
FW: San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council--Letter from Richard Trumka

Today at 11:27 AM

Brothers and Sisters,

I am forwarding to you a letter from AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka and a Memorandum from Keith Maddox, AFL-CIO Affiliate and Federation Outreach Director, and Joshua Anijar, AFL-CIO Western Regional Director. Both of these communications address internal conflicts within the Labor Council of which you are no doubt aware. We continue to work with Keith and Josh to resolve these conflicts. I am happy to respond to any questions you may have about this or to try to connect you with Keith and Josh if you would like to communicate with them.

In the meantime, we will continue our focus on the work we do on behalf of San Diego and Imperial County working families, which we do in partnership together. Thank you for all you do. Now, more than ever, we need a strong labor movement.


In Solidarity,
Dale Kelly Bankhead
Secretary-Treasurer

AFL-CIO

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Officers, Executive Board, Employees, and Affiliates of the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council

FROM: Richard L. Trumka 

DATE: March 2, 2017

RE: Monitorship of San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council

Through conversations with various officers and affiliates, the AFL-CIO has become aware of deep divisions within the labor council that are undermining the council's effectiveness and operations. Recently these divisions have resulted in charges being brought against several of the council's leaders.

I have determined that the best interests of the AFL-CIO necessitate immediate action so that the situation does not deteriorate further. Effective immediately, the National AFL-CIO is establishing a limited monitorship of the labor council. I have appointed Keith Maddox, Affiliate and Federation Outreach Director, and Josh Anijar, Western Region GOLD Coordinator, as monitors. Brothers Maddox and Anijar will continue meeting with affiliates and leaders to facilitate a constructive resolution of the issues that are dividing and impeding the operations of the labor council. During the period of this monitorship, the charges that have been filed under the council's constitution will be held in abeyance.

I appreciate your continued assistance and cooperation as we work together to sustain and build the labor movement through the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council.

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cc: Liz Shuler, Secretary-Treasurer, AFL-CIO
Tefere Gebre, Executive Vice President, AFL-CIO
Art Pulaski, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, California Labor Federation
David Boundy, Director, Campaigns Department
Lynn Rhinehart, General Counsel

To: Executive Board Members

From: Keith Maddox

Joshua Anijar

Re: Internal Issues / Limited Monitorship

Date: March 6th, 2017

Attached, please find a letter from AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka. In that letter, President Trumka announces that he is establishing a limited monitorship. Just a point of clarification. This is not a Trusteeship in which the AFL-CIO would take control of your Labor Council. Your day to day operations will continue to be ran by staff at the Labor Council and by this Executive Board. Nor is this an assumption of guilt by any of the parties involved based on any charges that have been filed. This is solely an action on behalf of the AFL-CIO to work with you and other leaders to correct the course of disruptive actions that are on-going within the Executive Board of the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council.

Josh Anijar and I have met with many of you, both at the most recent Executive Board meeting, as well as individual meetings that are continuing. We will continue to spend time in San Diego, as we seek a resolution to the issues that are dividing the Labor Council. It is extremely important that we all work

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In closing, I would encourage everyone on the Executive Board to refrain from any efforts to criticize your fellow Executive Board Members and most of all, please refrain from publicizing any internal disagreements. If you have questions or if we have not met individually, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

In Solidarity,

Keith Maddox

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