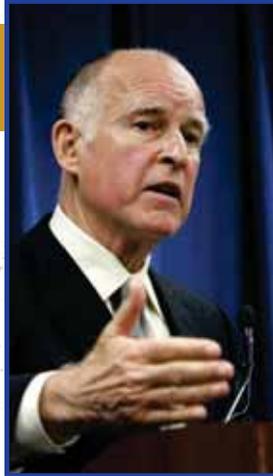


LABORERS LOCAL 270

OCTOBER 2010

NOVEMBER 2ND GENERAL ELECTION RECOMMENDATIONS



Jerry Brown Governor



**Barbara Boxer
US SENATE**



**Gavin Newsom
LT-Governor**



**Kamala Harris
Attorney General**

LOCAL ENDORSEMENTS

SCHOOL BOARDS:

San Jose Evergreen Community College District: Teaching Area #4:

María Fuentes

Teaching Area #7:

Mayra Cruz

Teaching Area #6:

Richard Hobbs

Gilroy Unified School District:

Francisco Dominguez (I) **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

Dom Payne: **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

Jaime Rossi (I): **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

Berrysa Union School District:

David Cohen (I) **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

David Neighbors: **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

Alum Rock School District:

Darcie Green: **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

Miguel Baldoni: **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

West Valley Community College:

TA#1 Jack Lucas (I) – Endorsed 2006: **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

TA#2 Maggie Wong: **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

Franklin McKinley School District:

Buu Thai (I): **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

East Side Union High School District:

Bob Nunez: **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

J. Manuel Herrera (I) **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

Frank Biehl (I) **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

Moreland School District:

Hazel Vasquez: **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

Santa Clara Unified:

Ina Bendis (I): **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

Morgan Hill Unified School District:

Shelle Thomas (I): **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

Don Moody (I): **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

Ron Woolf: **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

Claudia Rossi: **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

Board of Education: There are eight candidates for three seats and four interviewed on Tuesday September 7th. Two candidates met with the COPE committee on 9/15 and the COPE committee made a recommendation to the Delegates.

Teaching Area #2:

George Tyson (I) Endorsed 2001, 2003 **Recommend Open Endorsement**

Michael Chang – **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

Lynette Lee Eng – **No action**

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LOCAL ENDORSEMENTS

Teaching Area #6:

Craig Mann (I) **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

Teaching Area #7:

Adam Escoto - **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

CITY COUNCILS:

Santa Clara Mayor:

Chris Stampolis **Endorsement**

Milpitas Mayor:

Peter McHugh (I) **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

Milpitas City Council:

Nancy Mendizabal: **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

Morgan Hill Mayor:

Steve Tate: **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

Santa Clara City Council Seat 2:

Patrick Kolstad: **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

Santa Clara City Council Seat 5:

Patricia Mahan: **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

San Jose City Council D5:

Xavier Campos: **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

San Jose City Council D7:

Madison Nguyen: **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

San Jose City Council D9:

Don Rocha: **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

Campbell City Council:

Evan Low (I) **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

Richard Waterman: **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

Phil Reynolds **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

Gilroy City Council:

Peter Arellano (I) – **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

Art Barron: **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

Peter Leroe-Munoz: **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

Los Gatos Town Council:

Judy Glickman: **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

Morgan Hill City Council:

Rich Constantine: **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

Mountain View City Council:

Margaret Abe-Koga (I) : **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

Saratoga City Council:

Yan Zhao: **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

Hollister City Council:

Estevan Guzman: **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER BOARD

Water Board District 1:

Don Gage – **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

Water Board District 4:

Linda LeZotte- **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

Water Board District 6:

Tony Estremera (I) **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

Water Board District 7:

Brian Andrew Schmidt: **Recommend Sole Endorsement**

All Local Bond Measures:

Measure **V**: No(changes the arbitration process set up for police & firefighters who do not have the right to strike because they are public safety employees)

Measure **W**: No(gets rid of the existing pension system without any guidelines for establishing a new system)

Measure **G** : Yes (this measure is to rebuild and build at the Evergreen/San Jose City College)

Measure **A**: Yes (this measure is for Health Care for Kids)

