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IATSE BARGAINING UPDATE

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The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE), representing 52,000 skilled crew and craftspeople living and working in California, write to update you on the state of negotiations with the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers (AMPTP). We continue to meet with the AMPTP everyday on the remaining issues.

The key issues in this negotiation are about worker dignity and basic human necessities and the importance of living wages, sustainable benefits, and reasonable rest periods between shifts and during the workday. The article [Portraits of IATSE: Medical Scares and Car Crashes — Why Members Voted Yes on Strike Authorization](#) tells the stories of IATSE members and why they have voted to authorize a nationwide strike, unprecedented in the union's 128 year history.

Your support has been critical in bringing the AMPTP back to the table to continue negotiations. But we have not resolved issues of reasonable rest among others. Please continue to support IATSE members by doing the following:

- Post the [updated graphics](#) on your social media accounts.
- Use the [#IASolidarity](#) hashtag in your posts. [Find sample posts here](#)
- Make a video of support for members. [Examples here](#)

Thank you for your on-going support of the 52,000 IATSE members in California impacted by these negotiations. Please contact Thom Davis at CIC@californiaIATSECouncil.org if you would like more information.

In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thom Davis".

Thom Davis
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Bernard".

Scott Bernard
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