



# Newsletter

August 2023

*Local 3634*

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## *LA Dodgers Game Tickets*



**Please don't forget to attend the next monthly membership meeting on August 26th where we will raffle off tickets to an upcoming Dodger game.**

# ***PEOPLE CONFERENCE***

Any member who is interested in attending the PEOPLE Conference in San Diego October 14th and 15th submit your interest to the local VIA EMAIL [L3634@afscme36.org](mailto:L3634@afscme36.org) by Thursday August 24th. Due to how the conference is structured this year, our normal way of selecting delegates is also different.

## ***Member Action Team: MAT***

During the July Advisory Board with District Council 36, the topic of Member Action Teams or MAT was brought up. MAT members are activists with the Union at the workplace level and don't necessarily have to be a steward or elected officer. There is a desire by the International to increase the number of MAT members.

If this may be of interest to you, please reach out to the local via email and we'll place you on the list. You can also hit the link below for more detailed information provided by AFSCME International. (Pages 16-17)

<https://www.afscme.org/about/governance/document/AFSCME-Steward-Handbook-1.pdf>



Take classes in Labor Studies at CSU Dominguez Hills!

Did you know that if you're taking at least two courses at a Community College, you can [cross-enroll a class at CSUDH](#) for only \$10?

The [BA in Labor Studies at CSUDH](#) prepares students for exciting, meaningful careers fighting for social justice with unions and non-profits, in human resources departments and government agencies, and more! Many LATTC students transfer to DH for their Bachelor's Degree, often after taking a course or two through cross-enrollment. Our [Fall semester courses](#) begin August 29<sup>th</sup> and include:

**LBR 495: Special Topics- Fundamentals of Labor and Community Organizing-** Prof. Rosemarie Molina (runs 7 Saturdays, October 21- December 9)

**LBR 202: Class Struggles in Film and Popular Culture-** Prof. Steve McFarland

**LBR 310: Success and Values-** Prof. Matt McGarvey

**LBR 312: Decade of the Sixties-** Prof. Alfredo Carlos

**LBR 411: Contracts and Negotiations-** Prof. Leisette Rodriguez (runs 7 Saturdays, Sept 1-Oct 14)

Check out the attached schedule and flyers for more details!

For info on these classes, and on the [BA in Labor Studies at CSUDH](#), Contact:

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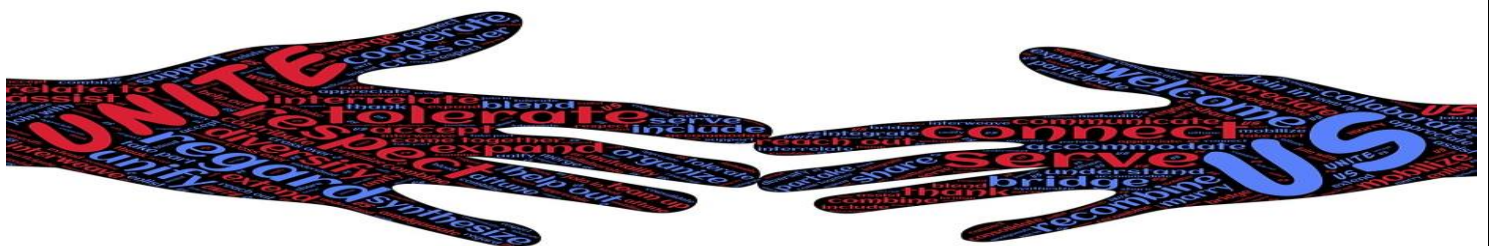
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**File attachments:**

[LBR 101- Intro to Labor Studies Flyer F2023.jpg](#)

[LBR 202- Class Struggles in Film & Pop Culture Flyer F23.jpg](#)





**This meeting will be in person and virtually.**

**August 26<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 am.**

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

Topic: General Membership meeting

Time: July 22, 2023, 10:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/4556877610?pwd=SWWhoZXlueGIEOEp2SXFzMjFhV0NjZz09>

Meeting ID: 455 687 7610

Passcode: 162889

One tap mobile

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## FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

*Please make sure to update your personal contact information including your alternate contacts with Metro. It is especially important in times of emergencies that the employer may need to communicate at once, with you or your family for work and personal reasons.  
Prosperity, Peace, and Good Health!!!*

### UNION SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2024

<https://www.unionplus.org/benefits/education/union-plus-scholarships>

## AFSCME BENEFITS INFORMATION

Medical/Dental/Vision:



Nicole Patino [Patinoni@metro.net](mailto:Patinoni@metro.net)

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[Benefits.metro.net](http://Benefits.metro.net)

PERS Contact METRO:

[Nixony@metro.net](mailto:Nixony@metro.net)

TOWP Contact:

[hrisadmin@metro.net](mailto:hrisadmin@metro.net)

For those of us who have CalPers for our pension, MTA has a contract with them and is just the intermediary. MTA doesn't make the final call on your retirement benefits and calculations. If you have any questions or problems related to PERS including your service credit, you need to communicate directly with them. If you haven't done so, create your account with them and monitor your service credit. **If you take off work for any reason and miss more than two complete months of work during the service credit year (July 1st to June 30th), it can be detrimental to your yearly credit and delay your retirement.** Again, the Union does not run the PERS retirement system. You must reach out to them.

### **Medicare Part B**

If you are retiring soon or plan to do so in the near future and you'll be 65 or about to turn 65, please know that you are entitled to receive a Medicare part B supplemental stipend that is a reimbursement if you enroll for part B but you have to ask MTA about it when you retire. The supplemental stipend is \$164.90 in 2023.

### 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 principal issues that help AFSCME members do their jobs and keep America running.*