



***Jacqueline K. White-Brown***  
***Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer***



It is with tremendous pride and appreciation that I can announce that on May 17, 2023, we will install the newly elected officers of OPEIU Local 537 for the term of June 2023 through May 2026. Your Officers were elected at the April 12, 2023 Special Called Meeting.

***Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer***

Jacqueline K. White-Brown

***President***

Maria Riggs

***Vice President***

Maribel Spillard

***Recording Secretary***

Alejandra "Alex" Portilla

***Executive Board***

Santos Leon

Misty Lopez

Tina Ramlall

Sheila Wilson

Congratulations to the Board Members

who were reelected and to those who have been elected to new positions. With your continued help and hard work, we can carry on in our commitment and dedication to serve the membership, preserve and improve our standards of living with good wages and benefits, to feel a sense of security that our jobs will be protected, and to push our Union forward, overcoming

the various obstacles and challenges we may face. We cannot continue to accomplish these victories without your tireless efforts. I appreciate all of you and look forward to working with you to provide the best support for all of our members.

## 2023 CONVENTION CALL

This is our official notification that we are accepting nominations for delegates to attend our OPEIU Convention.

Any member living outside of a 75-mile radius from our Local, has the opportunity to nominate and elect Delegates and Alternates to attend the Convention. Nominations may be sent to OPEIU Local 537 by U.S. Mail, or facsimile to (626) 577-0100. Those received by noon on **May 16, 2023** will be considered. Candidates will be verified by the staff, and if eligible, their name will be placed in nomination at the **May 17, 2023** Membership meeting. All nominations for Delegates must be accepted by the proposed candidate at the time of nomination either in person or in writing.

The number of delegates will be recommended by the Executive Board of Local 537. Airfare, mileage, hotel, and expenses will be reimbursed by the Local.

Any member nominated must meet the following requirements as provided in the International Constitution and By Laws, Article VI, Section 7: "Each delegate to a Convention must have been in continuous good standing with the Local Union such delegate represents for at least twelve (12) months prior to the convening of the Convention... Each delegate shall be selected by vote of the Local Union. Only a delegate who has been seated may act as a delegate."



Nominations and Elections will be held at our May 17, 2023 General Membership Meeting for Delegates to serve the respective Labor Councils. By virtue of office, the Business Manager/Secretary Treasurer is automatically a delegate.

Following are the Councils with whom we are affiliated and the number of delegates

we are allowed:

LA County Federation of Labor .....	5
Orange County Labor Federation .....	3
San Bernardino/Riverside CLC .....	2

### Article 8—Election of Officer and Delegates to Affiliated Councils

**Section 2.** Delegates to all affiliated councils will be nominated and elected at

the Installation of Officers meeting. In case of a vacancy of a Delegate to a council, the Executive Board shall appoint a Delegate.

**Section 3.** All elections shall be conducted by secret ballot with the names of candidates for each office placed alphabetically. Officers shall be declared elected if only one nomination is made for such office.

**Article 10—Duties of Officers, Business Representatives, Organizers, Assistant Business Manager, Delegates, and Trustees**

**Section 7. Delegates to Affiliated Councils**

It shall be the duty of the Delegates to:

(a) Attend the meetings or sessions of the body or assembly to which they have been elected or appointed;

(b) Faithfully represent the Union and protect its interest, and properly present and support its declared policies and instructions;

(c) Report to the Union any proceedings of the organization that may directly affect the Union; and

(d) Perform such duties pertaining to their office or assigned to them by the Union.

**UNION STRONG**  
**WE'RE ONLY AS STRONG AS OUR MEMBERSHIP!**



We would like to welcome the following members to OPEIU Local 537 and extend an invitation to join us for our General Membership meeting May 17, 2023.

Sheila Bueno  
Rachel Collier  
Delia Dolce  
Amanda Rose Doylemason  
Diego Garcia

Frank Jordan Jr.  
Courtney McCabe  
Brooke C. Noel  
Ruben Nunez Jimenez  
Celeste Ortiz

Local 537 wishes our Executive Board member **Alejandra "Alex" Portilla** of Los Angeles Building Trades Council a speedy recovery.



OPEIU Local 537 would like to congratulate the graduating class of 2023. As you make your way in the world, never lose sight of the things that matter most, take pride in how far you have come and faith in how far you can go. Good luck on your future accomplishments.



## **RATIFIED CONTRACTS**

- IBEW Local #357
- OCCORD
- Pacific Southwest Administrators (PSWA)
- Teamsters Local 631 - Wages

## **UPCOMING NEGOTIATIONS**

- Actors' Equity (Wages)
- A&J Training Trust (Economics)
- Electrical Training Institute (Economics)
- IBEW Local 11
- IBEW-NECA LMCC
- Ironworkers Apprenticeship Training
- Laborers Local #652
- San Diego Electrical Industry Administrative Corp.
- Sheet Metal Benefit Plans Corporation
- So Ca Pipe Trades Administrative Corporation
- Tri-Counties Sheet Metal Workers JATC

- UAW-LETC (Wages)

## OFFICE CLOSURE

Memorial Day

Monday, May 29, 2023

Independence Day

Tuesday, July 4, 2023

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING will be held by ZOOM  
Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 7:00 pm  
Registration is required. If you would like to attend,  
please RSVP to Marlene at [marlene@opeiu537.org](mailto:marlene@opeiu537.org)**

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