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**Labor of love:** Local 13 Vice President Jesse 'Nacho' Enriquez (left) stands with LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn. Labor Day is usually a holiday for workers. This year's march and picnic in Wilmington, CA was replaced with service to the community. ILWU volunteers suited-up and masked-up to join with other LA County union members to distribute food to thousands of local workers who have been impacted by the COVID pandemic.

# **Annual SoCal Labor Day** event shifts focus from celebration to service

abor Day in the Southern California harbor area has always meant one thing—a Labor Day march through downtown Wilmington followed by a picnic at Banning Park.

But this year there were no early-morning breakfast burritos at the Longshoremen's Memorial Hall sponsored by the Southern California Pensioners. The school marching bands, union banners, floats, classic cars and the thousands of proud union members walking side-byside with their fellow workers were nowhere to be seen on the streets of Wilmington. There were no hamburgers or hot dogs served at Banning Park and no Brian Young Blues Station to entertain the crowd.

For the first time in 41 years, the annual event was canceled.

Long Beach Harbor Labor Coalition, including the ILWU, the Labor Community Services, and the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, suitedup and went to work to put on a food drive to help area families impacted by the COVID-19. The pandemic continues to spread through communities, because the federal government response has failed to meet the challenge posed by the virus.

US Representatives Maxine Waters and Nanette Barragan, State Senator Maria Elena Durazo, Supervisors Janice Hahn and Hilda Solis and Los Angeles Councilmember Joe Buscaino were among the elected officials at the event.

Local 13 President Ramon Ponce de Leon spoke briefly at the event. Instead, the unions of the LA/ "On a day that the nation celebrates Labor, Labor is giving back to the community," he said. "The Good Lord said 'It is more blessed to give than receive.' God bless you, brothers and sisters."

> The union-hosted food distribution helped more than 4,500 families, or 18,000 individuals, impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

> "The workers in the harbor decided to turn this into a day of helping," said Supervisor Hahn. "These workers who deserve a day off decided to work today because many people have been hurt by this pandemic. It speaks to the generosity and hospitality of unions and workers in the harbor area."



# SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

## Your vote has never meant more

Republican Party have shown that they aren't up to the task. The working class of this country cannot afford another four years of their failed leadership.

At the time of this writing, over 200,000 lives have been lost to the COVID-19 pandemic. According to some forecasting models, that number may unfortunately double by the end of the year. Trump's response to the crisis has been to deny, deflect and divide. At a recent rally in Ohio, Trump told a crowd of his admirers that coronavirus "affects almost nobody."

This administration has failed to get the pandemic under control because they have refused to follow sound, science-based health policies that have been successful throughout the industrialized world. Because of Trump's failure, workers have paid with their lives and their jobs. We cannot allow this to continue.

Wildfires are raging throughout the Western United States with dozens of lives lost, thousands of homes destroyed, and over 5 million acres of land burned so far this summer.

Hurricanes are currently pummeling the southeastern states and are seemingly increasing in frequency, size, and damage every year. Climate change is real. But like the administration's response to the pandemic, their policy is to deny the science as the costs to workers, the economy, and the planet grows.

And if enough negative events haven't occurred already in 2020, iconic Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg—a champion of gender equality, women's interests, and civil rights has passed away at the age of 87.

President Trump and his sycophants have quickly attempted to take advantage of this tragic loss by actively working to ram in another extremist Supreme Court justice confirmation with fewer than 50 days left until the U.S. Presidential election. These actions are in stark contrast to the GOP's position in 2016 when they refused to confirm President Obama's Supreme Court pick because the country was only 200 days away from an

On March 16, 2016, Senator Mitch McConnell stated on Fox News Sunday "The Senate has a role to play here. The president nominates, we decide to

merica is in crisis and confirm. We think the important prin-Donald Trump and the ciple in the middle of this presidential year is that the American people need to weigh in and decide who's going to make this decision. Not this lame-duck president on the way out the door, but the next president."

> Throughout the last four years, Senator McConnell and the rest of the duplicitous party hacks have all proven that the only principle they stand for is power. It is another clear reason why your vote matters so much this year and why this election is so important to working-class people.

#### Don't despair about the **Supreme Court**

In preparation for this article, I came across a very interesting op-ed from historian Howard Zinn published in The Progressive magazine on October 21, 2005. It was entitled "Don't Despair about the Supreme Court." In his essay, Zinn provides strong historical evidence to formulate the following sound conclusions regarding Supreme Court appointments. His conclusions are highly relevant today and provide me with hope.

He wrote, "There is enormous hypocrisy surrounding the pious veneration of the Constitution and "the rule of law." The Constitution, like the Bible, is infinitely flexible and is used to serve the political needs of the moment. When the country was in economic crisis and turmoil in the Thirties and capitalism needed to be saved from the anger of the poor and hungry and unemployed, the Supreme Court was willing to stretch to infinity the constitutional right to regulate interstate commerce. It decided that the national government, desperate to regulate farm production could tell a family farmer what to grow on his tiny piece of land.

"When the Constitution gets in the way of a war, it is ignored. When the Supreme Court was faced, during Vietnam, with a suit by soldiers refusing to go, claiming there had been no declaration of war by Congress, as the Constitution required, the soldiers could not get four Supreme Court justices to agree to even hear the case. When, during World War I, Congress ignored the First Amendment's right to free speech by passing legislation to prohibit criticism of the war, the imprisonment of dissenters under this law was upheld unanimously by the Supreme Court, which included two presumably liberal and learned justices: Oliver Wendell Holmes and Louis Brandeis.

