: brothers and sisters, our Annual Apprenticeship Fundraisers are quickly approaching. We are hosting a golf tournament on July 26, 2014 at Green River Golf Course and a summer (poker run) on June 8, 2014, all vehicles welcome. These events are great fun we look forward to seeing you out there. Fliers and sponsorship forms are available, please sign up early. Last but not least is our Apprenticeship Graduation being held this year, on September 27, 2014. The fundraisers are what pay for the Apprenticeship Graduation so please come out and participate.

LAUSD, District employees (Unit E): We have started meeting with the Building Trades putting together a plan for the upcoming negotiations. Thank you to those who returned the questionnaires, your wishes will be brought to the table. The negotiations with the district will start soon, there are numerous issues, most of which is wages. The Building Trades has

a tough negotiator leading the way, we will be behind him pushing forward. I will try to keep you as informed as possible.

LA City employees under MOU 2 & MOU 13: We have started negotiations with the City for MOU 2 & 13. We have had one meeting with the City and presented our proposal. The City Coalition has been meeting as well, as the parts of our agreement overlap with other unit agreements and are negotiated at the Coalition table. I will try to keep you as informed as possible.

Fraternally,



## Organizer Jeremy Diaz

### The Importance of Getting Involved

When looking at our future, politics play a large role. The current political season has made a huge impact on the many possibilities of securing work in the near future. With helping those we believe in during this political campaign, our future as a union brotherhood becomes stronger as those we help to elect understand our cause and know the importance of the work we do.

Brothers from the Local 78 membership teamed up with candidates to walk door to door in the city of Long Beach to show support for the June 3<sup>rd</sup> election. Our goal was to help elect Dr. Robert Garcia as Mayor of Long Beach; Lena Gonzalez as Long Beach City Council, District 1; and Charles Parkin as the Long Beach City Attorney. While walking we were able to show a united front and speak to locals about voting for those who understand the importance of the working class, especially with all the change that

will be arising in the near future. Discussions about candidate background and core values were reviewed with those that required more information.

During the primary elections held in April, union brothers assisted with the victory of electing Rex Richardson as the City of Long Beach's 9<sup>th</sup> District Councilman. In addition, current 78 members helped to elect Sunny Zia for the Long Beach City College Board, District 3.

I would like to personally thank Camaran Aguirre, Kevin Harvey, Omar Galindo, Hector Rosales, Ronnie Williams, Guy Bremmer and Brent Mitte for their support during the current election season.

### Irvine Company

The Irvine Company is one hundred fifty years old and one of the largest property management companies in the State of California. I recently met with a property manager that runs 6 commercial

buildings for this property management firm. We discussed the importance of proper building maintenance, the value of quality craftsmanship and the long term savings of a comprehensive maintenance program that our union signatories have to offer. The manager expressed that due to many of their current property's condition, many buildings are due for upgrades in both infrastructure and vanity. Understanding what our contractors have to offer, I was able to secure this manager's 6 buildings for our union contractors that hire Local 78 members. She will spread the word of our benefits to her colleagues.

Fraternally,

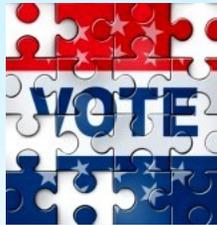
Jeremy Diaz  
*Organizer*

# Election Results

The outcome for the recent local primaries was expected to reflect very low voter turnout, but the turnout resulted in very positive results for unions and their membership. The primary ballot covered races from city council seats, to the highly competitive position of sheriff. In Long Beach voters were faced with the opportunity to elect a first; Robert Garcia the first Latino and openly gay mayor or Damon Dunn the first black mayor.

Local 78 understanding the importance of getting our members, and the residents in the different communities out to vote took to the streets speaking with them about the issues and the results their vote has on the polls and work for our members. Our recent success in the Long Beach elections should help to establish a city wide PLA for future work.

Thank you to all who voted and to all who helped to spread the word.



## Local 78 Members Please Plan to Attend:

- SUMMER RUN: THIS YEAR THE SUMMER RUN IS JUNE 8, PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.
- GOLF TOURNAMENT: THIS YEAR THE APPRENTICESHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER WILL BE HELD ON JULY 26, 2014.
- APPRENTICESHIP GRADUATION: SEPTEMBER 27, 2014.

## Winners or in runoffs

### Statewide offices

- Governor: Jerry Brown
- Lieutenant Governor: Gavin Newsom
- Attorney General: Kamala Harris
- Secretary of State: Alex Padilla
- Superintendent of Public Instruction: Tom Torlakson
- Insurance Commissioner: Dave Jones
- Controller: John Perez
- Treasurer: John Chiang

### Local offices

- L.A. County Sheriff: Jim McDonnell
- L.A. County Assessor: Jeffrey Prang
- L.A. County Supervisor, District 1: Hilda Solis
- L.A. County Supervisor, District 3: Sheila Kuehl
- Long Beach Mayor: Robert Garcia

### U.S. House

- District 28, Los Angeles: Adam Schiff
- District 29, Los Angeles: Tony Cardenas
- District 30, Los Angeles: Brad Sherman
- District 33, Santa Monica: Ted Lieu
- District 34, Los Angeles: Xavier Becerra
- District 35, Ontario: Norma Torres
- District 37, Los Angeles: Karen Bass

### State Assembly

- District 48, Baldwin Park: Roger Hernandez
- District 53, Huntington Park: Miguel Santiago
- District 62, Inglewood: Autumn Burke
- District 64, Compton: Mike Gipson
- District 70, Long Beach: Patrick O'Donnell

### State Senate

- District 18: Bob Hertzberg
- District 24: Kevin De Leon
- District 26: Ben Allen

# In Memoriam

Please take a moment to pray and remember the following Brothers and Sisters who have passed away.

- George Bancroft      Joe Daugherty
- Richard Hawks      John Howard
- Stuart Nieman      Javier Perez
- James Pipkin      Albert Tureaud



## Congratulations

## Local 78 Retirees

Voyer Penn, Jr.