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LOCAL 483

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Dear Brother/Sister:

As we all know, election season is upon us once again. Again, we in Organized Labor are under attack from big business. Proposition 32 is designed to take Organized Labor out of the political game, while continuing to allow all private businesses, REIT, LLC's, LLP's, and many other types of businesses to continue to contribute whatever they want to whomever they want. The truth of the matter is, we won't stop being politically active, we can't, but it will have to change how it looks. As you know, we cover the Nine Bay Area Counties; over one hundred (100) cities in our work territory. We try to have some presence in each of these; in some ways it is through the various Building Trades Councils or through financial contributions and sometimes it is through assisting Candidates with their Campaigns. Without the ability to make financial contributions to candidates, we will have no choice but to ramp up our direct activity for Candidates we support. That means more time at phone banks or walking the campaign trail. There is no way around it, we must be involved!

I came in today and there were three (3) different faxes concerning three (3) different legislative items, all concerning bills that would affect our ability to get or maintain work. Without the work that has been done by all of Organized Labor, not just Local 483, we would not have the votes to support two (2) of these pieces of legislation and oppose the other. Brothers and Sisters, this is not an option for us! We must have the support of politicians in the Legislature, this is how things get done.

We must get out and VOTE and we must Vote NO on 32! Please take the time to visit our Website where you will find articles as well as other information that has been posted regarding Prop. 32 and other issues and candidates.

In the coming weeks, we will be sending out information and recommendations on the Local, State, and National Elections.

We will continue to support Candidates that support working people and Organized Labor, and we will oppose those Candidates and Propositions that are opposed to us.

Please feel free to come to the Union Meeting to ask questions, should you have any. We will continue to try to keep you informed.

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