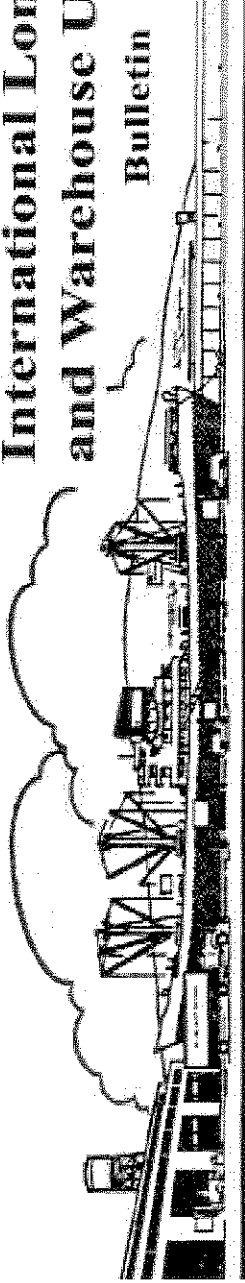


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# THE MARCH FROM “HOLLYWOOD TO THE DOCKS”

On April 15<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup>, longshore workers, actors, janitors, and many other workers along with members of the community will march 28 miles from Hollywood to the docks of Los Angeles in San Pedro. For three (3) days straight, these workers and community supporters will walk and camp-out overnight along the route.

These individuals will symbolize over 350,000 workers who this year, will be fighting to stay in the middle class or move themselves out of poverty. The march will conclude on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> with a massive rally at the Port of Los Angeles at 6:00 p.m.

Hollywood to the Docks will come to symbolize the solidarity of working people from otherwise unrelated industries and sectors coming together behind a unifying principle: No local union affiliated with the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor stands alone when facing the difficulties of negotiation, organizing or in electing candidates that fight for the causes of working men and women. Therefore, every local union, every rank-and-file union member and every ally of L.A. labor will be urged to join, participate and support the Hollywood to the Docks march.

“The Fight For Good Jobs” hits at the heart of what is wrong with Los Angeles – a diminishing middle class, a place where 3.7 million live in poverty, home to the low wage Capital of the country and a place where the dream of owning a home is often unattainable. Today, one third of the country’s 3 million full-time workers earn less than \$25,000 a year, an income not even near the \$133,506 needed to purchase a median (\$549,000) priced home.

In 2008 we have the opportunity to do something about this as L.A.’s workers face unprecedented challenges and opportunities – a year in which more than 350,000 workers, belonging to 30 local unions, will re-negotiate their union contracts; this is the largest number of workers in the history of the L.A. Labor Movement. These workers hail from key sectors reflecting the core of L.A.’s economy: actors, longshoremen, homecare workers, teachers and janitors.

While 2008 will be a year filled with electoral races including the Presidency of the United States, L.A.’s workers will play the greatest role and make the largest impact in the race to elect a new Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. Who we elect to the County Board of Supervisors is crucial to working men and women because politicians make decisions on our pensions, on whether construction workers doing work on public funded projects are making good or poverty wages. They make decisions about healthcare and all the other cares that working men and women have. They can either stand in our way or help ensure that we create good jobs, not just more poverty jobs.

So when it comes to contract fights, organizing and politics in 2008, we are combining them all under “The Fight for Good Jobs.” Whether it’s workers fighting to ensure that their jobs remain good middle class jobs, or it’s about fighting to move out of poverty by joining a union or voters ensuring that elected leaders fight for workers and children – all of these struggles overlap for one common goal – the need for good, not poverty jobs. So in 2008, workers will come together like never before. We will combine all of our resources and tap every ally to ensure that we win “The Fight for Good Jobs.”

# ATTENTION ALL CLASS A, B, PENSIONERS AND CASUALS LOCAL 13 IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Local 13 is looking to provide buses to the kick-off rally at the La Brea Tar Pits on Tuesday, April 15, 2008 @ 9:00 a.m. We really need to support this event. We need to remind people that we are still here and we are not alone. In 2002, the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor was there for us during the lockout, we need to keep that relationship open, you never know, we may need them again if the current negotiations start to go south.

If you are willing to commit to a bus ride and a couple of hours at the rally, please contact Irene Contreras @ (310) 830-1130 x115 or contact her via email at [irene.contreras@ilwu13.org](mailto:irene.contreras@ilwu13.org) as soon as possible so we can determine how many buses will be needed. The buses will depart at 7:30 a.m. from the ILWU Memorial Hall, 231 W. "C" Street, Wilmington, CA 90744.

The march and the entire event will end in our own backyard at Berth 90 in San Pedro at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2008. We are asking that everyone who can participate, please do so. There will be speakers from many different unions, live music, and whatever else might develop. This event is about the **“Fight for Good Jobs,”** this affects the working people from all areas, so bring your friends, family and neighbors. Let’s have a huge turn out for this event.

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