"It would be naïve to depend on the Supreme Court to defend the rights of poor people, women, people of color, dissenters of all kinds. Those rights only come alive when citizens organize, protest, demonstrate, strike, boycott, rebel, and violate the law in order to uphold justice."

"The Constitution gave no rights to working people, no right to work less than twelve hours a day, no right to a living wage, no right to safe working conditions. Workers had to organize, go on strike, defy the law, the courts, the police, create a great movement which won the eight- hour day, and caused such commotion that Congress was forced to pass a minimum wage law, and Social Security, and unemployment insurance.

"The Brown decision on school desegregation did not come from a sudden realization of the Supreme Court that this is what the Fourteenth Amendment called for. After all, it was the same Fourteenth Amendment that had been cited in the Plessy case upholding racial segregation. It was the initiative of brave families in the South—along with the fear by the government, obsessed with the Cold war, that it was losing the hearts and minds of colored people all over the world that brought a sudden enlightenment to the Court.

"The right of a woman to an abortion did not depend on the Supreme Court decision in Roe vs. Wade. It was won before that decision, all over the country by grassroots agitation that forced states to recognize the right. If the American people, who by a great majority favor that right, insist on it, act on it, no Supreme Court decision can take it away.

"Let us not be disconsolate over the increasing control of the court system by the right-wing. The courts have never been on the side of justice, only moving a few degrees one way or the other, unless pushed by the people. Those words engraved in the marble of the Supreme Court, 'Equal Justice Before the Law,' have always been a sham.

"No Supreme Court, liberal or conservative, will stop the war in Iraq, or redistribute the wealth of this country, or establish free medical care for every human being. Such fundamental change will depend, the experience of the past suggests, on the actions of an

aroused citizenry, demanding that the promise of the Declaration of Independence-an equal right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness-be fulfilled."

#### The time is now

The time is now for all workingclass people to step up and vote. The stakes have never been higher for organized labor or for American workers. High voter turnout by the working class will best protect our collective interests and can bring about the significant and positive changes that are required in this country.

Your vote in the 2020 election will determine if the United States rejoins the global community in properly addressing climate change instead of denying scientific evidence.

Your vote in the 2020 election will determine if the United States will develop a coherent and science-based federal COVID-19 response instead of denying scientific evidence.

Your vote in the 2020 election will determine if police brutality and systemic racism end in the United States instead of having the federal government promote a false "law and order" fear-based narrative.

Your vote in the 2020 election will determine if corporations and the 1% start paying their fair share of taxes.

Workers simply cannot afford another four years of the status quo. We cannot afford another four years of extremist, anti-union federal judge appointments by the GOP. We cannot afford to have the many gains won by working people in the New Deal lost to corporate greed and special interest groups. We cannot afford another four years of denying climate change. We cannot afford to continue to lose innocent American lives to the COVID-19 virus because of an insufficient and incompetent federal response.

In 2020, we don't have the luxury of being apathetic when it comes to politics. There must be a massive and historic voter turnout in the 2020 election to ensure a "peaceful transition of governmental power." Once that occurs we can all focus on the important work of rebuilding America.

As Susan B. Anthony once said, "Someone struggled for your right to vote. Use it."

In solidarity, Ed Ferris #Blacklivesmatter

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# **INFORME DEL SECRETARIO TESORERO**

# Su voto jamás ha importado tanto como ahora

mérica está en crisis y Donald Trump y el Partido Republicano han demostrado que no dan el ancho. Los trabajadores de este país no pueden aguantar su falta de liderazgo por otros cuatro años.

En el momento de esta redacción, más de 200,000 vidas se habían perdido debido a la pandemia del COVID-19. Según algunos modelos de pronosticación, esa cifra desgraciadamente podrá doblarse para fin de este año. La respuesta de Trump a la crisis ha sido negar que existe, desviar la atención y fomentar la división. En un mitin reciente en Ohio, Trump se dirigió a una multitud de sus admiradores y las dijo que el coronavirus "casi no afecta a nadie."

Esta administración ha fallado en controlar la pandemia porque se han negado a seguir las políticas de salud sensatas basadas en la ciencia que han tenido éxito en todo el mundo industrializado. Debido al fracaso de Trump, los trabajadores han pagado con sus vidas y sus empleos. No podemos permitir que esto continúe.

Los incendios forestales están causando grandes estragos en los estados del oeste del país, resultando en decenas de vidas perdidas, miles de hogares destruidos y más de 5 millones de acres quemadas en lo que va del verano.

Los huracanes actualmente están golpeando a los estados del sureste y al parecer están aumentando su frecuencia, tamaño y los daños que causan cada año. El cambio climático es real, pero al igual que la respuesta de la administración a la pandemia, su política es la de negar lo que dice la ciencia mientras que los daños a los trabajadores, la economía y el planeta van creciendo.

Y para colmo de males ocurridos en 2020, la jueza icónica de la Corte Suprema Ruth Bader Ginsburg, una luchadora por la igualdad de género, los intereses de las mujeres y los derechos civiles, falleció a los 87 años de edad.

