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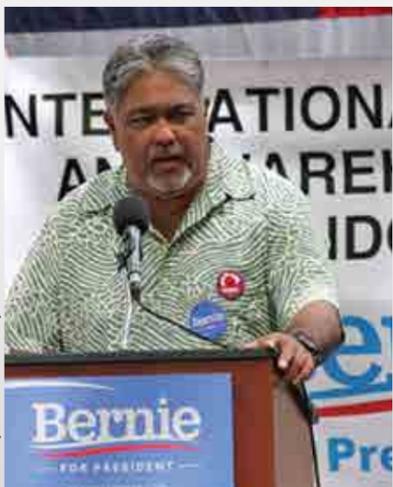


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**Making history:** The Coast Longshore Division held its caucus in Panama from April 18-22. The historic meeting demonstrated the strong bonds of solidarity between the newly formed Panama Canal Division of the ILWU and the Longshore Division. The event drew substantial media interest from Panamanian press. In the top left photo, ILWU International President Robert McEllrath address the caucus delegates. The top right photo shows Panama Canal Division General Secretary Londor Rankin fielding questions from reporters. The bottom photo is a group shot of delegates and guests at a reception at the Mira Flores Locks at the Panama Canal.

## Coast Longshore Division Caucus convenes for historic meeting in Panama

The Coast Longshore Division Caucus convened from April 18-22 in Panama City, Panama. This historic meeting was the first Longshore Caucus to meet outside of the United States or Canada. More than 100 caucus delegates, fraternal delegates, and pensioners attended the Caucus.

“The Panama Canal Division is an important part of the ILWU family. We are here to show our support for the workers in this new division,” said ILWU International President Robert McEllrath.

The Panama Canal Division was formed by a unanimous motion at the 2012 ILWU Convention. Discussions about the possible affiliation began in 2002 when International Vice Presi-

dent Ray Familathe explored the issue. In 2010, President McEllrath and Vice President Familathe began talking about formal affiliation with Londor Rankin, General-Secretary of the Panama Canal Pilots Union. Today, the Panama Canal Division includes 250 members of the Panama Canal Pilots and 2,580 dock workers from SINTRAPORSPA, the Union of Dockworkers in the Ports of Balboa and Cristobal.

### Warm welcome

On the first day of the Caucus, General-Secretary Rankin of the Panama Canal Division welcomed the delegates to Panama.

Rankin introduced the vocal group “The Three Divas” who sang acapella versions of the Panamanian and American national anthems.

“We gather here to strengthen the strategic alliance between our

unions and to send a loud and clear message to our counterparts that we continue to be united and grow stronger regardless of our nationality,” said Rankin. “We know we are not alone in the struggle to improve the wages and conditions for all of our members. We are proud to be among you, and we are honored that you have chosen Panama as the place for your Caucus.”

Several Panamanian media outlets published articles about the historical significance of the ILWU Coast Longshore Division’s first Caucus in Panama. The publication, *Panama On* reported in Spanish, and the translation is: “This meeting, which is the first to take place in Panama, aims to reaffirm the existing strategic alliance between these two unions, which is mainly based on the noble principle of international solidarity,

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# LETTERS TO THE *DISPATCHER*

*Dear Editor,*

"The month of May is "National Labor History Month." As we enjoy the fruits of the labor movement, we should stop and reflect on what that means.

We all stand on the shoulders of those who came before us. If this were 1934, child labor would be rampant. There would be plenty of overtime work but no extra pay, and there would be no sick leave, no bathroom breaks and no safety standards. In the mining industry, children would ask, "Mama, who is that man in our house on Sundays?" They didn't know their dad because he was gone to work before they were up and not back until they had already gone to bed. There was no unemployment insurance, minimum wage or Social Security.

In 1937 at Flint Michigan – where children now suffer from lead poisoning – the United Auto Workers staged a sit-down strike at the GM auto plant. They took over the plant and held it for 44 days. Can you imagine yourself doing that today? Out of that struggle between GM and the workers came the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 - a central achievement of President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal that is still helping workers 80 years later.

Labor History Month is not about the Carnegies or the Rockefellers who turned their backs while America suffered. This month is about people who demanded fair wages and safe working conditions, access to public education and health care, civil rights, equal treatment and something we now take for granted, called "the weekend."

So let's enjoy our weekends this month by spending time with our families as we go to church, head out to watch a game, see a movie or play with our kids and grandkids. But let's also take time to thank those who came before us. One enjoyable way to honor them is by reading a good labor history book, such

as Building the Golden Gate Bridge. It's a collection of worker oral histories by Harvey Schwartz, published by the University of Washington Press. A review of the book can be found in the March issue of *The Dispatcher*.

**Lewis Wright, ILWU Local 63 retired**  
From the industry not the struggle

*Dear Editor,*

I received my Longshoreman's book in 1967 and was a longtime member of Local 18 in Sacramento. I also worked in every west coast port and became experienced with our industry. We are respected because our union is strong – and also because our employer made money along with employees.

Now you want me to vote for Bernie Sanders, a socialist who will penalize successful people. Bernie's way will cost everyone more and I think he will bankrupt the USA. ILWU members earned our benefits – but are you willing to pay for everyone else who didn't earn them? That isn't the American way.

It is often said that Harry Bridges, who helped found the ILWU, was also a socialist. I met Bridges when I was a Local 18 officer. It was my impression that he wanted benefits for the members of our union, but not for workers in other unions or citizens at large. I think socialist ideology works for an industry or a union, but not for a government.

U.S. businesses need to make money, and not go bankrupt supporting people who want a free hand-out.

**Richard Wilkie, Local 18 Pensioner**  
Sacramento, CA

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## Attention Local 10 members: Smolin-Melin Scholarship Application Deadline

Trustees of the Smolin-Melin Scholarship Fund are prepared to accept applications for scholarships for the academic year 2016-2017. Now is the time to indicate your interest. **June 1, 2016** is the application deadline.

