



Painters & Allied Trades DISTRICT COUNCIL 36

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VIA Certified First Class US Mail

City of Long Beach
City Council
333 W. Ocean Blvd., 14th floor
Long Beach, CA 90802

RE: Practices of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters

Dear City Council Members:

Last week the Carpenters "Union" picketed the Long Beach Airport and the City Council Meeting. They have incorrectly alleged that they were excluded from the Long Beach Airport PLA and demanded their own private Project Labor Agreement (PLA).

The fact is that the Carpenters are a rogue union that left the Building Trades so that they will not be bound by the rules governing the conduct of Construction Unions in regards to the assignment of work. In order to impose their own choice of contractors and sub-contractors the Carpenters frequently engage in unlawful and coercive activities at job sites if they don't get their way.

These coercive activities can be stopped. In the most recent case of their outrageous behavior, the Carpenter's were ordered to cease and desist their disruptive activities and were banned from the job site. In another case the Carpenter's were fined \$450,000.00 and ordered to stop all activities at the site.

There are many other examples of agencies and municipalities standing up and refusing to be victimized by their illegal actions. Some have sought the assistance of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in enjoining their illegal acts.

We urge the City Council to uphold the terms and provisions of the current Project Labor Agreement with the Los Angeles/Orange County Building Trades Council and refuse to sign a Carpenters Only agreement. Do not allow yourselves to be intimidated by the Carpenter's tactics. Please continue to support the community and fair labor practices.

Sincerely yours,
Grant Mitchell
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