El presidente Trump y sus aduladores no han perdido tiempo en aprovechar esta pérdida trágica, haciendo todo lo posible por conseguir la confirmación a la fuerza de otro juez extremista a la Corte Suprema a menos de 50 días de la elección presidencial de EU. Estas acciones constituyen un marcado contraste con la posición del Partido Republicano en 2016 cuando se negó a confirmar el juez nominado por el presidente Obama a la Corte Suprema porque faltaban "solo" 200 días para las elecciones nacionales.

El 16 de marzo de 2016, el senador Mitch McConnell declaró en Fox News Sunday "El Senado tiene que cumplir su función. El presidente presenta los nominados, nosotros decidimos si los confirmamos. Pensamos que el principio importante en medio de este año presidencial es que el pueblo americano debe opinar y decidir quién es el que va a tomar esta decisión. No este presidente a punto de entregar el poder, sino el siguiente."

Durante los últimos cuatro años, el senador McConnell y el resto de los hipócritas charlatanes de su partido han demostrado que el único principio que defienden es el de mantenerse en el poder. Es otra razón clara por la que nuestro voto importa tanto este año y por qué esta

elección es tan importante para los traba-

#### No se desesperen con lo ocurrido a la Corte Suprema

Al prepararme para escribir este artículo, encontré un artículo de opinión muy interesante del historiador Howard Zinn publicado en la revista The Progressive el 21 de octubre de 2005. Estaba titulado "Don't Despair About the Supreme Court" (No se desesperen por lo ocurrido a la Corte Suprema). En su ensayo, Zinn expone las pruebas históricas irrefutables que respaldan las siguientes conclusiones acertadas referente a los nombramientos a la Corte Suprema. Sus conclusiones son bastante pertinentes hoy en día y me dan esperanzas.

Él escribió, "Hay una enorme hipocresía cuando se venera piadosamente a la Constitución y 'el Estado de derecho.' La Constitución, al igual que la Biblia, es infinitamente flexible y se usa para respaldar las necesidades políticas del momento. Cuando el país atravesaba por la crisis económica y la turbulencia de los años treinta y había que salvar al capitalismo de la ira de los pobres y hambrientos y desempleados, la Corte Suprema estaba dispuesta a estirar al infinito el derecho constitucional de regular el comercio interestatal. Decidió que el gobierno nacional, por su desesperación de regular la producción agrícola, podía ordenarle al granjero familiar lo que tenía que cultivar en su minúscula parcela.

"Cuando la Constitución impide involucrarse en una guerra, se le ignora. Cuando la Corte Suprema tuvo que decidir un caso durante la guerra de Vietnam entablado por soldados que se negaban a pelear en ella, alegando que el Congreso no había hecho una declaración de guerra como lo requiere la Constitución, dichos soldados no pudieron lograr que siquiera cuatro jueces de la Corte Suprema aceptaran ver el caso. Cuando el Congreso ignoró el derecho a la libre expresión consagrada en la Primera Enmienda durante la Primera Guerra Mundial, promulgando una ley para prohibir las críticas acerca de la guerra, el encarcelamiento de disidentes debido a esta ley fue ratificada unánimemente por la Corte Suprema, la cual incluía a dos supuestos jueces liberales y eruditos: Oliver Wendell Holmes y Louis

"Sería ingenuo depender de la Corte Suprema para defender los derechos de los pobres, las mujeres, las minorías raciales y étnicas, disidentes de todo tipo. Esos derechos solo cobran vida cuando los ciudadanos se organizan, protestan, manifiestan, hacen huelgas y boicots, se rebelan y violan la ley con tal de defender la justi-

"La Constitución no concedió derechos a los trabajadores: ningún derecho de trabajar menos de doce horas por día, ningún derecho a un salario digno, ningún derecho a condiciones de trabajo seguras. Los trabajadores tuvieron que organizarse, hacer huelgas, desafiar la ley, los tribunales, la policía y crear un gran movimiento para ganar la jornada de ocho horas, y causaron tanto alboroto que el Congreso se vio forzado a promulgar la ley del salario mínimo, el Seguro Social y el seguro de desempleo.

"La decisión en el caso Brown sobre la integración racial de las escuelas no resultó de un repentino entendimiento por la Corte Suprema de que esto era precisamente lo que exige la Decima cuarta Enmienda. Después de todo, fue esta misma Enmienda la que fue citada en el caso Plessy que confirmó la segregación racial. Fue la iniciativa de las valientes familias en el sur de EU, además del temor del gobierno, obsesionado con la Guerra Fría, de que estaba perdiendo su influencia entre la gente de color en todo el mundo, que de repente instruyó a la Corte.

"El derecho de las mujeres a un aborto no dependió de la decisión de la Corte Suprema en el caso Roe vs. Wade. Se había ganado antes de ese fallo judicial en todo el país por el activismo de base que obligó que los Estados reconocieran este derecho. Si la gente de EU en su gran mayoría apoya ese derecho, insiste en él, actúa para defenderlo, ninguna decisión de la Corte Suprema lo puede eliminar.

"No hay que desconsolarse por el mayor control del sistema judicial por la derecha. Los tribunales nunca han velado por la justicia, ya que solo se mueven de un lado a otro unos cuantos grados, excepto cuando se han visto presionados a hacerlo por el pueblo. Las palabras grabadas en el mármol de la Corte Suprema, 'Justicia Equitativa Conforme a la Ley,' siempre han sido una farsa.

