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'Sup, Sibs?

Here's what's up, siblings:

The CLC hit the ground running in 2023 with Glenn and the Action Team coordinating efforts with North Bay, Sacramento and Contra Costa Labor Councils, along with community allies in the Democratic Party, putting together a slate for AD 4 and AD 11 CADEM elections next weekend, and are now organizing a campaign to ensure that the policies and endorsements of the State Party reflect working family values. Please support these efforts in any way you can!

Our member Spotlight this month is CTWI. Construction Trades Workforce Initiative supports the vision of a strong, enduring labor movement through workforce policies, pre-apprenticeship programs and regional partnerships throughout the larger East Bay. They have been instrumental in identifying and helping to provide pathways for careers in the building trades to our young people, many of whom were unaware of the opportunities available to them. They have partnered with Danny and the Building Trades to get Trades Introductory Programs for young adults and Multi Core Craft Curriculums back into our schools. All of this is so important so that as we continue to pass project labor agreements, we will have a local workforce ready to go to work.

Monday, we celebrate a truly transformative leader, with events in both counties to honor the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Few of the rights and freedoms we enjoy and take for granted would be possible without the continued sacrifices of civil rights warriors across our great country, inspired by the teachings and examples of Dr. King. We hope you will take time out Monday to reflect on how differently your lives may be without the contributions of this great leader, who paid the ultimate sacrifice to bring about change.

January always ushers in the season of celebration, with crab feeds, swearing in ceremonies, retirement parties and reunions filling up the calendars as we attempt to return to business as usual after the COVID pandemic kept us from celebrating in person. This Saturday the Building Trades hold their annual Crab Feed at the Veterans Hall in Vallejo. This event is a veritable "Who's Who of Whoville in the labor world and should not be missed. We will do our best to keep you up to date on other events as we learn about them.

We had the honor to attend the retirement dinner for Dr. Tony Ubalde this past weekend. Rev. Ubalde recently stepped down from his position on the Board of Trustees for the Vallejo School District. Tony has been a solid supporter of working families for decades, and provided counsel, comfort and inspiration to me and countless Siblings in his career, and we look forward to his continued positive impacts on our community as he steps into the next chapter of his life. Thank you Sir, from your Siblings in Napa and Solano.

Be safe and stay dry!



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 One Vision One Voice
 Working People Standing Together

Member Spotlight

Construction Trades Workforce Initiative (CTWI)

Since 2018, Construction Trades Workforce Initiative (CTWI) has served as the East Bay's regional leader in expanding pathways to union construction careers for underrepresented communities. CTWI supports the vision of a strong, enduring labor movement through workforce policies, pre-apprenticeship programs and regional partnerships throughout the larger East Bay.

In the Napa-Solano region, CTWI partners with Vallejo Adult School to provide a Construction Trades Test Prep class. This program introduces the math, mechanical reasoning and interviewing skills job seekers need to pass trade entrance exams and excel in an apprenticeship. This class is free, open to the public, and effective. Participants have an 80% passing rate on entrance exams and, of those who pass, approximately 63% have been accepted or waitlisted into a trade apprenticeship.

In the larger East Bay, CTWI develops policies and partnerships to recruit the next generation of tradespeople. With governments and agencies, CTWI advocates for labor standards and policies that ensure more construction projects are built by union labor. CTWI assists trades and contractors revise their hiring policies and practices to better attract vetted, motivated and diverse apprentices from their local community, particularly from CTWI-affiliate MC3 pre-apprenticeship programs. Over the years, CTWI has also built strong partnerships with community organizations to connect job seekers with union construction careers. CTWI currently provides financial and technical support to 10 MC3 pre-apprenticeship programs in high schools, adult training centers, juvenile halls and jails and 5 Construction Trades Test Prep classes in adult schools. For trades looking to recruit new apprentices or build support in the larger community, these programs are a central hub.