Measure **I**: Yes (support public schools)

Santa Cruz County

- Ron Pomerantz for Santa Cruz City Council
- David Foster for Santa Cruz City Council
- Daniel Dodge for Watsonville City Council, District 5
- Eduardo Montesino for Watsonville City Council, District 4
- Tony Campos for Santa Cruz County Supervisor, District 4

Propositions

- Proposition 19-Neutral
- Proposition 20-Oppose
- Proposition 21– Support
- Proposition 22– Support
- Proposition 23– Neutral
- Proposition 24– Support
- Proposition 25– Support
- Proposition 26– Oppose
- Proposition 27– Support



JIM HOMER, BUSINESS MANAGER

The outlook for construction jobs is slowly improving. The field representative's articles speak to many of our up-coming projects.

Our industry continues to change with new equipment being developed to replace workers. Your field representatives are identifying these new processes and working to establish them in our jurisdiction. To do that we need our members to get trained in order to support our claim to this work. Just as the grade checker is being replaced by GPS and laser, so too will laborers' tasks be replaced. As members we must continue to upgrade our training and skills and notify the Union whenever you see a new process or piece of equipment that replaces a worker. This is our work and we must claim it or lose it to another trade. Green jobs and new energy technology are areas the international and the local are focusing on to develop new work for our members.

In a time of economic downturn, the past is often reflected upon in order to gain insight because it is in our history that we find the answers of the future. As we live in the times of the Great Recession, we are forced to work harder and compete more with the growing difficulties of our modern time. As the future becomes the present, industry is changing and the industrial revolution of the 21st century comes with outsourcing jobs & the replacement of workers, not the necessity to hire more. It was the industrial revolution of 1876 that started the fast paced life we now know today. With new machines and Henry Ford's assembly line, the United States became a workers world, where jobs in industry were the most popular. In this day and age this is happening again but instead jobs are being replaced by machines and robots. But just as the Union strived in those times, organizing and striking for better working conditions, wages and benefits, we must do it again in this century.

We must know our history as workers, citizens of this country and the world. Those who fail to remember history are condemned to repeat it!

Exactly one hundred years ago August 31, 1910, former Republican President Theodore Roosevelt gave a speech at Osawatimie Kansas to dedicate a historic

park: "John Brown Memorial Park". Roosevelt called on his fellow citizens to smash the nations rich down to democratic size. He went on to state "destroy privilege". Ruin for our democracy, he warned will be inevitable if our national life brings us nothing better than swollen fortunes for the few"

He went on to say "we must prohibit the use of corporate funds directly or indirectly for political purposes". (2010 Supreme Court Citizens United decision)

Thanks to his speech and the reaction of the citizens to it we got Estate tax and corporate regulation as well as restricted corporate political donations. That has been reversed now. The corporate regulation was removed by Reagan in the 1980's and gave us the Savings & Loan bailout (it cost tax payers billions to support the failed banks) This continued lack of regulation gave us the melt down of our economy due to the mortgage banking industry and Wall Street. This year for the first time since 1916, we will not have an estate tax. This will make the rich richer and you will be paying the taxes they are avoiding. History is being repeated because our citizens have forgotten it! The change we need to insure that you and your children do not live in poverty requires each of us to get involved. Voting is a right and privilege that has been fought for centuries. Giving up that right is reversing the hard work of our ancestors. So become educated and informed about the future you wish to have .Know your enemy: those who steal your families future, WHY are you afraid to stand up and fight?

The City of San Jose is considering ending the requirement to pay prevailing wage. If this happens construction wages will be reduced drastically. If we lose prevailing wage our contractors will be unable to compete. This is why we must elect Xavier Campos, Madison Nguyen and Don Rocha to the San Jose City Council. If the second largest city in the state ends prevailing wage, the rest of the bay area and state will follow.

Please see our endorsed list of candidates on the web-site or pick them up at the Union Hall.