"Ninguna Corte Suprema, sea liberal o conservadora, detendrá la guerra en Irak, ni redistribuirá la riqueza de este país, ni dará atención médica gratuita a todo ser humano. Dichos cambios fundamentales dependerán de las acciones de una ciudadanía alborotada, tal como la experiencia del pasado nos indica, que exige el cumplimiento de la promesa de la Declaración de Independencia: el derecho equitativo a la vida, la libertad y la búsqueda de la felicidad."

#### Ahora es el momento

Ahora es el momento para que todos los trabajadores tomen un paso adelante y voten. Nunca ha habido tanto en juego para los sindicatos o los trabajadores estadounidenses. Una alta participación de los trabajadores en las elecciones será lo que mejor protegerá nuestros intereses colectivos y llevará a los cambios significativos y positivos que requiere este país.



Su voto en las elecciones del 2020 determinará si Estados Unidos desarrollará una respuesta federal coherente con base en la ciencia al COVID-19, en lugar de negar las pruebas científicas.

Su voto en las elecciones del 2020 determinará si se le va a poner fin a la brutalidad policial y el racismo sistémico en Estados Unidos, en lugar de que el gobierno federal promueva una narrativa falsa de "la ley y el orden" basada en el miedo.

Su voto en las elecciones del 2020 determinará si las corporaciones y el 1% de la población más adinerada del país pagan los impuestos que les corresponde.

Los trabajadores simplemente no podemos permitir que continúe la situación actual por cuatro años más. No podemos permitir que jueces federales extremistas antisindicales sean nombrados por el Partido Republicano durante otros cuatro años. No podemos permitir que los logros obtenidos por los trabajadores con el Nuevo Trato se pierdan por la avaricia corporativa y los grupos de intereses especiales. No podemos darnos el lujo de que se siga negando el cambio climático por otros cuatro años. No podemos dejar que se sigan perdiendo las vidas inocentes de nuestros compatriotas al COVID-19 por la respuesta federal insuficiente e incompe-

En 2020, no tenemos el lujo de la apatía sobre la situación política. Es urgente que haya una participación masiva e histórica de los votantes en las elecciones del 2020 para asegurar una "transición pacífica del poder gubernamental." Una vez que suceda eso, nos podemos concentrar en la importante tarea de reconstruir

Como dijo alguna vez Susan B. Anthony, "Alguien se sacrificó para que usted tuviera el derecho de votar. Hágalo valer."

Con solidaridad, Ed Ferris #Blacklivesmatter



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# **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DIST. COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Joe Biden

#### Vice President of U.S.A.

Kamala Harris

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Dist. 3 John Garemendi (D)

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Dist. 5 Mike Thompson (D)

Dist. 6 Doris Matsui (D)

Dist. 7 Ami Bera (D)

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Dist. 2 Jim Wood

Dist. 3 James Henson Dist. 4 Cecilia Aguiar-Curry

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Dist. 6 Jackie Smith

Dist. 7 Kevin McCarty

Dist. 8 Ken Cooley

Dist. 9 Jim Cooper

Dist. 10 Marc Levine

Dist. 11 Jim Frazier Dist. 12 Paul Akinjo

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Dist. 27 Ash Kalra

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### **CA State Senate**

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Dist. 7 No Endorsement

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Dist. 15 David Cortese (D) Dist. 17 John Larid (D)

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Dist. 11 Ahsha Safai

#### **Community College Board**

4 SEATS **RANKED** Anita Martinez #1 Aliya Chisti #2 Shanell Williams Tom Temprano #4 #5 Alan Wong

Han Zhou

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4 SEATS Alida Fisher Mark Sanchez **Kevin Bogges** Matt Alexander

#### **ALAMEDA COUNTY**

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Dist. 5 Noel Gallo

Dist. 7 Bob Jackson, Aron Clay

#### **Oakland Unified School Dist. Board of Education**

Kristin Molina

#### **Alameda Superior Court Judge**

Elena Condes

#### City of Alameda

City Council Malia Vella City Council Jim Oddie

Ballot Measure Z Yes

#### **BERKELEY**

**City Council** Dist. 2 Cheryl Davila

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City Council Elisa Marquez City Council Laci Amodei City Council Nestor Castillo

City Council Elisha Crader

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Dist. 2 Tony Tiscarreno Dist. 4 Monica Wilson

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#### PINOLE

City Council Devin Murphy City Council Maureen Toms

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#### **PLEASANT HILL**

City Council Ken Calson City Council Matt Rinn

### **RICHMOND**

**City Council** 

Dist. 1 Melvin Willis

Dist. 5 Gayle McLaughlin

Dist. 6 Claudia Jimenez

#### California State propositions for the 2020 General Election

Prop 14	Authorizes bonds to continue funding stem cells and other medical research.	YES
Prop 15	Increase funding for public schools, community colleges, local and government	
	services by charging a tax assessment on commercial and industrial property.	YES
Prop 16	Authorizes California to repeal Prop 209, Affirmative Action Amendment.	YES
Prop 17	Authorizes California to repeal voting voting rights for people on parole.	YES
Prop 18	California voting rights for 17 year olds.	YES
Prop 19	Property tax transfer exemptions and revenue for wildfire agencies and counties.	No Recommendation
Prop 20	Restrict Parole for nonviolent offenders. Authorizes felony sentences for certain for certain offenses currently treated as misdemeanors.	NO
Prop 21	Expands local government authority to enact rent control on residential property.	No Recommendation

Prop 21 Expands local government authority to enact rent control on residential property. Changes employment classification for APP based transportation and delivery drivers. NO Prop 22

Authorizes state regulators of kidney dialysis clinics. Establishes minimum staffing YES

and other requirements. Prop 24 Amends consumer privacy laws.