The CTWI Team (left to right, top row to bottom): Jordan Ackerman, Policy and Public Affairs Manager; Megan Nazareno, Senior Programs and Data Manager; Juan Calderon, Director of Stakeholder Relations; Elizabet Wendt, Communications and Program Manager; Beli Acharya, Founder and Executive Director; Sandra Duenas, Finance and Human Resources Manager; Austin Mendoza, Data and Programs Manager

In the coming year, Beli Acharya, CTWI's Founder and Executive Director says, "Our focus in 2023, will be to expand programs in school districts in the Napa/Solano region and to build relationships with community organizations and contractors to increase career placement opportunities for local job seekers. We look forward to partnering with leaders in the region in order to strengthen pathways into construction careers for our most vulnerable populations because we know that union careers are what allow people to enter the middle class."

CTWI is the official non-profit partner of the Building Trades Councils in Alameda, Contra Costa and Napa-Solano Counties. Learn more about CTWI and how you can partner with them at ctwi-btca.org.

ADEMs Elections - Labor Representation in the California Democratic Party and Beyond

Siblings,

We have an important Election to select voting representatives to the California Democratic Party. This Election, known as Assembly District Election Meetings (ADEMs) determines who will represent this region to the Party. What happens in the Party impacts the lives of working people across the state and our efforts to create a government, economy, and society that works for everyone.

Have you ever wondered how decisions are made within the Democratic Party? Have you wanted to have a voice in the Party as a worker? This is your opportunity to make your voice heard and to vote in this special Election for the champions of workers and their communities.

As a registered Democrat, you are eligible to vote in this Election, and the information on how to vote can be found here. The 28 candidates of these slates, the AD-4 Rural Progressive Workers Alliance and the AD-11 Progressive Workers Alliance, include union members and Democratic allies from all walks of life who will fight to represent the best interests of working people in our communities. On behalf of the Napa-Solano Central Labor Council, your union, and the 50,000 working people we represent across Solano and Napa Counties, we urge you to vote in this important election!

In Solidarity,



Jon Riley
Executive Director
Napa-Solano Central Labor Council

How to vote in the ADEMs elections:

- Register to vote in person (link below)
 - You will receive an email confirmation; take note of your "Participant ID Number"
- Arrive at the polling location (information on next page)
- Receive your ballot and fill in your Participant ID Number
- Turn over the ballot and begin filling the numbered bubbles corresponding to the numbers of members of the Rural Progressive Workers Alliance (AD-4) or the Progressive Workers Alliance (AD-11)
 - You may fill no more than 14 bubbles

Register
to vote in
person:



ademelections.com/register/person

CA DEMOCRATIC PARTY ELECTIONS - ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 4
RURAL PROGRESSIVE WORKERS ALLIANCE

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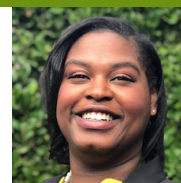
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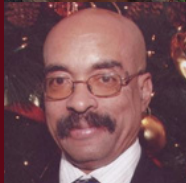
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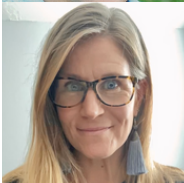
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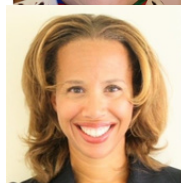
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 Nicole Arnold



#07
 G Anthony Phillips



#13
 Kelly Hurst



#20
 Rachael Fulp-Cooke



#23
 Greg Music



#08
 Stephanie Cline



#14
 Trina Daughetry



#21
 Dave Griffin



#24
 Preston Jackson



#09
 Mitchell Bechtel



#10
 Vince Courtney

Saturday, January 21

10 AM - 2 PM 2:15 PM - 5:45 PM
 Veterans Memorial Center Napa County Library
 203 East 14th St. 580 Coombs St,
 Davis, CA 95616 Napa, CA 94559

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CA DEMOCRATIC PARTY ELECTIONS - ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 11
PROGRESSIVE WORKERS ALLIANCE