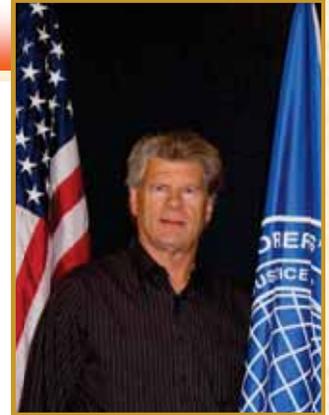
Annuity: Your money in your annuity account returned better than 10% this last year. Many members are collecting their annuity money and paying nearly 30% in taxes. This can be avoided by moving the money directly into an IRA. Then you can take the money as

needed and pay a much smaller tax. If you do not need the money you might consider leaving the money to be invested by the professional paid by your Trust fund.

There are jobs coming up in Hazardous waste. If you want to be certified, please take the one week class beginning October 25 2010.

Fraternally,

Jim Homer



JOSEPH CORONA, SECRETARY-TREASURER

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

First and foremost I would like to greet you and I hope that you and your family are doing fine.

I want to encourage you and your family to vote and volunteer for this November 2, 2010 election. We need to support the candidates that will represent us in the future which believe in the working class people. Candidates that support projects at all levels that will bring more work to our communities and state. Call us for further information.

Currently at the San Jose Airport, Hensel Phelps has a project that is coming to an end. Granite Rock Paves has two projects that will be 5 million and 6 million dollars, which will continue thru mid 2011. In Santa Clara, Turner Construction is working at Intel Corporation in several buildings. DPR is working on several projects for Digital Living Trust Company . The biggest project going on is the Dupont project that has 60 or more laborers.

This project will be completed by 2011 or beginning 2012. Based on the economy the work has not picked up like it should, but there are projects still pending .

In the Financial area we have our reserve funds invested at low risk until the economy picks up.

I would like to remind you all to make sure that you do not forget to pay your dues and fall into suspension. We have an automated system that will inform your dues status.

We will also inform you the dates that you could pick up your Christmas gifts.

Brothers and Sisters, I hope that you all continue to do well. Thank you for allowing me to be your Secretary-Treasurer and serve you to the best of my abilities. Please call me should you have any suggestions at 408-592-8633.

Fraternally.

Joseph R. Corona.



EDUARDO GONZALEZ, BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Currently I am assisting Jose Mexicano in the dispatch office. The areas that I am covering are South San Jose, Morgan Hill, San Martin and Gilroy.

There are several projects going on in my area.

In the area of Morgan Hill, Chevron Energy Solution has started two solar projects on Ann Sobrato and Liver Oak High School. The contractors that are working in these projects are Precision Directional Boring, BEI Construction and Pankow Builders. There

is a bridge in Morgan Hill being added on Tennant Ave over Hwy 101. It is near its completion, it should be done by November 2010.

There are several projects going on in the area of Gilroy, one of them is a new bridge on Hwy 152 . W.C. Maloney Inc is doing the demolition work on the old bridge.

Devcon is the general contractor that is working on a new library in Gilroy. The subcontractor is RJS Structures.

They are building a new high

school in Gilroy, Christopher High School. Swinerton Builders is the general contractor the subcontractors currently there are George Garcia and BCI.

In South San Jose Turner Construction is working at a project called 'Equinix' . This project is about 80% of completion. It is on Great Oaks near the San Jose Police Sub-Station. The subcontractors are Topgrade Construction, Redwood City Electric, Preston Pipelines, Conco and other contractors.

Should you have any questions or concerns feel free to speak to me at the office.

Fraternally Eduardo Gonzalez



MANUEL E. VELASCO, BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

I wanted to take the time to go over a few projects that have recently been bid within my newly assigned area.

For now I will be responsible to police downtown San Jose, East San Jose, Milpitas and Alviso.

One of our projects will be the Santa Clara Valley Water District's lower Silver Creek Flood protection. This project was recently awarded to the lower bidder R & L Brosamer at a cost of \$25,952,000.00 and the building of this project consists of clearing and grubbing, channel excavation, construction and surfacing of maintenance roads, street reconstruction, access ramps, storm drains, modification of storm drain outfalls, replacement and relocation of sanitary sewer mains, chain link fence and gates, cast in place concrete box culvert, landscaping and other miscellaneous construction work.