Referendum to overturn 2018 law that replaces the money bail system with a system YES Prop 25 based on public safety risk.

#### **SAN FRANCISCO**

#### **Ballot Measures**

Prop A	Health and Homelessness, Parks, and Streets Bond	YES
Prop B	Department of Sanitation and Streets, Sanitation and Streets Commission, and Public Works Commission	YES
Prop C	Removing Citizenship Requirements for Members of City Bodies	YES
Prop D	Sheriff Oversight	YES
Prop E	Police Staffing	YES
Prop F	Business Tax Overhaul	YES
Prop G	Youth Voting in Local Elections	YES
Prop H	Neighborhood Commercial Districts and City Permitting	NO
Prop I	Real Estate Transfer Tax	YES
Prop J	Parcel Tax for San Francisco Unified School District	YES
Prop K	Affordable Housing Authorization	YES
Prop L	Business Tax Based on Comparison of Top Executive's Pay to Employees' Pay	YES

#### **SAN PABLO**

City Council Abec Pineda City Council Arturo Cruz City Council Patricia Ponce

Sabina Zafar

Prop RR Caltrain Sales Tax

#### City Council Sirdhar Verose City Council Luz Gomez

**SAN RAMON** 

Mayor

WALNUT CREEK City Council Cindy Darling City Council Kurtis Reese

# City Council Patricia Ponce

**SPECIAL Dist.S** AC Transit H. E. Christian People Ward 1 Jovank Beckles

# **Conta Costa Comunity**

**College Board** Ward 5 Fernando Sandoval

## Ambrose Parks Dist.

**Eduardo Torres** 

## **BART Board**

Dist. 7 Lateefah Simon Dist. 9 Bevan Dufty

#### SAN MATEO COUNTY

Measure RR YES

#### SONOMA COUNTY **Board of Supervisors**

Dist. 1 Susan Gorin Dist. 3 Chris Chris Dist. 5 Linda Hopkins

### **MARIN COUNTY**

#### Mill Valley

City Council Max Perry City Council Urban Camel

### City Council Janelle Kellman

SAUSALITO

**TIBURON** Town Council Kathleen De Fever

**Board of Supervisors** Dist. 2 Katie Rice Dist. 3 Stephanie Peters

Dist. 4 Dennis Rodoni Measure D NO

#### **NAPA COUNTY**

#### **American Canyon**

Mayor Mark Joseph City Council Mariam Aboudamous City Council Pierre Washington

#### **CITY OF NAPA**

Mayor Scott Sedgeley City Council Dist. 2 Beth Painter Dist. 4 Bernie Navarez

#### **SOLANO COUNTY**

#### **CITY OF BENECIA**

Mayor Christina Strawbridge City Council Tom Cambell City Council Trevor Macenski

### **VALLEJO**

City Council Hakeem Brown City Tax Measure G YES

**Solano Community** 

#### **College Board** Area 5 Quinten Voyce

DIXON Mayor Steve Bird

City Council

# Dist. 4 Jerry Castanon

**FAIRFIELD** City Council Dist. 4 Rick Vaccaro

Dist. 5 Doris Panduro

Dist. 3 Kevin Johnson

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Dist. 1 Shawn McMahon

#### **VACAVILLE** City Council

Dist. 3 Michael Siva Dist. 5 Sherie Malberg **MENDOCINO COUNTY** 

**Board of Supervisors** Dist. 1 Glenn McGourty Dist. 2 Mari Rodin Deal

Dist. 4 Open

#### **SACRAMENTO COUNTY**

YES

#### **Board of Supervisors** Dist. 3 Gregg Fishman

No Recommendation

Dist. 4 Open Measure 2 Yes

#### **Elk Grove** Mayor Open City Council

Dist. 1 Open

Dist. 3 Maureen Craft **WEST SACRAMENTO** Mayor Martha Guerrero

City Council At-Large Norma

# Second Seat Open

Alcala

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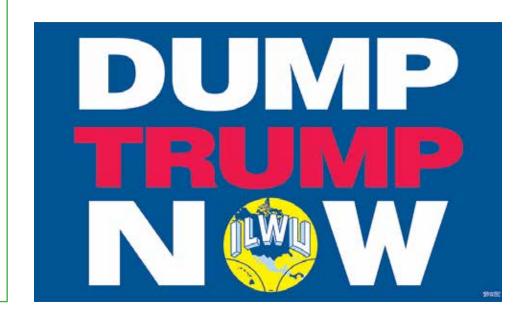
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# **ILWU** join millions of Americans mourning the passing of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

# **Trump nominee Amy Coney Barrett a threat to the Affordable** Care Act, healthcare for millions of workers at risk

"On behalf of the International Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU), it is with great sadness and a heavy heart that I join the millions of people across the country as we mourn the death of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Part of our democracy has died today," said ILWU International President Willie Adams in a statement released on September 19.

ustice Ginsburg passed away on September 18 after a long battle with pancreatic cancer at the age of 87.

#### Legal trailblazer

Ginsburg was the architect that defined the legal battle for women's rights in the 1970s when she was a lawyer for the ACLU. In a series of legal cases, Ginsburg advanced the idea that the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment covered discrimination based on sex.