#01
 Garfield Samuels



#10
 Tiffanee Jones



#17
 Chuck Leonard



#18
 Danny Bernardini



#04
 Justin Brown



#11
 Cassandra James



#14
 Tazamisha Alexander



#19
 Carlos Flores



#06
 Ricky Gjertsen



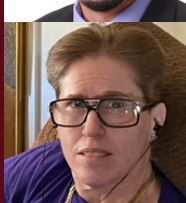
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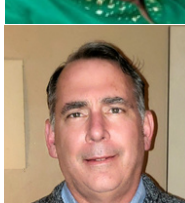
#15
 Audrey Jacques



#20
 Julia Routson-Thomas



#07
 Justine Fout



#13
 Mike Tebo

Sunday January 22

10 AM - 2 PM
 CTA Fairfield Office
 4751 Central Way
 Fairfield, California 94534

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 Napa-Solano Building and Construction Trades Council
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National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
Presents

THE 17TH ANNUAL
REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION

VIA ZOOM



Guest Speaker
Dr. Kyla Johnson-Trammell
Superintendent of Oakland
School District

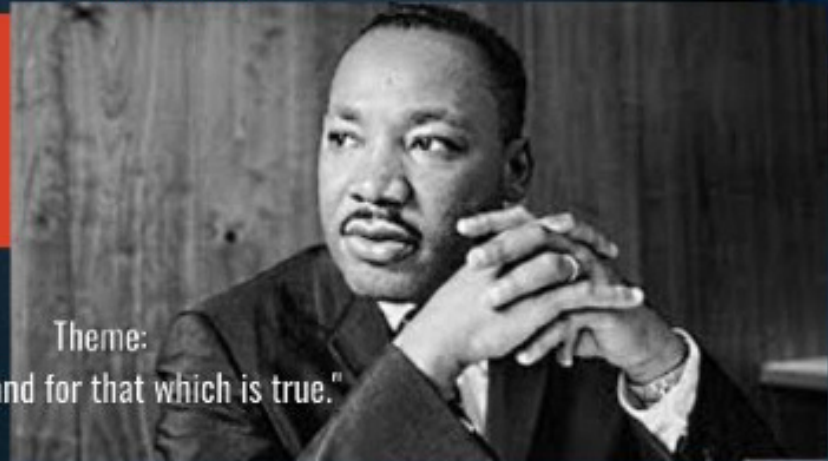


Songstress
Janice
Maxie Reid



Mistress of Ceremony
K Patrice Williams
Fairfield Councilmember

MONDAY
JANUARY 16, 2023
10AM - 11:30AM PST



Theme:
"Take a stand for that which is true."