Victor Smolin and Carlton Melin were long time members of Local 10. They left a sum of money to establish the scholarship fund. They specified that scholarships were to be available to children of Class A Local 10 members to further their "collegiate" education. Trustees of the Fund interpret "members" to mean **active members in good standing at the time of disbursement of scholarship funds, deceased members and retired members.** The Trustees interpret "collegiate" to apply only to **full-time** study (at least 12 units per semester or quarter) at either a four-year college or an academic junior college.

The Trustees have agreed that (1) no applicant will be awarded more than four scholarships, (2) a fifth scholarship would be considered after careful review of the applicant's record and if circumstances warrant and (3) in no event would an applicant be considered for a sixth scholarship.

Based always on available assets, the Fund historically has awarded scholarships in a range from \$1000 to \$2500 for full-time students at four-year colleges or universities, and from \$750 to \$1750 for full-time students at two-year colleges.

Trustees are Beth Ross, counsel for ILWU Local 10, David Erkkila, a retired member of Local 10 and a friend of Victor Smolin, and Eugene Vrana, retired Director of Educational Services and Librarian for ILWU.

If you have a son or daughter who is applying to enter college next fall, or is already a college student who is planning to continue, and the above requirements are met, you might want to apply for one of these scholarships.

To request an application, simply call Nicole Bridges at (415) 771-6400 or email her at [nbridges@leonardcarder.com](mailto:nbridges@leonardcarder.com). She will then send you the application form with the necessary explanatory materials.

## MAY IS MEDICAL, DENTAL PLAN CHOICE MONTH

Active and retired longshore families in the ports where members have a choice can change medical and/or dental plans during the Open Enrollment period May 1 to May 31, 2016. Any changes made will be effective July 1, 2016. In addition to the May Open Enrollment period members may change their medical plan and/or dental plan once at any time during the Plan Year (July 1-June 30).

The July 1, 2008 Memorandum of Understanding between the ILWU and PMA provides that new registrants in the ports where members have a choice of medical plans shall be assigned Kaiser HMO Plan or Group Health Cooperative HMO Plan for the first 24 months of registration. After 24 months, those registrants who have qualified for continued eligibility under the Mid-Year/Annual Review hour's requirement will have a choice of medical plans. New registrants in San Francisco, Sacramento, Stockton, Los Angeles, Portland/Vancouver and Washington will have a choice of dental plans on the first of the month following registration, and may change dental plans during the Open Enrollment period and one additional time during the Plan Year.

**MEDICAL CHOICE:** The medical plan choices are Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the ILWU-PMA Coastwise Indemnity Plan for Southern California Local 13, 26, 29, 46, 63 and 94. Northern California Locals 10, 18, 34(San Francisco), 34 (Stockton), 54, 75 and 91; and Oregon-Columbia River Locals 4, 8, 40, and 92. In the Washington State area, the medical plan choices for Local 19, 23, 32, 47, 52 and 98 are Group Health Cooperative or the ILWU-PMA Coastwise Indemnity Plan.

**DENTAL CHOICE:** For Los Angeles Locals 13, 26, 63 and 94 the dental plan choices are Delta Dental of California, Harbor Dental Associates or Dental Health Services. For Southern California Locals 29 and 46 the dental plan choices are Delta Dental of California or Dental Health Services. For San Francisco Locals 10, 34, 75 and 91 the dental plan choices are Delta dental of California, Dental Health Services, or Gentle Dental San Francisco. For Sacramento and Stockton Locals 18, 34 and 54 the dental plan choices are Delta Dental of California or Dental Health Services. For Portland/Vancouver Locals 4, 8, 40 and 92 the dental plan choices are LifeMap-Willamette Dental, Oregon Kaiser Dental Plan or Oregon Dental Service/Delta Dental of Washington. For Washington Locals 7, 19, 21, 23, 24, 25, 27, 32, 47, 51, 52 and 98 the dental plan choices are Delta Dental of Washington or Dental Health Services.

Information on the medical and dental plans, and forms to change plans, can be obtained at the Locals and the ILWU-PMA Benefit Plans Office.

**All Medical and Dental Program Choice Forms and enrollment forms, as applicable, must be completed and received by the Benefit Plans office by May 31 for the enrollment change to be effective July 1.**

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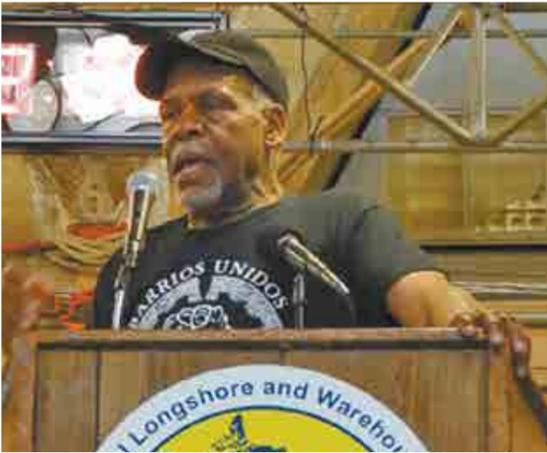


