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Local 3634

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Sisters and Brothers:

Below are the results from the AFSCME Local 3634 Elections:

President: Al Cromer

E-Board (TOS-RTOS): John Humphrey, Mike Lee, Ernest Paredes, Jose Caceres

Trustees: Deckar Alexander: 3 yr. term, Merari Esparza: 2 yr. Term, Martin Stonis: 1 yr. Term

Run Off:

Vice-President: Fredrick Hines & JJ Serrano

E-Board Support Services: Casaundra Mangan & Rudy Montoya.

Run Off ballots were mailed off on Friday October 22nd. The ballots need to be signed and mailed back in or delivered to District Council 36 by the close of business on November 16th.

The committee will count the ballots on November 17th

Postmarks will not be accepted or counted if not back by the 16th.

Results will be announced at our next monthly membership meeting on Saturday December 4th.

If there are any questions, please contact myself Melvin Stokes at: 310 529 3824 or AFSCME District Council 36 B Business Representative Luis Schmidt at: Office 213-252-1396 or Cell 928-683-1480

Respectfully,

Brother Melvin Stokes
Election Chair
ASCME Local 3634



Newsletter

Union Difference

Life is better in a union. Having a voice on the job means better pay, better health care, a more secure retirement, and so much more. It means having a say in safety, staffing, and other important issues that help AFSCME members do their jobs and keep America running.

Vaccination Negotiations Update

All of the Five Unions are still negotiating with MTA in relation to the Vaccination Mandate effective November 1st.

MTA should be providing more specific information by this Friday October 29th.

Contract Reprint Update

The Union is still waiting on MTA to provide us with the final PDF document with the updated articles and salary schedules in Appendix A. negotiated earlier this year related to the two year contract extension through 2023-2024.

As soon as we receive them, our goal is to print and distribute new contract books by mid to late December. We'll keep you updated.



December Monthly Membership Meeting

As a friendly reminder, the December monthly membership meeting will take place on December 4th at 10am. The meeting will be both in person and via Zoom.

Local 3634 is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom membership meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82988800767?pwd=NnZDOHZoMFIRQXExdFVodEIFeDhwZz09>

Meeting ID: 829 8880 0767

Passcode: 628906

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California Assembly Bill 811

Assembly Bill 811 was introduced by Assembly member Luz Rivas on February 16, 2021, with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) identified as the sponsor. In its introduced form, AB 811 would have eliminated the 2/3 vote threshold for any LACMTA projects that involve contracting-out of services and instituted a simple majority vote for such projects.

Because LACMTA did not reach out to AFSCME prior to introduction of the bill, AFSCME considered opposing AB 811. However, Assembly member Rivas' office contacted AFSCME and Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) for input immediately after the bill had been introduced and expressed a desire to work with us to get to a support position. At the request of AFSCME and ATU, Assembly member Rivas amended the bill on April 6, 2021 to maintain the 2/3 vote requirement for projects that include operations and maintenance. **Additionally, the bill maintains that LACMTA may contract out so long as the contract does not conflict with existing collective bargaining agreements.** This amended version of AB 811 passed the Assembly Local Government and Transportation Committees with unanimous votes, and passed the Assembly floor with only Assembly member Gray voting "no."

AFSCME saw an opportunity to revise the LACMTA labor code to be more concise and less ambiguous, requesting an update to vague phrasing in the existing LACMTA code. As established, the authority could contract-out to achieve "certain private sector efficiencies in the integration of design, project work, and components." LACMTA understood AFSCME's concerns and agreed to work with us to clarify the language.

AFSCME Local 3634 employed legal counsel Dana Martinez to draft amendments to the bill and review LACMTA-suggested language. AFSCME Local 3634 leadership, Ms. Martinez, and AFSCME California worked with LACMTA leadership and legal counsel throughout the spring and summer to develop language which addressed AFSCME's concerns with the ambiguous phrase "certain private sector efficiencies."

On August 31, 2021, amendments were submitted for AB 811 which made subtle but important changes to the code. As signed by Governor Newsom, for LACMTA to contract-out for a project which includes operations and maintenance (but does not conflict with an existing CBA), the contracting-out must "achieve for the authority a more competitive solicitation process with respect to quality, timeliness, price, and other private sector efficiencies, relevant to the integration of design, project work, and components." The inclusion of "quality, timeliness, price..." provides the clarifying language AFSCME requested. Combined with the preservation of the 2/3 vote for operations and maintenance and the prohibition on contracting-out that conflicts with existing CBAs, AFSCME maintained protections and improved clarity within LACMTA code by engaging on AB 811.

Christoph Mair
Legislative Advocate
AFSCME California

[Bill Text - AB-811 Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority: contracting. \(ca.gov\)](#)

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Cell and personal email for our records which will allow us to contact and communicate with you in real time.



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