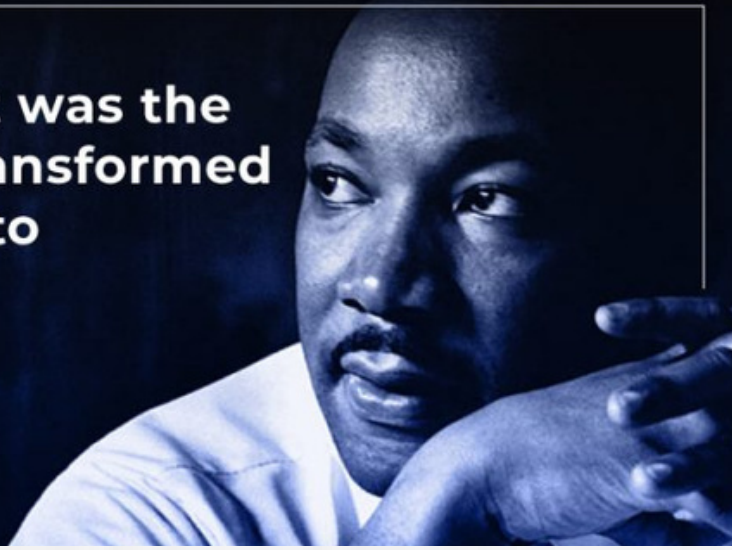


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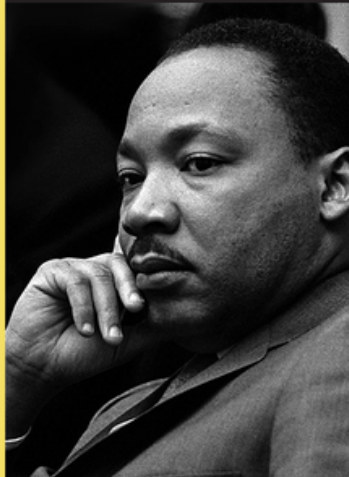
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“ The labor movement was the principal force that transformed misery and despair into hope and progress. ”

- Martin Luther King, Jr.



Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.
- Martin Luther King, Jr.





Commission and Board Appointments - Labor in Governance

Over this year, the Napa-Solano Central Labor Council will have an increased focus on achieving labor representation in the various local commissions, committees, and boards that serve our local governments and communities. From economic planning to parks to environmental protection and civil rights, these boards have a special role in helping to advise, develop, and implement public policy through the direct involvement of members of the public and community stakeholders. This is a great opportunity to establish greater representation of labor by recruiting and supporting the appointments of union members, all to include and advance the needs of working people in local government while serving the public good.

Below are the links to current local board and commission openings. These are all important avenues for union members to take part in governance and shaping the future of our local communities. To all affiliates, please consider recruiting and supporting members for these positions, and to coordinate with the Labor Council to achieve stronger representation for working people!

Open Commission/Board Seats in Napa and Solano Counties

Solano County Commissions and Boards Openings -
www.solanocounty.com/depts/clerk_of_the_board/advisory_boards_and_committees.asp

Napa County Commissions and Boards Openings -
www.countyofnapa.org/1420/Committees-Commissions

Fairfield City Commissions and Boards Openings -
www.fairfield.ca.gov/government/city-commissions-and-committees?locale=en

Vallejo City Commissions and Boards Openings -
vallejoca.hosted.civillive.com/our_city/departments_divisions/city_manager/city_clerk/boards_commissions

Suisun City Commissions and Boards Openings -
www.suisun.com/government/citizen-governance/

Benicia City Commissions and Boards Openings -
www.ci.benicia.ca.us/index.asp?SEC=168344BF-D432-4104-A49E-CCC4A509780B&DE=9C9F472E-22C7-4EF2-9728-532CF27290C9&Type=B_PR

Vacaville City Commissions and Boards Openings -
www.ci.vacaville.ca.us/government/city-commissions

Rio Vista City Commissions and Boards -
www.riovistacity.com/bc

Dixon City Commissions and Boards Openings (City Website) -
www.cityofdixon.us/

Napa City Commissions and Boards Openings -
www.cityofnapa.org/268/Boards-Commissions

American Canyon City Commissions and Boards Openings -
www.cityofamericancanyon.org/government/city-hall/boards-commissions-committees

St. Helena City Commissions and Boards Openings -
sthenena.civicweb.net/Portal/26043/MeetYourBoardsCommittees/

Calistoga City Commissions and Boards Openings -
www.ci.calistoga.ca.us/city-hall/departments-services/city-clerk/boards-commissions-committees

Yountville City Commissions and Boards Openings -
theyountvillian.com/get-involved-get-to-know-your-town-boards-commissions/

Recognizing Rev. Dr. Tony Ubalde



for his years of tireless public service and relentless support for working families throughout.

Happy Retirement!

Napa-Solano Building Trades 23rd Annual Crab Feed



Saturday January 21st 2023

American Legion Post 550
420 Admiral Callaghan Lane, Vallejo

Doors open at 6 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m. with raffle to follow

The Napa-Solano Building and Construction Trades Council invites you to the 23rd Annual Crab Feed. We've missed everyone and can't wait to see you for a night of crab, spaghetti and salad.

No-host bar available. **ABSOLUTELY NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL.**

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE for \$75 per person

**Large groups can be accommodated
No tickets sold at door; event will likely sell out**

Make checks payable to:

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