# May Day moves hundreds in Bay Area to march

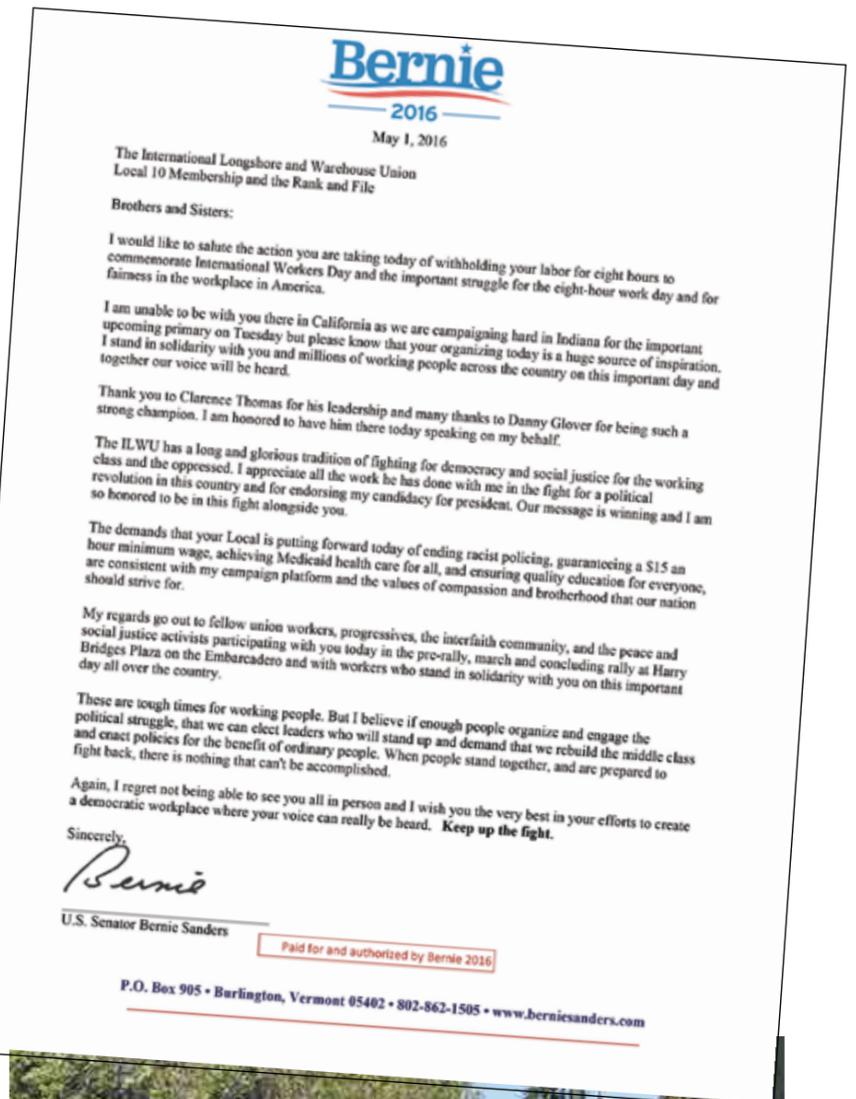
Reporters at the Associated Press credited ILWU members with leading a May Day march involving several hundred from the Fruitvale BART station in Oakland to nearby San Antonio Park where a community fair was held. Oakland police monitored the peaceful crowd but made no arrests and reported no incidents.

Across the Bay in San Francisco, hundreds also rallied and marched along the City's Embarcadero water-

front where a 1934 strike by maritime workers gave rise to the ILWU. Many of the workers who struck then were immigrants. This year's May Day event focused on expanding rights and respect for immigrant workers, while also demanding greater accountability over police. On July 5, 1934, police shot dozens of strikers in San Francisco and killed two – but the police officers responsible were never charged with a crime. That day is now recognized by union members as “Bloody Thursday,” to honor the workers who gave their lives to build the ILWU.



**Speaking out:** Actor Danny Glover, longtime friend of the ILWU and a strong supporter of Bernie Sanders, spoke at the May Day march and rally.



## Seattle City Council rejects sports stadium plan that threatened waterfront jobs

**ILWU activists convince City Council that port access is critical to the region's jobs and economy**

A controversial plan to build a sports stadium in Seattle's “South of Downtown” (SoDo) industrial area next to the Port of Seattle was rejected by the City Council on May 2.

The 4 1/2-year struggle pitted a billionaire hedge fund tycoon and powerful developers against a community coalition of progressives, trade unions, the maritime business community, Port of Seattle, ILWU leaders and members from several locals. The coalition worked together to protect hundreds of good-paying waterfront jobs that would be threatened by the stadium's inevitable traffic jams and gentrification.

More than 100 rank-and-file longshore workers spoke-out and participated in public hearings. In addition to the community support, the ILWU's stance was supported by 50 state law-

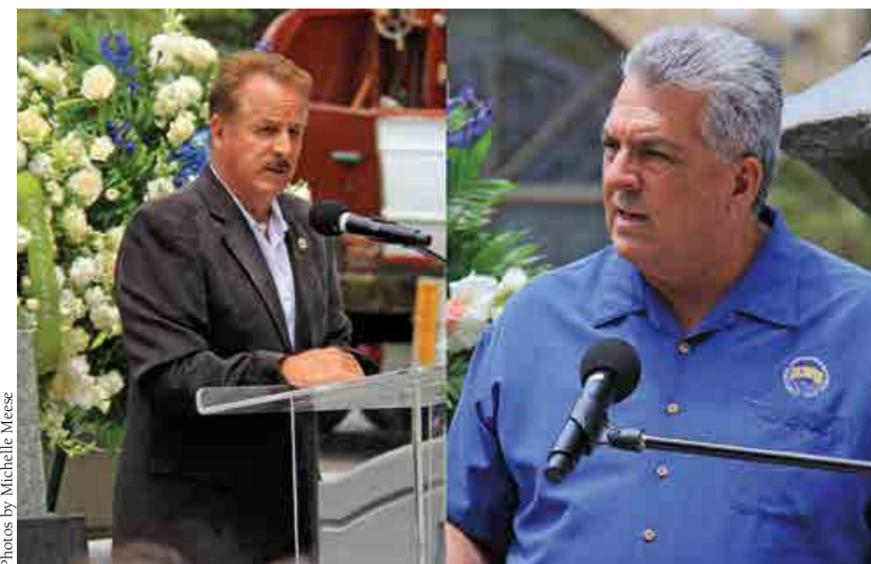
makers in Olympia – resulting from work by the Puget Sound District Council's lobbyist.

