



# INTERNATIONAL UNION OF ELEVATOR CONSTRUCTORS LOCAL NO. 18 • AFL-CIO



## Business Manager Report

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### Work Picture

IUEC Local 18 currently has less than 3% unemployment, with mechanics accounting for nearly all that number. The recent uptick in this number is due to projects in Las Vegas finishing. The San Diego work picture continues to be strong, and we appreciate the members that are traveling to the area to man these projects. Los Angeles has remained steady, however there has not been much hiring this past month.

### IUEC 18 Stats

Mechanics 1925

Apprentices 477

Helpers 3

Total 2406

Probationary 127

### Fall Arrest Anchorage Directive

We have received a directive from General President Christensen on fall protection anchorage points used in and around elevators. The [Fall Protection Anchorage Directive](#) comes on the heels of an interpretation from OSHA, particularly 1926.502(d)(15). The interpretation is clear; when an employee is performing work in or around a hoistway, and a vertical lifeline is used, the lifeline cannot be anchored to the same overhead beam that is used to suspend a car frame, platform, or other rigging apparatuses. Please notify your supervisor and a Business Agent if this condition exists. No employee should be exposed to serious injury or death arising from hazardous conditions in the workplace. The OSHA interpretation letter, as well as GP Christensen's directive, can be found on our website at [IUEC18.org](http://IUEC18.org) and is linked above for your reference.

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### **Las Vegas Union Hall**

During our December Area Meeting, the body approved a motion to move forward with the purchase of an office building in Las Vegas. The building is located at 6100 Elton Avenue and meets all our needs for space and parking. The building will need to go through some renovations to accommodate our Local Area Meetings and to provide classrooms for NEIEP to hold training courses. Also, there are multiple entrances and space available to lease for additional income. We will continue to report updates at all upcoming meetings.

### **Weekly Income Benefits**

If you become totally disabled and are unable to work, the Benefit Plan offers a Weekly Income Benefit to you, for up to 26 weeks. The benefit amount has been increased to \$715 per week for eligible members. Benefits are payable when the Plan receives written proof that you are totally disabled due to injury, illness, or pregnancy and require the active care of a duly licensed physician.

It is the member's responsibility and duty to report to the hall when you are going out on disability **and** when you are released to return to work. To start a claim and additional information, please visit [neibenefits.org](http://neibenefits.org) and download the [Weekly Income Claim Form](#).

### **PAC and COPE Committees**

Another important election is on the horizon in 2024. Our PAC and COPE Committees are preparing to find and support candidates that are in step with labor and working people. Therefore, we need to support and elect labor friendly politicians and our committees are looking for volunteers to assist with canvassing precincts, making phone calls, raising money, and interviewing prospective candidates. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Steve Bills at [steve.bills@iuec18.org](mailto:steve.bills@iuec18.org) or Ken Michalik at [ken.michalik@iuec18.org](mailto:ken.michalik@iuec18.org).

### **Certification and Licensing**

The start of a new year is a good time to check the expiration dates on all your certifications and licenses. Make sure you complete your Continuing Education courses prior to your expiration date.

Beginning August 22, 2024, Mechanics with a Nevada State license will need to provide a certificate of Continuing Education with your renewal application. Please call the Hall if you have questions or need assistance getting enrolled in a course.

**Stay Safe**

**Tony Gazzaniga**