Labor Committee Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2021- 7pm Meeting Via Zoom

I. Zoom meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by co-chair Cecile Bendavid, in attendance were: co-chair Mark Ramos, Mary Grace Barrios, April O'Conner, Caroline Torosis, Alton Reed. Jerilyn Stapleton (LACDP Legislation liaison) present.

II. Land Acknowledgement

III. Agenda, Minutes of previous committee meeting were distributed via zoom and in the Chat.

IV. LA Fed meeting from May 17th was detailed including the possibility of a new building at Olympic and Union consolidating all services in one place with the Miguel Contreras Foundation and the Labor Fed. Alton Reed provided the report.

V. Meeting Updates
   a. Compton Mayor – June 1. LACDP endorsed Emma Sharif.
   b. AD 54 election is today, May 18, 2021 to assume seat vacated by Senator Sydney Kamlager. Mary Grace Barrios is working for Issac Bryan.

VI. Invited Guest: Hugo Soto-Martinez
   a. Here on behalf of Unite HERE Local 11 to discuss resolution pertaining to the death of Andres Guardado on June 18, 2020. Father Cristobal Guardado is a Unite HERE 11 member.
   b. Immediately went to action – Adios Villanueva letter calling for resignation of Sheriff Villanueva.
      i. Have subsequently launched coroner's investigation – ruled death was not an accident.
      ii. CA AG is investigating the killing.
      iii. FBI is investigating.
      iv. Sheriff is fueling the flames of Gascon recall.
   c. Asking us to stand in solidarity with the labor movement and community groups.
   d. **Direct Ask**: Labor Committee consider being a co-sponsor of the resolution. Resolution meeting is June 2.
      i. Resolution directs the LACDP to condemn the sheriff gangs and lack of transparency within the Sheriff's department.
   e. **Action:** April moved and Alton seconded to refer the resolution to Resolutions Committee for further refinement. Labor subcommittee is supportive in concept. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell (AD-50 San Pedro).
   a. **Direct Ask:** Support AB 1316

b. This bill would provide more accountability for charter schools so they would have to follow the same accountability measures as public schools.
c. Problem: There is fraud and lack of transparency into what charter schools are doing, particularly online charter schools. Students learn better in person.
    i. Many online schools are not union represented and have many independent contractor violations. Some teachers are even out of the Country. There has been a privatization of public dollars.
    ii. Lack of teaching credentials and lack of online oversight
d. Bill requires charter schools submit same paperwork and transparency models as public schools. Ensure that there is educational parity for charter school students and online charter schools. Ensure district has the requisite capacity to oversee a school of the appropriate size. Also creates accountability standard for students that aren't succeeding. Requires background checks and vendor oversight.
e. **Action:** Caroline Torosis moved and Cecile Bendavid seconded a motion for the Labor Committee to support AB 1316 and pass this to the Resolutions Committee for consideration of recommending support to the full LACDP. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. AB 48: Projectile Weapons
a. Law enforcement shooting into crowds during peaceful assembly protests. Tabled from last month.
b. Will table again until speakers are available for both sides.

IX. Final Announcements
a. AB 295, AB 1385
    i. Both bills labor committee moved forward last month were supported by LACDP
b. Alton suggested soundbites to educate LACDP about what it means to be with labor and why we should be supportive of unions. Cecile will add soundbites to monthly report to LACDP.
c. Make sure various unions work to donate to JFK dinner coming up in June.

X. Next meeting will be third Tuesday, June 15th at 7 pm. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm via zoom.