The deciding vote involved whether to turn over a public street to the private developers. That proposal was defeated by the City Council in a dramatic 5-4 vote.

“This fight was always about finding the best location for a new stadium – which never should have been in SoDo,” said John Persak, President of the ILWU's Puget Sound District Council, who helped coordinate the fight. He credited the victory to diverse community support that included ILWU members and pensioners who attended meetings and made phone calls to City Council members.

Former Local 19 President Cam Williams made the decision more than four years ago to challenge the SoDo location. Williams, who now serves as a Coast Committeeman at the

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Photos by Michelle Meese

**First Blood memorial:** The ILWU Southern California Pensioners held their 14th annual First Blood memorial on May 16th in San Pedro's John Gibson Park. The ceremony honored Dickie Parker and John Knudsen, the first workers killed during the 1934 West Coast Strike that led to the formation of the ILWU. Parker, a 20-year-old San Pedro High School graduate was killed during a May 15, 1934 melee between dock workers and company-paid strikebreakers. Knudsen died on June 5, 1934 as a result of injuries he sustained in that battle.

The event also paid tribute those ILWU brothers and sisters who have been killed on the docks throughout the years. John Gibson Park contains a memorial listing ILWU longshore workers killed on the job. Sadly, two names have been added to honor Local 13 members Rochelle Taylor and Local 63 member Anthony Harris who were killed earlier this year.

ILWU International Vice President Ray Familathe spoke at the event along with Pacific Coast Pensioner President Greg Mitre. ILWU Local 13 President Bobby Olvera, Jr., also attended the ceremony.

Southern California Pensioner and Poet Laureate, Jerry Brady, read a poem tribute to the fallen.

In the photo above: On the left, PCPA President Greg Mitre speaks at the memorial. On the right, Vice President Familathe gave the keynote address at the memorial service. He said that the event was an important reminder that that working on the waterfront is dangerous and that the safety of ILWU members continues to be the top priority of the Coast Longshore Division.

# Coast Longshore Division Caucus convenes for historic meeting in Panama

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which has come in handy in the struggles of workers around the world, in this case, in the maritime port sector.”

Later that night, the Panama Canal Pilots hosted a dinner for the delegates at their union hall, where caucus delegates had an opportunity to meet with members of the Panama Canal Division. Later in the week, the Panama Canal Pilots hosted a dinner at the Miraflores Locks, demonstrating the 103-year-old lock operations viewable from an outdoor deck reserved for ILWU Coast Longshore Division guests.

## Caucus dedications

The Caucus was dedicated in the memory of a number of individuals who have recently passed including Ralph Rooker (Local 10-retired), Hugh Hunter (Local 13-retired), Jesus Puga (Local 13-retired), Gordon Neely

(Local 19), Robert Stevens (Local 19), Dale Martinis (Local 19), Jarrett Van Curen (Local 19), Richard Cavalli (Local 34-retired), Emile Lewis (Local 34), Donja Grant (Local 34), Jim Crest (Local 40-retired), Bill Hallet (Local 63), Anthony Harris, Jr. (Local 63), Domenick Miretti (Local 63-retired), John Vlaic (Local 94-retired), William Kendall (Local 98), and Oliver Pickford (Local 98-retired).

## Safety, technology, training, and political action

The Caucus dealt with a range of issues facing the industry and union members, including the impact of megaships on port congestion and port infrastructure, automation, registration, safety, training, contract administration and jurisdiction. As election season heats up for the US

presidential and congressional races, political action was also a high priority for the Caucus. A resolution was passed to motivate members to contribute to the ILWU’s Political Action Fund, and money was allocated for the 2016 Political Action Program.

## PMA’s contract extension request

In March 2016, the Pacific Maritime Association (PMA) sent President McEllrath a request to discuss an extension of the 2014-2019 Longshore Contract. President McEllrath submitted this request to the ILWU Coast Longshore Division Caucus and the issue was discussed. In keeping with the ILWU Coast Longshore Division’s democratic process, the Caucus has submitted the matter to the membership for review and input before taking any official action.

## ILWU send off

The Caucus honored ILWU Canada President Mark Gordienko, who is retiring at the end of his current term. The Caucus also paid tribute to Southern California Coast Director and ADRP Representative Jackie Cummings, who is also retiring.

## SINTRAPORSPA members visit

Alberto Ochoa, Secretary General of SINTRAPORSPA, which represents more than 2,580 longshore workers



Alberto Ochoa, Secretary General of SINTRAPORSPA

in the Port of Balboa in Panama and is affiliated with the Panama Canal Division, spoke at the Caucus. “We are grateful to you because you played a key role in the organization of SINTRAPORSPA,” Ochoa said.

In keeping with the tradition of warm Latin American greetings, Ochoa said he brought a “fraternal hug” for all in attendance and said, “We are honored that you chose to have this meeting in Panama.”



Dane Jones (Local 40) delivered the Technology Committee report.

## Interview with Londor Rankin, General Secretary, Panama Canal Division

### What is the significance of holding this Longshore Caucus in Panama for the Panama Canal Division?

*Having the Caucus here in Panama is historic. It means a lot to us. We are sending a strong message to our counterparts that we are not alone. We have big brothers—the ILWU—and that the ILWU can count on the little brothers from Panama. It also set an example for other unions in Panama.*

*We have learned a lot from the ILWU, and we hope that we can teach ILWU members something in return. We know that the ILWU is a union that has a lot of respect for the rank and file members and belongs to the members. That’s what I have witnessed and that’s the way we carry out our business as well.*

### Is there anything new about the Panama Canal Pilots you can share with the readers of the Dispatcher?

*It was a happy coincidence that this Caucus could be held in Panama so close to the opening of the new expansion.*

*The pilots have some challenges with the new set of locks in the canal expansion. It’s a new way of taking the ships through the locks. They are bigger vessels. They are not going to use any locomotives to move from chamber to chamber. So that is going to be a learning process.*



Southern California Alcohol, Drug and Rehab Program Representative Jackie Cummings was honored for her many years of service to the Longshore Division.