Her legal strategy was to bring cases that could show how such discrimination harmed men because she believed judges would be more likely to find that to be problematic than those that focused solely on the impact to women. Ginsburg's lawsuits also challenged the norms that defined women's primary role as caregivers and men's role as workers outside the home.

In the 1972 case, Charles E. Moritz v. Commissioner of Internal Revenue argued before the 10th Circuit, Ginsburg represented the plaintiff, Charles Moritz. Moritz brought suit after the IRS denied his deduction for the cost of a caregiver for his invalid mother.

The law at the time specifically allowed such a deduction, but only for women and formerly married men.

In 1975, Ginsburg argued the case Weinberger v. Wiesenfeld before the U.S, Supreme Court. Ginsburg represented Stephen Wiesenfeld, a widower and the sole provider for his newborn son. Wiesenfeld sued after he was denied Social Security Survivor's benefits that were made available to widows but not widowers.

In both Mortitz and Weinberger, the courts ruled that the Constitution prohibits discrimination on the basis of

#### Defender of worker's rights

Ginsburg was also strong supporter of the rights of workers. In her dissent in the 2018 case of Epic Systems Corp v. Lewis, Ginsburg articulated a fundamental principle of unionism—the strength of workers' collective power. She wrote, "For workers striving to gain from their employer's decent terms and conditions of employment, there is strength in numbers. A single employee, Congress understood, is disarmed in dealing with an employer.".

Ginsburg joined the dissent in Janus v. AFSCME. In that case, the Court's majority ruled that public employees do not have to pay fees to unions to cover the costs of collective bargaining. The dissent, written by Justice Elena Kagan, criticized the Court for being "black-robed rulers overriding citizens' choices" by overturning "a decision entrenched in this Nation's law-and its economic life-for over 40 years. As a result, it prevents the American people, acting through their state and local officials, from making important choices about workplace governance."

#### Rush to replace

Immediately after Ginsburg's death, Senate Majority leader Mitch McConnell vowed to confirm a new appointment to the Supreme Court before the November 3rd elections. This rush to fill the vacant seat stands in sharp contrast to the Republican position in 2016 when the GOP-controlled Senate refused to hold a confirmation hearing on Obama's Supreme Court nominee, Merrick Garland, because the country was nine months away from an election.

Another Trump appointment would cement a 6-3 supermajority for extremist conservatives on the Supreme

Court who are increasingly out-of-step with the majority of American voters. If the nomination goes through, Trump, who lost the popular vote by over 3 million votes, will have appointed one-third of the Court's nine Justices. George W. Bush, who also lost the popular vote, appointed two Justices.

#### Healthcare for millions at risk

Trump's nomination to fill Ginsburg's seat, Judge Amy Coney Barrett, poses an immediate threat to the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the healthcare of millions of Americans. The Supreme Court will review the constitutionality of the the ACA this November in the case California v. Texas. If the ACA is invalidated, Americans will lose protections for pre-existing conditions—including those who have been diagnosed with COVID-19—and tens of millions of workers who benefit from 1) financial assistance to obtain coverage, 2) the Medicare expansion provisions of the ACA and 3) those who are allowed to remain on their parent's plan until the age of 26, are at risk of losing medical coverage in the middle of a pandemic.

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Ginsburg was a champion for gender equality and women's rights and spent her career fighting in the name of justice. Known as much for her eloquent dissents as for her majority opinions, Ginsburg's call for an end to pay inequality for women in the Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company case ultimately led to Congress and President Barack Obama passing a federal law mandating equality in compensation in the workplace.

Ginsburg was also a tireless advocate for the dignity and rights of American workers. Her powerful dissent in the 2018 case of Epic Systems Corp v. Lewis spelled out the very principle behind unionism: "For workers striving to gain from their employers decent terms and conditions of employment, there is strength in numbers. A single employee, Congress understood, is disarmed in dealing with an employer." She leaves the legacy of a better workplace for all working Americans. We will never forget what service she has provided our Nation and to each and every one of us.

The ILWU joins the voices of millions of Americans in supporting Justice Ginsburg's final request when she wrote, "My most fervent wish is that I will not be replaced until a new president is installed." We are committed to seeing this request respected by all members of the United States Senate.

In her name, we, the ILWU, will continue the fight for justice for all. Rest in power, Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

In solidarity,

william adam William E. Adams International President

# San Pedro vigil honors RBG

Scores of people gathered in San Pedro on September 21 to honor Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg with a candlelight vigil.

The gathering was one of many across the country to celebrate the life of Ginsburg, the second woman to serve on the Supreme Court.

Ginsburg has become an icon in recent years and was the most prominent member on the Court.

Speakers included LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn, Assembly member Patrick O'Donnell, LA Councilmember Joe Buscaino, LA Harbor Commissioner Diane Middleton and ILWU Local 26 President Luisa Gratz.

Middleton said that Ginsburg served as a role model for women. "When I graduated law school in 1971. there were four women in my class,' she said. "Today in law schools, women make up 40 to 50 percent of the classes. When I arrived in San Pedro in 1978, there were only six women on the waterfront. Justice Ginsburg stood for all of these women. It wasn't just about her landmark dissents; it was about what she showed us that could be possible."

