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DISTRICT 9 E-NEWS

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Meet the New District 9 Vice President!

Vice President Thomas Runnion was elected as District 9 International Vice President on June 8, 2015. He has been working tirelessly to make a smooth transition with the changes in District 9 Staff and the many pressing issues facing our members in the District.

Vice President Runnion remains committed to being available and doing his best, for ALL members and Local leaders of District 9.



Telecom Organizing SIF @ Work...

Under the direction of the District 9 Organizing staff, Locals have been taking advantage of the opportunity to utilize SIF funding to train workers in their Locals such as Premises Technicians who will hopefully help in organizing DirecTV Workers and Mobility workers who will continue to make inroads with wireless workers at T-Mobile. Organizing these key groups will increase our bargaining strength and mobilization power as we build to the next crucial round of negotiations in these industries. If you are interested in learning more about organizing contact Area Director John Dugan at jdugan@cwa-union.org or call 916-921-4500.



NO on TPP-Fast Track!!!

District 9 has lead all of CWA and other Unions, with the field work performed by the District 9 Locals, LPAT's members under the direction of the District 9 L&P Program. On June 24th Locals 9410, 9415, 9421 and 9423 rallied against TPP-Fast Track in front of Senator Dianne Feinstein's office.

From Town Hall meetings, phone calls, emails and hand written letters to rallies with community groups and coalition partners, District 9 members and Local Leaders have shown up and showed out. The fight continues now as we demand the release of the details of this "Secret" trade agreement. More mobilization will be required in the weeks and months to come.

Make sure your Local L&P program is trained and ready to go. Contact Area Director/Political Director Liz Sorenson at lsorenson@cwa-union.org or call 916-921-4500.



Addie Brinkley, District 9 RMC President and Friends

ensure Social Security's solvency for generations to come. Our efforts to Protect, Improve and Expand Social security, Medicare and Medicaid, are unending but the events on August 14th did a great job of getting our message to the public. Events were covered by radio, television and print media in several parts of the State. A big **"THANK YOU"** to everyone who helped at an event, and weathered the heat for Social Security.

Some of our L&P Activists used this event to gather signatures to help T-Mobile workers secure worker's rights and a voice on the job by organizing with CWA.



Happy 50th Birthday Medicare & Happy 80th Birthday Social Security

On July 30th, CWA Active and Retired members turned out to rallies at various social security offices throughout the states to celebrate Medicare.

In California, CWA members joined our affiliate, CARA which held over 25 Visibility events around the State on August 14th to celebrate Social Security's 80th Birthday, educate the public about the importance of Social Security and fight against the constant attacks to this program. Unfortunately, August 14th was one of the hottest days of the summer, but as usual, CWA & CARA members persevered, held signs and passed out fact sheets in the heat, which included information about **SCRAPPING THE CAP** as the best way to



Jesse Whitney of Local 9421 collecting T-Mobile signatures.



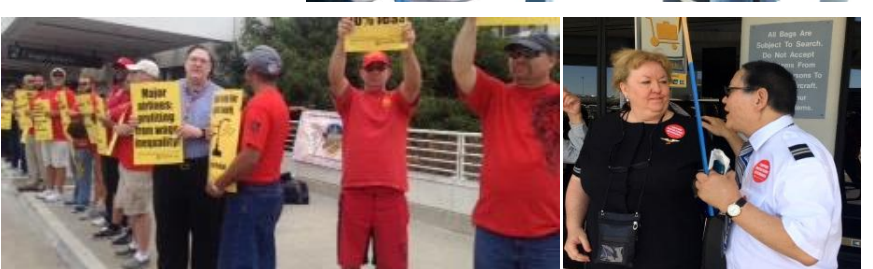
AFA Bridging the GAP Day of Action- Where There Is Unity, We Will Find Strength!

On June 16th all across the globe, AFA-CWA got the message out that we won't stand by and watch our Sisters and Brothers at regional airlines be mistreated and be paid half for the same work.

SAME WORK, SAME PAY!

District 9 members rose to the occasion and attended rallies at Los Angeles International Airport, San Francisco International Airport, Las Vegas- McCarran International Airport, Honolulu Airport, Tokyo International Airport, Hong Kong International Airport, Guam International Airport in support of over 23,000 Flight Attendants who have been engaged in this battle against in pay equality for over 5 years.

For now, we watch to see what the new United CEO, Oscar Munoz will do with respect to negotiations and bridging the gap. But we stand ready to act because when members of District 9 are fed up, we, **ALL "Stand Up and Fight Back"!** A sincere "Thank You" goes out to all Locals and District Staff who participated in these events.