First time caucus delegate Sunshine Garcia (Local 13).

# California & Oregon members join final push for Bernie in Presidential primaries

## Big rally in Portland

Bernie Sanders' decisive May 17 primary victory in Oregon was preceded by a May 3rd rally in Portland's Shemanski Park that attracted more than 750 union members and community supporters. The rally was initially planned by Local 8 member Jeff Smith to be held at the Local 8 hall, but moved it to the park because of growing interest and the bigger crowd that came to the event.

ILWU officers at the rally including ILWU International President Robert McEllrath, ILWU International Vice President (Hawaii) Wesley Furtado and President Alan Coté of the Inlandboatmen's Union (IBU).

## Union solidarity

Unions represented at the rally included, the ILWU, the IBU, Communications Workers of America, Amalgamated Transit Union, the National Nurses United and the Postal Workers Union.

## Political leadership

Bernie Sanders was not able to appear at the rally but Oregon Democratic Sen. Jeff Merkley and Representative Tulsi Gabbard (D-Hawaii) spoke at the event. They highlighted issues that have mobilized millions of Americans to support the Sanders campaign: opposition to so called "free trade" deals like NAFTA, CAFTA and the TPP that have devastated workers, ending mass incarceration of poor people and people of color, climate change, the lack of Wall Street regulations and a campaign finance system that leaves working people virtually voiceless in the political process.

Vice President Furtado introduced Congresswoman Gabbard at the event. He thanked her for the strong support she has given the ILWU in Hawaii and for her commitment to the working men and women of Hawaii.

Smith said there was a strong turnout from ILWU members at the event, including people who traveled from Seattle and the Bay Area to attend.

Sanders' overwhelming support in Oregon was confirmed when he scored a 12-point victory margin on Election Day – and set the stage for a showdown in California's June 7 primary.

## So Cal Organizes

Southern California ILWU Locals geared-up for their final month of outreach and educational work before the June 7 primary election with a campaign-kickoff event for ILWU volunteers on May 5 that was attended by 100 volunteers, including members, pensioners and family – plus community leaders and special guests from other unions.

Southern California Pensioners Group President Greg Mitre served as Master of Ceremonies. He was joined by SCDC President Cathy Familathe of Local 63, SCDC Legislative Representative Floyd Bryan of Local 13, and former ILWU International President David Arian who now serves on the Port Commission.

"We have four weeks to contact and educate ILWU members about Bernie Sanders before the election," said Greg Mitre on May 5. "We need to make sure everyone we know is informed and registered to vote."

On May 17, Bernie came to the Stub Hub Center in Carson where an estimated 20,000 supporters filled the stadium for a supercharged evening rally. Local 13 President Bobby Olvera, Jr., joined other ILWU officers and members who attended the big event.

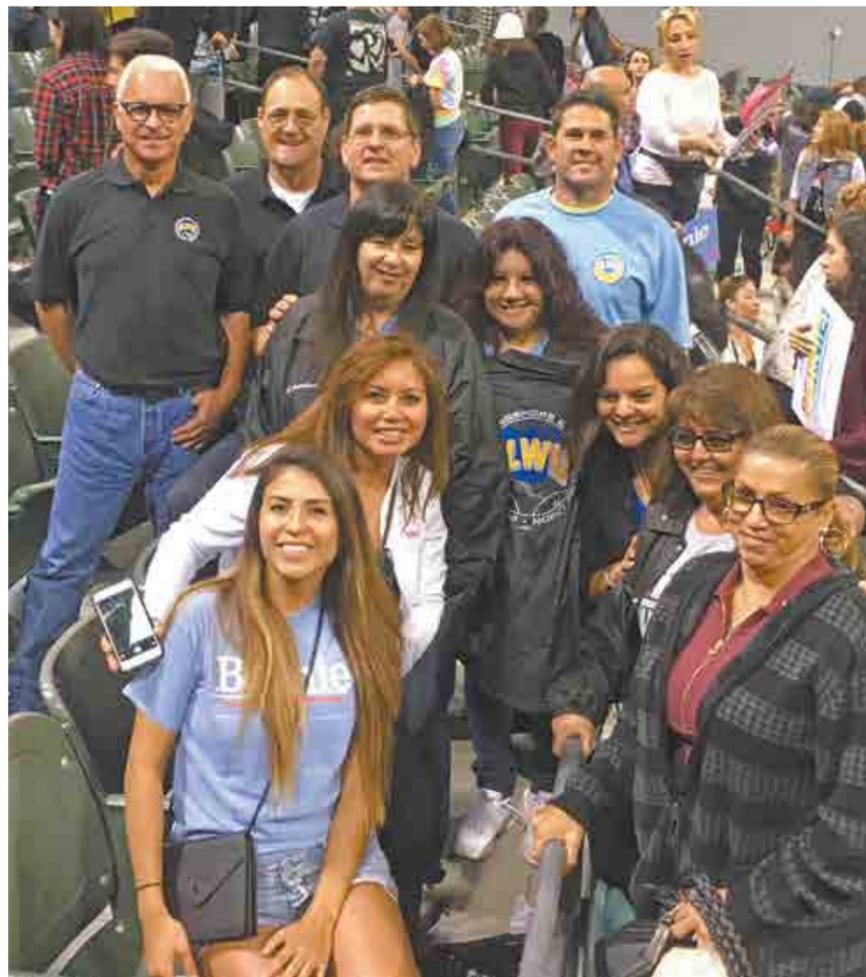
"The diversity of the crowd showed his support crosses racial, gender and socioeconomic lines," said Olvera, Jr. "He reminded us that a great country requires dignity and security for all our citizens – not just luxuries for the one-percent and corporations."