Another project that was recently bid was the California Department of Transportation, and it was recently awarded to RGW Construction at a cost of \$26,229,496.00. The project consists of freeway widening and interchange reconstruction. The project is located on Hwy 101 and runs in between Story Rd and Capitol Expressway overcrossings .

There is a project that I am currently tracking, Santa Clara Valley Water District called South Bay Advanced Recycled Water Treatment Facility. This project will be located in Alviso and so far the lowest bidder is one

of our signatory (union) contractors JR Filanc Construction at \$ 42,388,000.00. I am hoping that our contractor receives this award, so that our members at our local will be insured to have a huge opportunity to work.

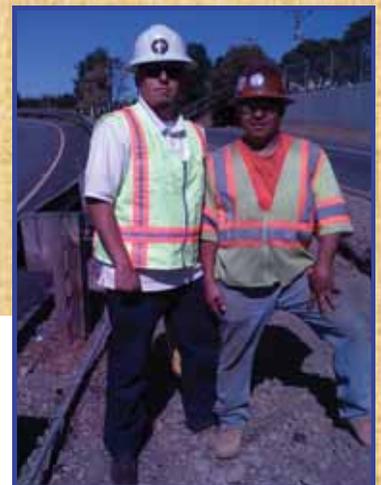
I want to acknowledge three local 270 members: Jose Rios, Jonny Walters and Raymond Dixon. We recently signed a contractor by the name of M.J. Gilbert Construction who performs wet utilities work and our dispatch office was able to send members to work with the experience that was requested by the contractor. The owner of M.J. Gilbert was so impressed that he could send away his original workforce and count on these members to get the job done with little instruction. As a Representative I am equally pleased that when we convert a contractor to a union employer we have a skilled workforce to send to them.

We have recently signed a contractor by the name of Confluence Ecological Landscapes to terms and conditions of our Laborers Master Agreement. This newly signed contractor will be performing wetlands restoration and they are specialist at remediation and land restoration in land protected areas that are preserved and brought back to their natural habitat.

I am working with several of our union contractors to rectify some standing issues with regards to venturing into new markets without notifying the union correctly. Brothers and Sisters, as construction laborers once performed the reconstruction of sewer mains throughout cities and counties by opening up streets with trenches to reveal these pipes, we have spoken about this before. Now they call it Trenchless Technology. Our union contractors are using a company by the name of J.F. Pacific Liners that are able to shoot fiberglass into an existing pipeline and cure it in place. Therefore replacing us union laborers. We are going after this market. We need to become specialized Brothers and Sisters in order to keep up with these new market trends. We can work aggressively to capture these markets, but can we man it? Try and think ahead and always take on new training, and we as Business Representatives of our great organization will continue to create new opportunities of employment for you.

Should you have any questions or concerns please call me.

Fraternally Manuel E. Velasco.



JOSE FRANCISCO MEXICANO, BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everything is going well with you and your families .

As the Dispatcher for the San Jose office, the job orders that are being placed by the contractors are for gradeall, OSHA 10, traffic control and for flaggers. If you are on the out of work list I encourage you to take some classes at the Training Center in San Ramon.

The areas that I am currently covering are the Cupertino, Saratoga, Los Gatos and West San Jose.

The projects that are going on in my area are the following:

In the area of Los Gatos there is underground work going on at Good Samaritan Hospital and at the Los Gatos Library.

In the area of Cupertino and Saratoga we also have underground work they are repaving the streets . De Anza College also has three different projects going on.

I hope that you and your family have a safe and happy holidays!

Fraternally,

Jose Francisco Mexicano

JESUS TORRES, BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Once again I wanted to thank all for allowing me to serve you.

I wanted to thank all the staff at the Local for helping our brothers.

Regarding work wise it seems like this year was not that bad like other years but I hope that next year there will be better.

There are several projects going on in my area,

In the area of Sunnyvale RGW is working on the Mathilda Bridge and on the same street close to Hwy 101 and 237 San Jose Construction is starting juniper demolition is almost done but the building construction is just starting.

At Stanford University on Campus Dr Turner Construction has two jobs going on at this present time.