Gratz challenged the crowd, which included many ILWU members, to continue Ginsburg's fight. "What is going on in the Supreme Court today is the result of our silence over the last few decades. If we don't organize, we will live with the results," Gratz said. "Ruth Bader Ginsberg was a unique human being. She also was a woman. She had integrity, courage, brilliance, tenacity, humility, intelligence, and was driven by factual analysis, and context that drove her perspective in the name of justice for her clients, her country, for the judicial arena, and process we evolved to, and most of all, she knew no men are free unless women are equal without litigious, economic, or structural limitation. She was amazing and unfortunately rare. She left an abyss that many don't yet understand. She will be and is already missed."

# **International Executive Board passes Statement** of Policy in support of the United States **Postal Service**



Save the USPS: ILWU International President Willie Adams (right), pictured here with ILWU Secretary-Treasurer Ed Ferris, discusses the importance of saving the US Postal Service during the IEB meeting held over Zoom on September 24-25.

he ILWU's International Executive Board met over Zoom on September 24-25. The Board passed a Statement of Policy defending the United States Postal Service (USPS). The policy calls on Congress to fully fund the USPS, restore the Postal Services' operational efficiencies that have been undermined by the Trump Administration and conduct a thorough investigation of the management of the USPS to determine if they implemented changes in order to make it more difficult for people to vote by mail in the upcoming election.

#### Statement of Policy on the United States Postal Service (USPS)

The United States Postal Service (USPS) has played a vital role in connecting Americans since the founding of the 13 original colonies. Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 of the United States Constitution empowers Congress to "To establish Post Offices and Post Roads." The USPS dates back to 1775. It has exclusive access to "letter boxes" (residential and business receptacles for receiving mail) and is obligated to serve all Americans, regardless of geography, at a uniform price and service level.

The USPS is managed by a "Board of Governors" consisting of nine members appointed by the U.S. President with the consent of the Senate, a Postmaster General, and a Deputy Postmaster General. The current Postmaster General, Louis DeJoy, has been the CEO of logistic companies and has been a large Republican Party fundraiser.

The USPS plays a critical role in the lives of many Americans. It delivers social security and pension checks to retirees and their spouses. It delivers critical medicines to those individuals who can't (or shouldn't) venture out of their residences to pick them up at a pharmacy. And importantly, in an election year such as this, it delivers mail ballots. These, and other functions of the USPS, are made even more critical due to the COVID-19 pandemic where all individuals, especially those at higher risk, should minimize their possible exposure to the virus.

Under President Trump's appointees, the management of the USPS has engaged in a concerted effort to hamstring its capacity and efficiency. This year alone, more than 700 high speed sorting machines have been removed from service under the false premise of improving efficiency. Obviously, efficiency and capacity will suffer. Additionally, many mailboxes in towns and cities across the nation have been removed and Postmaster DeJoy has slowed mail delivery by refusing to authorize overtime. DeJoy stated at a U.S. Senate hearing in August that the removal of the high speed sorting machines and mailboxes will stop until after the election in November. He denied that he halted overtime. DeJoy refused to reinstall the sorting machines and mailboxes.

DeJoy's actions, and the statements of others in the Trump Admin istration, such as Attorney General William Barr, are intended to support Trump's unfounded accusations that mail balloting will lead to fraud, thereby giving Trump an excuse to contest the election or question its validity if he loses.

It is imperative that Congress take action to (1) fully fund the USPS, (2) restore the operational capacity and efficiency of the USPS, and (3) conduct a thorough investigation of the management of the USPS as to how they have done Trump's bidding to tilt the election in his favor.

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IOC meets: The ILWU International Organizing Committee (IOC) met via Zoom on September 23. The IOC is a volunteer subcommittee of the International Executive Board that works directly with the Organizing Department to discuss ongoing organizing campaigns and to identify new organizing targets across all ILWU divisions. Despite the challenges posed by the COVID pandemic, the Organizing Department continues their groundbreaking organizing work in the pet healthcare industry, developing targets in logistics and the supply chain and in other industries.

The Organizing Department has adapted quickly to the challenges of COVID," said ILWU Vice President Bobby Olvera who oversees the union's mainland organizing program. "We are continuing our aggressive efforts to organize the unorganized. The participation of the members of the IOC is an invaluable source of knowledge and industry experience that will help inform and guide the department as we continue to move forward."

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# **Golden Gate Bridge Labor Coalition fights COVID layoffs**

he Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District sent layoff notices to 185 workers who run the buses and ferries between the North Bay and San Francisco. Layoffs could begin as soon as November if federal aid isn't forthcoming to offset to lost revenue caused by the COVID-19 crisis the District said.

The Golden Gate Bridge Labor Coalition responded with a letter to the

District's Board of Directors asking the District to explore alternatives:

"We are aware of the impact that the COVID-19 crisis has had on the traffic on the Golden Gate Bridge as well as the reduced demand for the Bridge District's bus and ferry service. However, the budget that is being presented creates a severe financial hardship for a considerable number of employees during a time when many working families are struggling to ensure that they stay housed and to make sure that the families keep their head above water," the letter which was signed by Shane Weinstein, President of the Amalgamated Transit Union, Local #1575 and Marina Secchitano, IBU President and Chair of the Golden Gate Bridge Labor Coalition.

"With the holidays quickly approaching, the timing of the General Manager's letter regarding the WARN Act Notice is untimely and insensitive," the letter read. "Furthermore, our hardworking, dedicated, front-line men and women are finding themselves in the appalling and dangerous situation of losing healthcare benefits during this terrible pandemic. In the middle of the worst global health crisis in memory, our unions find it absolutely incomprehensible that at this difficult time the Golden Gate Bridge District

would consider economically ruinous layoffs of our rank-and-file workers who made the District the great agency it is today."