## Nor Cal Outreach

ILWU Local 6 is serving as a hub for the Northern California District Council's outreach effort. A mobilization on Saturday, May 21 sent volunteers out to Bay Area neighborhoods where they contacted ILWU members about Bernie Sanders.

## Bernie's CA buzz

On May 18, Bernie Sanders appeared at three Northern California locations, beginning in San Jose where he was met by a large crowd that included many union members. In the afternoon, he joined a rally in downtown San Francisco to support hundreds of hotel workers and custodians.



**On fire for Bernie:** An estimated 20,000 supporters, including ILWU members, came to Carson for a Bernie Sanders rally on May 17. (L-R rear) Local 23 member Robert Ellis, Local 34 member Frank Riley, Local 40 member Dane Jones, Local 13 President Bobby Olvera, Jr. (L-R front) Local 13 member Sarah Valdez, Local 13 Health Benefits Gen. Sec. Maria Valdez, SCDC President Cathy Familathe, Local 13 President's Admin. Asst. Irene Huerta, Local 13 members Vivian Malauulu, Diana Chavez-Feipel, and Trisha Urquides Brakefield.



**Marching with Bernie:** Local 10 Drill team members joined with Inland Boatmen's Union members and Local 6 when Sanders came to San Francisco to support union members.

"We need to grow the unions in our country so that workers can negotiate fair contracts, fair wages, and fair working conditions," Sanders told more than 1,000 supporters

who jammed downtown streets in the financial district.

Among those marching in San Francisco were members of Local 6 and Local 10.

The day concluded with an early evening rally at Waterfront Park in Vallejo, a working-class community that's been hit hard by foreclosures and personal bankruptcies caused by the Wall Street financial crisis.

Members of Local 6 and 10 attended the event that attracted more than 10,000 supporters who came on short notice.

"The crowd was impressive and peaceful," said ILWU Coast Benefits Specialist and Local 10 member John Castanho. "He hit all the issues that ILWU members care about."

The June issue of The Dispatcher will include analysis of the California Primary, and next steps in the Presidential campaign.



**Portland push for Sanders:** ILWU members helped organize a big rally in Shemanski Park on May 3 that attracted turnout from throughout the west coast and Hawaii.

# Drill Team Celebrates 50th Anniversary; founder Josh Williams honored at event

Local 10 Drill Team members rolled out the red carpet to honor their longtime leader, “Captain Josh,” with a surprise party on April 30th that celebrated the Team’s 50th Anniversary.

Captain Josh was completely surprised and nearly speechless when he entered the OVO Tavern and Eatery in Oakland to discover the secret celebration was being held in his honor.

“Drill Team members and their families just wanted to surround Captain Josh with all our love and appreciation for everything that he’s given to our union and the Drill Team,” said Local 10’s Sabrina Giles.

Giles co-hosted the event with Local 10’s Trevel Adanandus who owns the OVO Tavern and donated the cake, hired a photographer and produced the event’s backdrop. She thanked a hard-working team of volunteers including Dr. Drew, Lori Marchell, Marie Bacchus from the IBU, Local 10 Business Agent John Hughes, and all Local 10 members who helped pay part of the tab. A personalized cake with three “edible photos” honored the Drill Team’s 83-year-old leader.

Further honors came later in the evening when Drill Team members

presented their leader with a certificate of appreciation, a large plaque and bestowed him with a new title – elevating the former “Captain” to “General” Josh Williams.

Williams, who rarely speaks at great length, said he was truly touched by all the honors and recognition. He thanked everyone for their generosity, then broke out with a special rendition of his “7th Street Song” that celebrates African American history in San Francisco; recalling life in the City’s Fillmore neighborhood, where barbeque and jazz joints flourished after the Second World War – along with a host of colorful street characters who are mostly now gone. When Williams finished his song, he was followed by more performers from the Drill Team ranks, including Janice Smith and Paul from ‘da Hall.

As the long night of celebrating drew to a close, Williams was treated to a complimentary night in a nearby hotel, which spared him a late night drive across the Bay Bridge to his San Francisco home.

“I’m ready to have one of these younger people take over at some point,” said the General, “but I’ve still got more time until they’re ready to step up.



**Top honors:** Longtime Local 10 member and active pensioner Josh Williams was honored for founding and leading the famous ILWU Drill Team.



**Party with a purpose:** Local 10’s Drill Team and friends celebrated the group’s 50 years of solidarity and union culture.

## US PRESIDENT BERNIE SANDERS



A FUTURE TO BELIEVE IN!

- District 38 **LINDA SANCHEZ**
- District 39 **BRETT MURDOCK**
- District 40 **LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD**
- District 41 **MARK TAKANO**
- District 42 **TIM SHERIDAN**
- District 43 **MAXINE WATERS**
- District 44 **ISADORE HALL**
- District 45 **NO RECOMMENDATION**
- District 46 **JOE DUNN**
- District 47 **ALAN LOWENTHAL**
- District 48 **SUZANNE SAVERY**
- District 49 **NO RECOMMENDATION**
- District 50 **NO RECOMMENDATION**
- District 51 **JUAN VARGAS**
- District 52 **SCOTT PETERS**
- District 53 **SUSAN DAVIS**

## CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE

- District 25 **ANTHONY PORTANTINO**
- District 27 **DAVID POLLOCK**
- District 29 **NO RECOMMENDATION**

## US SENATE LORETTA SANCHEZ OR KAMALA HARRIS

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  - District 25 **LOU VINCE**
  - District 26 **JULIA BROWNLEY**
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  - District 28 **ADAM SCHIFF**
  - District 29 **RICHARD ALARCON**  
OR **TONY CARDENAS**
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  - District 36 **RAUL RUIZ**
  - District 37 **KAREN BASS**