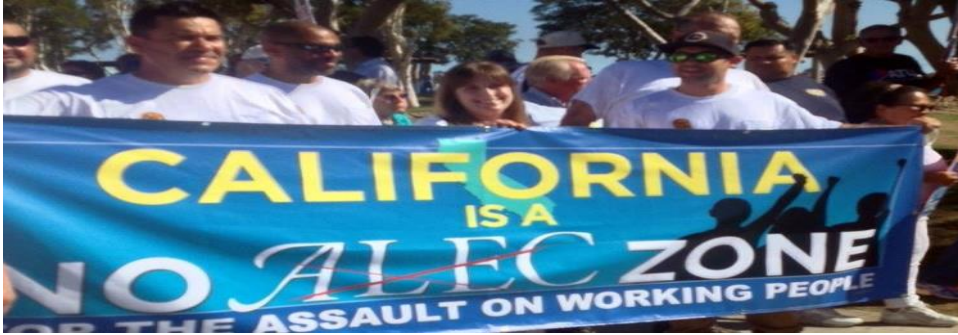
California is an American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) Free Zone



District 9 received correspondence from the AFL-CIO informing us that on July 22nd, the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) will use lobbyist money to pay for hundreds of politicians and out-of-town millionaires and billionaires to vacation together at a lavish resort in San Diego. The goal of this get together is to give legislators draft legislation bought and paid for by corporate special interests, away from the prying eyes of voters, which benefit the rich and powerful.

Corporations will have a chance to wine and dine these politicians, promise those fat contributions and a taste of the good life in exchange for supporting bills that keep

paychecks low, corporate welfare high, and restrict the rights of their political enemies.



We do things different here in California and we wanted to send a message LOUD and CLEAR to ALEC.....

California is a "NO ALEC ZONE".

Here in District 9 Locals were afforded the opportunity to utilize SIF funding to subsidize some of the cost to get our members out and in full force. The rally was well attended by a cross section of working men and women, retirees and young people alike. In the end, our message was heard LOUD and CLEAR.

NABET-CWA Protests FOX 11 for Unjustly Terminating Cheryl Bacon

CWA District 9 rallied on August 27, 2015 at FOX 11 protesting how they are unfair to their workers.

District 9 Locals from hit the streets in protest of the unjust termination of NABET-CWA Local 59053 union member Cheryl Bacon (pictured behind the news reporter) who had over 39 years with the Company! Cheryl was fired from KTTV Fox 11 for doing the very thing you see in the picture to the right. Cheryl was on her own time and on public property and simply exercising her right to protected union activity

Vice President Thomas Runnion said, "I fully support the efforts to get Cheryl's job back and her being made whole. The District and its staff will continue to assist both individually and collectively as needed".



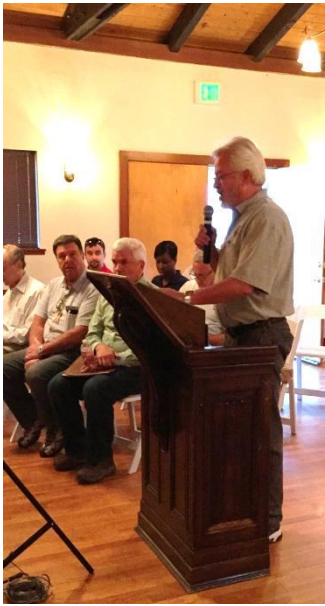
CWA DISTRICT 9 STRONGER TOGETHER

CWA Mobilization at CPUC Hearings Spurs an Agreement with Frontier Effective with the Acquisition of Verizon

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) under the direction of Commissioner Catherine Sandoval convened several public participation hearings regarding the acquisition of Verizon landline residential customers by Frontier Communications. CWA was present and participated at hearings on July 6th in Garberville, Ca, July 7-8 in Hoopa, CA, July 8th in Orleans, CA, July 20th in Rancho Mirage, Ca, July 21st in Claremont, CA, July 27th in Santa Clara, Ca, August 10th in Long Beach, CA and August 11th in Santa Barbara, CA. Vice President Tom Runnion testified at the hearing in Garberville.

In addition, CWA Staff, Staff Representative Judy RaPué, Area Director Ellen West as well as Assistant to the Vice President Ameenah Salaam gave relevant testimony at the other public participation hearings.

CWA Members from Verizon Locals, AT&T Locals and Sectors came out to support. CWA packed each hearing with more than the goal of 50 members and supporters at each hearing. Rancho Mirage, Long Beach and Santa Barbara were packed to standing room only. Below are pictures from the Claremont, CA hearing held on July 21st. Kudos for the great turn out from members of Local 9588 and other CWA locals.



CWA not only provided testimony but more than 150 current pictures of Verizon's neglected plant which quickly became a topic for the participation hearings along with site visits. As quickly as the pictures were being submitted, Verizon was in the field fixing the plant. This overall mobilization plan helped us reach a tentative agreement with Frontier which provides for job security, increased wages and benefits for all members that will be acquired by Frontier.



On the left is a picture of the CWA supporters who attended the July 20th CPUC Public Participation Hearing in Rancho Mirage, CA. Approximately 73 CWA members from Locals 9586, 9400 and additional family members showed up in "CWA Red" to support the Verizon workers and families that would be affected by the sale of Verizon to Frontier Communications.

To the right is a picture of the turnout at the Hearing in Santa Barbara. There were between 50 to 60 members and family who joined CWA at the event from Local 9575, 9003, 9408 and UPTE 9119.

CWA District 9 Vice President Thomas Runnion said, "After several months of complex negotiations, we have reached an agreement that is in the best interest of telecommunications workers and consumers in California. As we move forward in this partnership with Frontier, CWA members will continue to provide customers with the quality service they expect and deserve.



THE PEOPLE UNITED, WILL NEVER BE DEFEATED