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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone is healthy and staying safe. This letter will inform you of the support we have received from President Biden, cover the negotiations with the Convention Center and IBEW Local 130, discuss upcoming jobs and events, and the upcoming local elections. The endorsed candidates are included in this mailing. AFL-CIO Executive Committee have met with these candidates and feel they know issues working families face, we hope that you will give your support and vote to these candidates.

President Biden has been a long-standing supporter of Unions and has repeatedly mentioned Unions on television, more than any other President in the past. Under President Biden's leadership numerous top-level officials have been deployed to Local Union halls, not only to meet with elected officials but also to promote the work Local Unions are doing. Below are just some of the things our President has done in support of Unions and workers:

1. Fired Peter Robb, an anti-union general counsel for the NLRB, and appointed Jennifer Abruzzo as permanent General Counsel.
2. Appointed Marty Walsh, the former Business Manager of Laborers Local 223, as the new Labor Secretary.
3. Nominated Robert Klein, former IBEW leader for 10<sup>th</sup> district, to the TVA Board.
4. Appointed Union Attorney Ernest DuBester as Chairman of the NLRB Authority.
5. Appointed United Steelworker, James Fredrick as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA.
6. Signed an executive order to create a \$15.00 minimum wage for Federal contractors.
7. Allowed Federal Unions to bargain again, this right was taken away during President Trump's term.
8. Signed and passed into law the American Infrastructure and Jobs Plan.
9. Supported Amazon workers Organizing campaign.
10. Promoted union-made American Electric vehicles.

After many months of negotiations with the Convention Center, I am happy to report we have finally reached an agreement. It was unanimously approved by employees working at the Convention Center. The agreement is for three years and includes:

- A 3.5% wage increase each year in October.
- Will transition each employee to the New Orleans Electrical Health Plan on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, at \$5.87 an hour.
- Will contribute \$2.50 per hour for each full-time employee to the New Orleans Electrical Annuity for the duration of this agreement.

Currently the work picture has been steady, however, we are still having a difficult time filling some calls. We recently had calls on the books for two to three days, these calls must be filled. Waterford III have calls to fill for the Nuke shutdown in St. Charles Parish. Please keep up with the job line (504) 831-0167 or come to the hall for work.

It has been brought to my attention by some members for the lack of Brotherhood and participation in our local union. I would like to remind our brothers and sisters that we are Local 130! We need to show support for each other and for the union as we are stronger together. Now that Covid is declining, I would like to bring back our local picnic and I'd appreciate your input for any ideas and events to gather our membership and families. You may call the office or email me at [businessmanager@ibewlu130.com](mailto:businessmanager@ibewlu130.com) to share your thoughts.

We will be having a Brotherhood night out on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at the NOLA Gold Rugby game. Let us show our support and cheer on the NOLA Gold as they take on Atlanta. Please contact the hall (504) 831-1372 for ticket information.

The staff and I would like to wish you all a safe and Happy Mardi Gras!

Fraternally,



Paul J. Zulli

Business Manager/Financial Secretary

**ELECTION DAY .....SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2022**

*EARLY VOTING: March 12<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> (Excluding Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>)*

**Parish of New Orleans**

**Clerk- 2<sup>nd</sup> City Court..... Lisa Ray Diggs**

**City of Kenner**

**Mayor..... Ben Zahn**

**Chief of Police..... Keith Conley**

**Councilmember District 2..... Ronnie Sharwath**

**Councilmember District 3..... Joey LaHatte III**

**Councilmember District 5.....Brian Brennan**

**Remember Your Vote is Important !**

**Please Don't Forget ..... Election Day**

**Saturday, March 26, 2022**

**Early Voting: March 12, 2022 – March 19, 2022**

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