- District 31 **RICHARD ROTH**
- District 33 **RICARDO LARA**
- District 35 **WARREN FURATANI**  
OR **STEVE BRADFORD**
- District 37 **NO RECOMMENDATION**
- District 39 **TONI ATKINS**

## CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY

- District 32 **RUDY SALAS**
- District 33 **PETER MARKOVICH**
- District 34 **NO RECOMMENDATION**
- District 35 **HEIDI HARMON**
- District 36 **DARREN PARKER**
- District 37 **MONIQUE LIMON**
- District 38 **CHRISTY SMITH**
- District 39 **PATTY LOPEZ**
- District 40 **ABIGAIL MEDINA**
- District 41 **CHRIS HOLDEN**
- District 42 **GREG RODRIGUEZ**
- District 43 **LAURA FRIEDMAN** OR **ARDY KASSAKHIANM**
- District 44 **JACQUI IRWIN**



## Election Recommendations for the June 7th Primary Election

### ILWU Southern California District Council

#### CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY CONT'D

- District 45 **MATT DABABNEH**
- District 46 **ADRIN NAZARIAN**
- District 47 **ELOISE REYES**  
OR **CHERYL BROWN**
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# Miembros del Local 6 celebraron su 69ª. Convención Anual

El 2 de Abril, más de 50 delegados y 20 invitados asistieron a la 69ª. Convención Anual del Local 6 en su salón de asambleas en Oakland. La reunión incluyó un informe sobre los recientes éxitos de la campaña de organización de los trabajadores del reciclaje en Alameda County Industries (ACI) en San Leandro, una intervención por Tom Gallagher, representante de la campaña de Bernie Sanders y una actualización de la “Lucha por los \$15.”

El Secretario Tesorero del Local 6, Fred Pecker, dijo que la convención generó muchas discusiones buenas pero le decepcionó el hecho de que no se aprobó ninguna resolución allí.

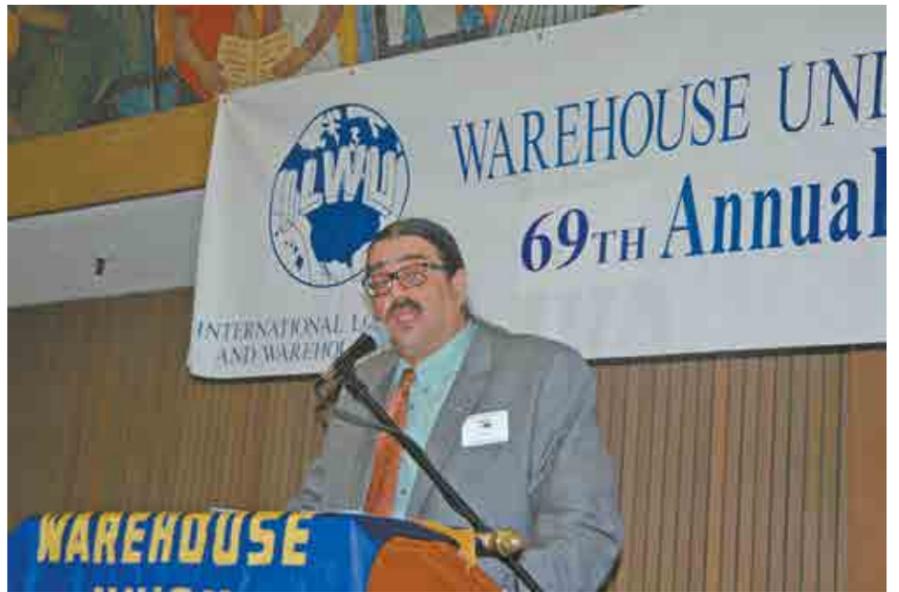
“Me gustaría reconocer las aportaciones de muchos antiguos afiliados y pensionistas que ayudaron a educar a algunos de los afiliados más nuevos del Local 6 acerca de la importancia de seguir las reglas y procedimientos de la convención”.

El Secretario Tesorero Internacional de ILWU, Willie Adams, también se dirigió a la convención. Señaló que el Local 6 siempre ha ocupado un lugar

especial en su corazón porque tiene en gran estima a los antiguos líderes del Local 6, Lou Goldblatt y LeRoy King.

“El Local 6 tiene una historia orgullosa y combativa y siempre es un honor para mi participar en sus convenciones,” dijo Adams. Recordó haber asistido a eventos especiales con LeRoy King en Pacific Heights, el barrio exclusivo de San Francisco. “LeRoy nunca se arreglaba para ir a aquellos eventos. Él siempre llevaba la chaqueta del Local 6, para representar a este sindicato y el lugar de dónde venía.”

Adams contestó varias preguntas difíciles que le hicieron los participantes acerca del plan de pensiones, que beneficia a una minoría de los 1,300 afiliados del Local 6, pero sigue siendo una prioridad para el sindicato. El fondo de pensiones es como muchos otros que se han visto afectados por el creciente número de “negocios fugados” que han huido del norte de California y de Estados Unidos hacia países como México y China en los que se pagan salarios bajos. La huida de esas compañías durante los últimos decenios - especialmente después de aprobarse el Tratado de Libre Comercio (NAFTA) – ha presionado económicamente a los empleadores que siguen cotizando al fondo de pensiones.



**Discusiones buenas:** El Secretario Tesorero del Local 6 Fred Pecker, dijo que la convención generó muchas discusiones buenas en Abril.

Adams señaló que el Sindicato Internacional ha aportado abogados y contadores para ayudar, pero explicó que la minoría de los miembros del Local 6 amparados por el plan son los responsables de tomar decisiones acerca de su fondo de retiro.

“Me alegra que hayamos tenido esta discusión y doy las gracias a los miembros que lo trajeron a colación. Esta es una difícil cuestión que afrontan algunos miembros del Local 6 y

este es el tipo de diálogo que debemos ayudar a avanzar.”