The letter asked Board to explore using Federal Transit Administration (FTA) capital project grant funds to be used for operating expenses as permitted by the CARES Act or to tap into the \$207 million in the District Reserve

"As your labor partners we commit to working with the District to reach a reasonable objective that meets the operational needs of the District, while at the same time helping working families survive this pandemic crisis," the letter concludes.

#### **TRANSITIONS**

#### **NEW PENSIONERS:**

Local 7: Darren C. Williams; Local 10: Lamont D. Robinson Sr.; Louis H. Narcisse; Daniel H. Sorentino; Local 12: Randy J. Buckingham; Local 13: Joseph S. Flores; Mate Joncic; Rodrick L. Lee; Richard D. Timmer; Ronald D. Nunez; Donna M. Mcnamara-Carmona; Luis M. Cazares; Boro Kentric; Alfredo Arguello; Lori J. Cook; Mark W. Smith; Susan V. Russo; Diana M. Lott; Rogelio Noriega; Carl W. Moses, Sr.; Alex Muratalla; Gant W. Klausner; Mary E. Macinnes; David E. Prince; Gary J. Orbach; Local 19: Michael C. Conklin; Jeffrey A. Lee; Dabula W. Getahun; Stan A. Paddock; Local 21: Steven A. Peterson; Tom O. Staudinger; Local 23: William H. Cummings; James L. Jarvis; Brion D. Roark; Local 29: Richard A. Gonzales; Local 46: Johnny J. Lopez; Local 63: Kenneth E. Merrell; Peter Galante; William T. Young; Leona R. Counter-Young; Zarko A. Fadich; Minda C. Harrison; Stacie T. Rokic; Marla J. Liuzza; Wesley S. Nims; Gayle M. Foster; Rosalia R. Golden; Mary L. Christy; Local 63-OCU: Shannon Perez; Melissa Bebich; Esther Iglesias; Local 91: Robert F. Guldbech; Local 94: Patrick F. Gabel;

**DECEASED PENSIONERS:** 

Local 4: Ward J. Hust; Local 8: Nils Olebring; John H. Mc Culler; Local 10: Daniel Castorena (Emily);

Henry S. Santos Arthur Robinson; Local 13: Manuel Luz Jr; Jason Sommers; Bernard Noriega Jr.; Alexander A. Aguilar; Jack E. Keenan; Frank V. Fernandez; Zeljko Vrbanovic; Henry V. Valverde; Manuel A. Arroyo; Willie L. Thomas (Denise Y. Simmons); D'vaughn Scruggs (Beatriz); Timothy J. Shaughnessy (Joan); Local 19: Randy D. Wilbur; Local 26: James C. Thomas; Local 29: Paul Torres; Paul L. Bartley; Local 32: Charles J. Larsen; Local 34: William T. Myles; Orville D. Rice; Local 40: Bernard O. Ordahl: Local 63-OCU: Helen Monfalcone; Terence Fell; Lori Manzella; Local 52: William Tooker (Gladys); James A. Schwarz (Yeolan); William Urlevich; Local 54: Virgil Konschak (Janis); Local 63: Gilbert N. Amador; Michael C. Sementilli (Martha); Frank L. Hu; Local 91: Clyde Kirkwood; Local 98: Robert E. West

#### **DECEASED SURVIVOR:**

Local10: Icylee Crane; Laura Gill; Shirley A. Brown; Local 13: Ernestine Brandon; Socorro Urrea; Mary Delia; Keiko H. Roberts; Margaret N. Gutierrez; Judy L. Gilbert; Jamie S. Fuentes; Local 14: Nancy L. Smith; Local 19: Harriet Caso; Local 26: Ruth V. Hayes; Local 34: Shirlianne Gardetti; Predomia Patrick; Marie J. Mc Dermott; Paulette Lloret; Local 50: Lois M. Kustura; Local 63: Yvonne L. Ginger;

Local 92: Marguerite Bohanan

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not in doubt. In 2017, Judge Barrett wrote an article that was highly critical of the Supreme Court's narrow 5-4 ruling to uphold the ACA. She wrote in support of the minority that voted to overturn the law and there is no reason to think that she will not vote to overturn the ACA if given the opportunity.

#### Barrett's anti-worker record

A Barrett appointment also poses a risk for workers' rights. According to the Alliance for Justice, Barrett recently ruled in favor of limiting the enforcement of workers' protections against age-discrimination by employers. And in Wallace v. GrubHub Holdings, Inc., Barrett ruled against drivers claiming that GrubHub violated federal labor law by failing to pay them overtime wages. The ruling also blocked many work-

ers from suing in court to protect their Barret's opposition to the ACA is rights by upholding technology companies' use of mandatory arbitration clauses that force worker disputes to be decided by private arbitrators handpicked by the companies instead of an impartial court of law.

#### Ginsburg's final request

In his statement, President Adams concluded his statement by calling on the Senate to respect Ginsburg's last wishes.

Adams wrote, "The ILWU joins the voices of millions of Americans in supporting Justice Ginsburg's final request when she wrote, 'My most fervent wish is that I will not be replaced until a new president is installed" We are committed to seeing this request respected by all members of the United States Senate. In her name, we, the ILWU, will continue the fight for justice for all. Rest in power, Ruth Bader Ginsburg."