



LOCAL UNION NO. 952

GENERAL TRUCK DRIVERS, OFFICE, FOOD & WAREHOUSE UNION

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ALERT- TEAMSTERS WAY OF LIFE IS UNDER ATTACK - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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*Secretary-Treasurer and
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According to our records you ARE registered to vote.

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

We want to thank all Veterans and their families and our retirees for what you have done to establish and maintain our way of life.

The deregulated casino style capitalism we are living in has created the most serious economic collapse since the great depression. This has weakened many of our employers through leverage buyout schemes, particularly YRCW, Albertson's and Interstate Bakeries. Almost all of our members and their families have suffered through this process. Since forcible deportation of Union members who are not citizens is not a viable option for large non-union employers and hostile state governments (earlier U.S. Labor history) we are instead faced with a hostile power grab called Proposition 32 which if passed will lead to **RIGHT TO WORK FOR LESS IN CALIFORNIA.**

Before I get into a more thorough discussion on this I want to inform you of a **TEAMSTER LEGISLATIVE VICTORY THAT OCCURRED LAST WEEK IN SACRAMENTO.** Through the leadership of the Teamsters Union and the California Teamsters Public Affairs Council we were able to partner with California Trucking Association and modify the DMV regulations that prevented holders of commercial drivers licenses (CDL) from attending any type of traffic school. **EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013 CDL HOLDERS (BOTH UNION AND NON-UNION) WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND TRAFFIC SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE A CITATION WHILE DRIVING A PERSONAL VEHICLE.** This happened because of Teamsters political action (voter mobilization and get out the vote efforts) and fund-raising (D.R.I.V.E.). If we have Prop 32 we will not have any sort of hard fought victories like this.

Prop 32 would eliminate our ability to raise money for political contributions through payroll deduction. It would essentially kill D.R.I.V.E. and drastically eliminate our ability to communicate with our members and politicians about the issues that affect our membership and their families. Under the guise of campaign finance reform it is clearly a wolf in sheep's clothing. **PROP 32 IS A DIRECT ATTACK ON OUR INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE RIGHTS AS UNION MEMBERS AND SPECIFICALLY YOU. IT IS AN ATTACK ON OUR PERSONAL LIBERTY.** This assault is directed at all Union families with particular hostility towards public employees including police, fire, teachers, school bus and transit workers.

APATHY KILLS RIGHTS AND UNIONS. In order to defeat Prop 32 all Teamsters and their families need to register and vote as well as communicate with their families and friends in the workplace, in the neighborhood and precincts as well as throughout the state of California. Wear a button, use a bumper sticker and post a sign in your yard or window. This all out mobilization is essential for the entire Labor Movement and all of our communities. On the day after the election we don't want to ask ourselves what happened and how did we put ourselves at risk and in jeopardy. This is a clear and present danger for the working people of California and the rest of the Nation. We are not going to sit back and let neofascists and neoconservative politicians dismantle the safety net and the Labor Movement (eliminate Social Security, turn Medicare into voucher care, wipe out Medicaid and weaken collective bargaining rights) under the guise of fiscal austerity. The economic crash was not our fault and is a result of structural deficiencies and numerous deregulations that have been magnified by the repeal of New Deal and New Frontier legislation. Many of our members can not work on their jobs until they reach 65 and need pensions and pre medicare retirement programs. Economic science shows that jobs and higher wages are created by demand. Political action and union organization are the solutions. **NOT ENOUGH POOR AND LOW MONEY PEOPLE KNOW THAT UNIONIZATION IS A PATH AND TOOL FOR ADVANCING TO THE MIDDLE CLASS.** The best and principal guard against the greed of the 1% is individual and collective action of the organized part of the 99%. Please ask your friends and family to register to vote. **THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2012.**

If you have any questions contact your union steward, Union business representative or call Jessica Chavez at (714) 740-6218 or email at jchavez2952@aol.com. Please register on our website at www.teamsters952.org, "LIKE" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Teamsters952. Follow us on Twitter @Teamster952. To educate yourself on the upcoming election please visit the California Labor Federation at www.calaborfed.org, California Teamsters Public Affairs Council at www.cateamsters.com and Joint Council 42 at www.teamstersjc42.com. To receive text updates on Prop 32 sign up for Joint Council 42 text group. Step 1 - Using a smartphone, send a text message to: 86466 Step 2 - In the message screen, type: JC42 Step 3 - Press SEND.

Thank you for your support of the Teamsters. **POWER TO THE TEAMSTERS AND POWER TO THE PEOPLE.**

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"NO on Prop 32"
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