“No hay respuestas fáciles ni recetas mágicas para la cuestión de las pensiones,” dijo Bill Dow, un pensionista del Local. “Todos vamos a tener que hacer nuestra tarea y trabajar juntos si queremos resolver esto”.

La convención suspendió sus deliberaciones por la tarde después de que docenas de miembros se conocieron y convivieron al finalizar la reunión.



**New Harbor Area Planning Commissioner:** Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti recently appointed former Local 13 President Joe Cortez to serve on the City's Harbor Area Planning Commission. Cortez is filling a one-year vacancy created by the resignation of former Commissioner Scott Lane. He was sworn-in on May 4th at Los Angeles City Hall by Michael Espinosa from the City Clerk's office. “I feel honored and privileged to serve,” said Cortez.



**Cool shirts for a good cause:** Local 13 members are selling attractive t-shirts at their monthly meetings to raise money for the high school scholarship fund that's supported jointly by Locals 13, 63, 94 plus Pensioners and the Credit Union. Proceeds will help over 50 students from 17 high-schools and has been a success for 15 years. Shirts were donated by the ILWU Credit Union. Involved with the project are (L-R): Robert Rivas, Jack Mendez, David Serrato, Dwayne Jackson, Mike Encinas and Dennis Luna.

## TRANSITIONS

### NEW PENSIONERS:

**Local 13:** Bryan Hanna; Maria E. Mathlin; Royal L. Smith; Phillip A. Peltier; **Local 19:** Walter D. Kennison; **Local 21:** Marc L. Hinton; **Local 24:** Michael L. Granger; **Local 29:** Albert J. Leyba; **Local 34:** Edward L. Gutierrez; Roger K. Alexander; **Local 63:** Han C. Lee; Michael H. Diharce; Antonio Di'iorio; Fernando Soto; **Local 94:** Augustine Reyes, Jr.; Steven R. Miller;

### DECEASED PENSIONERS:

**Local 4:** Clifford L. Martin; **Local 8:** Marine J. Kuzmanich; **Local 10:** Albert Ballardo; **Local 12:** Leonard Humbert; Virgil Gentry; **Local 13:** Jose B. Reynada; Jesus R. Puga; Carl R. Smith (Gloria); Robert H. Dreyer; Jimmy L. Mahaley (Dortha); Lorenzo Mata; Henry Ortega; Richard L. Hook;

**Local 19:** Roscoe Ward; Nester Hawran; Gerald H. Battson; Eldon R. Fredriksen; **Local 23:** James H. Smith; **Local 27:** William D. Wallace; Fred A. Canfield; **Local 34:** Shellie Turpie Jr. Ronald C. Heine (Paulette); **Local 40:** Walter Fransen; Benton Reineccius; **Local 52:** Nathan H. Welch; **Local 63:** William Hallet; Kathy A. Young; **Local 92:** Gerald V. Gerritz;

### DECEASED SURVIVORS:

**Local 10:** Inez Hollins; Ann L. Dodge; Debra L. Avaloz; **Local 13:** Connie Herrera; Dorothy I. Seward; Melia S. Savea; Denise L. Grant; **Local 19:** Eileen Conrad; **Local 24:** Elizabeth A. Rosi; **Local 34:** Sheryl Smith; **Local 40:** Ann B. Kallio; **Local 46:** Karen K. Bressman; **Local 63:** Ann B. Mills; Eloise M. Ricci; Alice Huddleston; **Local 91:** Frances C. Sutter;

## Seattle City Council rejects sports stadium plan

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ILWU's San Francisco headquarters, made the key decision with members in 2012 to challenge the stadium location and enlist expert legal help from the Washington Forest Law Center, a respected public-interest environmental group.

A slew of court hearings, mailings, news reports, editorials and debates followed – sometimes generating intense pressure against the union from Seattle's political establishment.

Persak credits current Local 19 President Rich Austin, Jr. for continuing to support the fight after being elected President where he worked with other ILWU Locals and the District Council.

Persak is careful to note that the SoDo Stadium plan was wounded on May 2, but not killed. “We'll have to remain vigilant to make sure our support from the Council remains solid, because the pressure from the political establishment to build in SoDo is enormous.”

# Working Hands



**Farm and Recycling Workers**  
Photographs by David Bacon

**Longshoremen**  
Photographs by Frank Silva



Dates: 6/4 to 8/31/2016  
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Former Local 34 member Frank Silva joins veteran labor photojournalist and frequent contributor to the *Dispatcher*, David Bacon, in a photo exhibit at PhotoCentral in Hayward, CA June 4th through August 31st.

## ILWU BOOKS & VIDEOS

Books and videos about the ILWU are available from the union's library at discounted prices!

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**Solidarity Stories: An Oral History of the ILWU.** By Harvey Schwartz. An inspiring collection of first-hand accounts from ILWU union leaders and rank-and-file workers. \$17.00.

**A Spark Is Struck: Jack Hall & the ILWU in Hawaii.** By Sanford Zalburg: A high quality re-issue of the informative epic account of Jack Hall and the birth and growth of the ILWU in Hawaii \$13.50 (paperback).

**The Legacy of 1934: An historical exhibit by the ILWU.** Produced as a catalogue to accompany the new traveling historical art exhibit about the origins of the ILWU in the 1934 maritime strike, this brief but vivid publication stands on its own as a pictorial history of the coastwise strike and an account of the extraordinary sacrifices and democratic principles of the founding members of the union. **Two (2) for \$5.00**

**Harry Bridges: The Rise and Fall of Radical Labor in the United States.** By Charles Larrowe. A limited number of copies of this out-of-print and useful biography are now available through the book sale by special arrangement with Bolerium Books in San Francisco, which specializes in rare publications and documents about radical and labor history. **\$10.00**

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