On Pagemill Road in Palo Alto DPR is on it's second phase at the HP Building.

At the Foothill College Zolman Construction is starting it's second phase.

At the VA Hospital McCarthy Construction is doing work there.

Should you have any questions regarding these projects please go to the Union office and speak to me and I will answer any questions you might have.

Fraternally, Jesus Torres



ALFREDO QUINTANA, BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to greet everyone hoping you are doing well along with your families. I am covering the Santa Cruz county area.

I would like to inform you that there are various new projects in the Watsonville area. We have the A. Hal Middle School Gym project being ran by F&H Construction. Albanese Construction are constructing sidewalks in Green Valley Road. Granite Rock Construction is handling the project at Airport Blvd in Green Valley and Holohan road.

We have Devcon Construction running the Grocery Outlet project at 100 Main Street also in Watsonville.

In the area of Scotts Valley McNely Construction has a project on Bethany University and in Capitola we have Branagh Inc handling the Bay Avenue Senior Apartments project. At

Santa Cruz University, Devcon Construction is running a couple of projects for Biomedical Sciences building and the McHenry Library.

There is a noticeable increase of new projects that create jobs for our members.

Please remember that elections are coming up in November and it's very important to get out there and vote. It is important that we support the candidates that support our Union like Jerry Brown candidate for Governor.

I sincerely thank you for your continued support and may God Bless you all.

Fraternally, Alfredo Quintana



Attention Members- Dependent eligibility for Health & Welfare

Currently your natural or adopted children who are unmarried and younger than 19 are covered. To maintain eligibility after 19 and younger than 23 they must be dependent on your support and enrolled in accredited educational institution for a least 8 units per semester. Effective June of 2011 children will be covered under the age of 26 if they are not receiving health care from another plan.

A MESSAGE FROM LOCAL 270'S DISPATCHER



Monthly Dispatches

July 2010- 117

August 2010- 125

September 2010- 84

The direct line is 408-297-2620 ex 223 or 224

Members must be available for dispatch calls between the hours of 6:00am-9:00am

Roll Call is the first **Thursday** of every month between the hours of 9:00am-12:00pm

Please note that on **Roll Call Day** there is additional parking across the street at the

Retiree Hall

Quiz Question

Which President signed the National Labor Relations Act?

Please call 408-297-2620 ex 233 to give the answer.

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

November 25-26, 2010

December 24, 2010

January 1, 2011

THE OFFICE WILL BE OPENED THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY'S

October 30, 2010

November 20, 2010

December 18, 2010

Christmas Gifts will be given out :

On December 2010



DUES

Effective January 1, 2011 there will be an increase of a \$1.00 per month in your dues per the LIUNA Constitution.

NCDCL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Maricela Plasencia, daughter of Brother Loreto Plasencia

Jessica Rocha, daughter of Brother Antonio Rocha

Janet Tinoco, daughter of Brother Alfonso Tinoco

Union Plus Scholarship

Awards ranging from \$500 to \$4,000.00 are available to current and retired union members, their spouses and dependent children. To apply, just download an application at UnionPlus.org/Scholarship. Dead Line is January 31, 2011

Membership Meetings

October 27, 2010

November 24, 2010

December 29, 2010

January 26, 2011

February 23, 2011

LOCAL 270 RETIREE CORNER

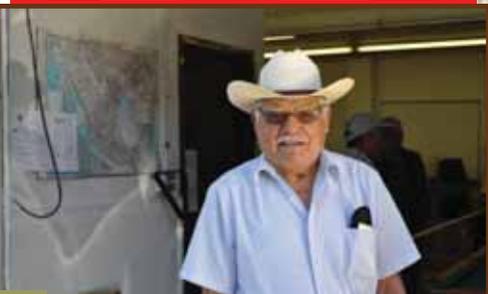
Retiree Meetings are every third Thursday of the month at the Retiree Hall at 11:00am

Please join us on Fishing Trips, luncheons and other activities



Please come and join us at the Annual Retiree Banquet which will be on December 4, 2010

Look for your invitation in the mail!



Condolences are extended from Local 270 to the families of the following members

Felipe Santos -2/5/1923-7/21/2010

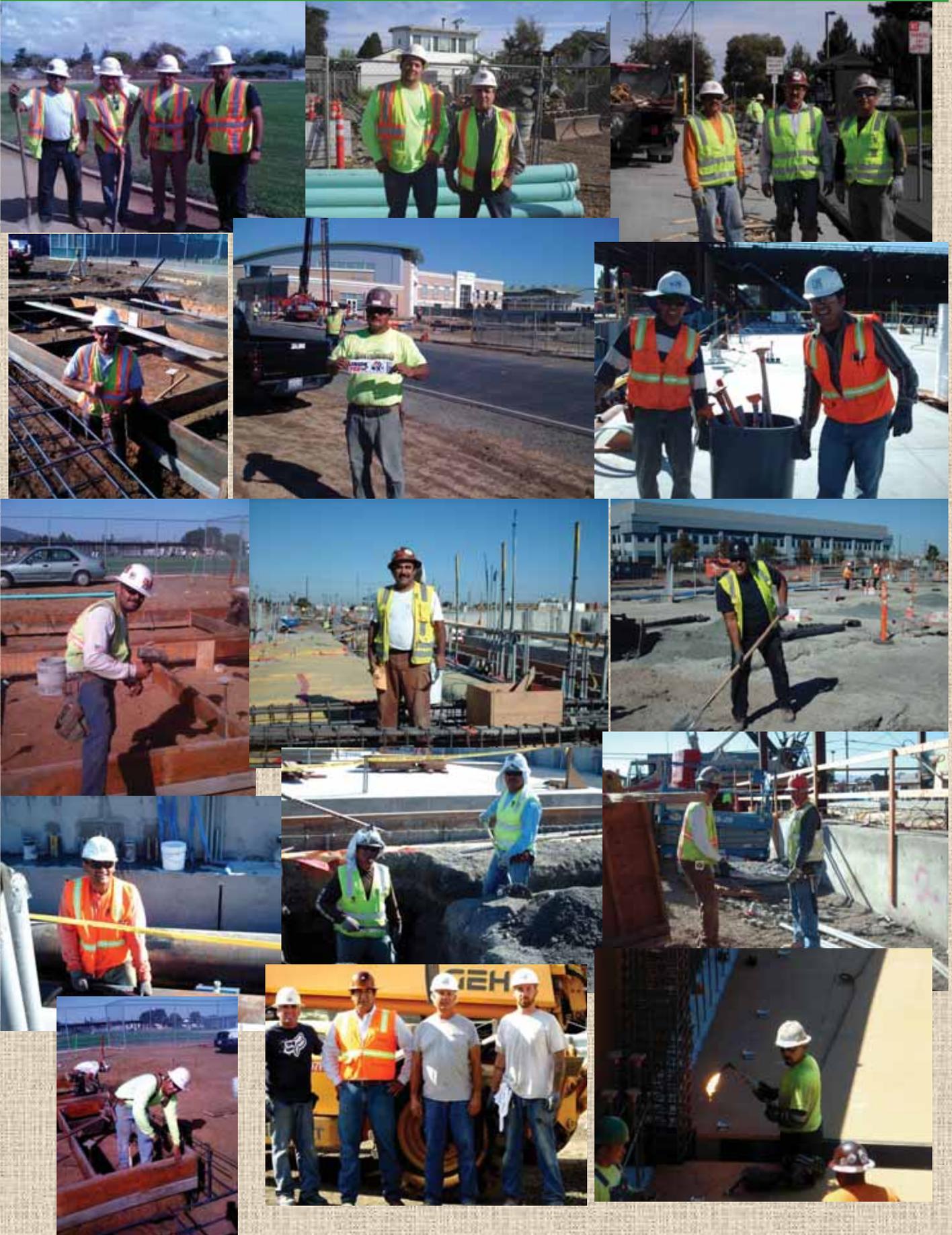
Armando Escajeda-7/31/1925-8/4/2010

Amado D Ramos-9/13/1925-9/21/2010

Robert Hazleton-3/18/1936-



PROUD LOCAL 270 MEMBERS IN ACTION





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