

# Memo to Members

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Business Manager



Members often ask me about our political involvement, wondering about its importance. Well, I will state here and now that it is one of the most important things we can do. Legislators—senators, congresspeople, governors, mayors, supervisors... they all make decisions that effect our work, our livelihood and our future. Just as important are the many state, regional and local board and commissions, who approve contracts, enact Project Labor Agreements, and decide the day-to-day direction of government. It is vital that labor make sure the voice of working men and women as well as their unions, is heard at all levels of government.

### CONGRATULATIONS MAZZOLA SR.

I would like to congratulate Larry, Sr. on his retirement from the San Francisco Airport Commission after serving for 26 years. That is a heck of a run! It is pretty wild to think that he got appointed and reappointed by 5 different mayors: Frank Jordan, Willie Brown, Gavin Newsom, Ed Lee, and London Breed.

When I look back on all the things he accomplished on this commission for our members and for all organized labor, it reminds me of the importance of having our voice represented in government. Whether it be at the local, state, or national level, unions have to have a seat at the table to ensure our concerns are never forgotten. I remember a quote from Mayor Newsom at one of the induction ceremonies that has stuck with me: “People like Larry Mazzola, Sr. who continue to serve on these commissions, they are the real governance in San Francisco.”

### FEDERAL PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT

The value of having a US President who not only listens to the concerns of labor unions but also delivers has been a welcome site this past year. 2022 has continued where 2021 left off with the recent signing of an executive order requiring the use of Project Labor Agreement (PLAs) on all federal construction projects over \$35 million. Local 38 knows from experience how valuable PLAs can be to securing work for our members and how long it can take to negotiate to have them in place.

Make no mistake, this PLA signed into law by President Biden will create work for our members and UA members across the country for years, if not decades to come. This kind of pro-union

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## In-Person Union Meetings Return

1st Wednesday Of The Month  
6 p.m.

1621 Market Street  
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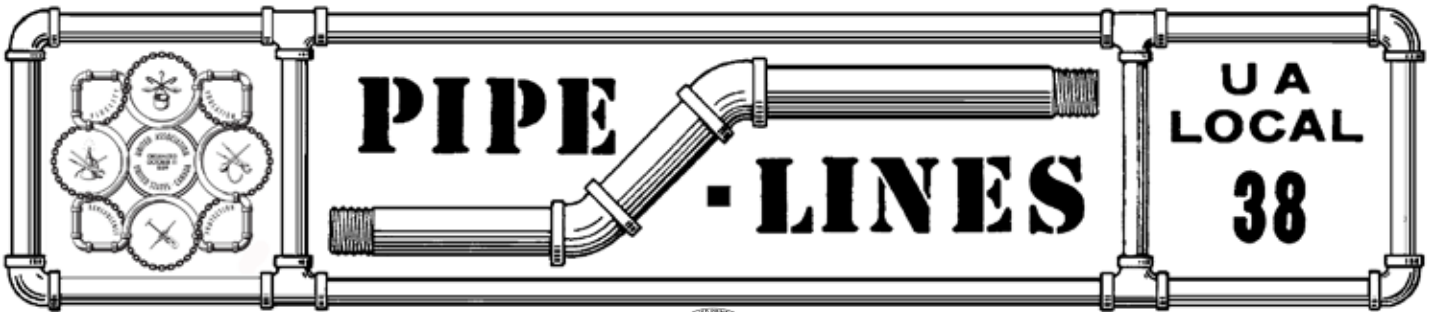
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SF's 170<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day Parade is Saturday, March 12. Come march with us!  
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Local 38 Members Hard at Work at Big China Basin Lot A Development  
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## Mazzola, Sr. Retires From SF Airport Commission

Larry Mazzola, Sr. recently announced his retirement from the San Francisco Airport Commission, where he had served for 26 years and most recently as President for 18 years.

Brother Mazzola, Sr., who served as the Business Manager for Local 38 during most of his tenure on the Airport Commission, retires from this post knowing the commission is in good hands.

“I believe that Mayor Breed and all the Airport Commissioners will always protect our working men and women that are the backbone to SFO’s success,” stated Brother Mazzola, Sr. in his letter to San Francisco Mayor London Breed announcing his retirement. “SFO is one of the finest and most respected airports in the world with its first-class facilities and its 5-star Hotel. I would like to think that I and all the Commissioners that I served with played a small part of that.”

Brother Mazzola, Sr.’s final meeting as a Commissioner was on February 8, 2022. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the meeting was held virtually. Numerous political figures were able to attend this historic final meeting to deliver praise for a man who has done so much for organized labor while on the Commission, including US Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, Governor Gavin Newsom, and Mayor Breed. Delivering pre-recorded messages were Senator Diane Feinstein and Congresswoman Jackie Speier.



The value of labor representation on city boards and commissions was apparent during the 26 years Larry Mazzola, Sr. served on the San Francisco Airport Commission. Pictured above is Brother Mazzola, Sr. visiting with workers during the construction of the new International Terminal. Pictured below are SF Mayor London Breed, Governor Gavin Newsom and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who all attended the commission’s special zoom meeting honoring Brother Mazzola, Sr., upon his retirement from the commission.



The highlight of the meeting was when Mayor Breed announced that San Francisco has made a Declaration that February 8, 2022 would be known in the City as Larry Mazzola Sr. Day.

“I am extremely proud of my dad’s accomplishments on the Airport Commission,” said Local 38 Business Manager Larry Mazzola, Jr. “It highlights the importance of having strong union voices in critical government positions protecting

the interests of our members. He was instrumental in maintaining union workers’ status, wages, and benefits, even during times when they were under attack at airports throughout the country.”

Brother Mazzola, Sr. looks back on his time on the Commission with a sense of pride, knowing he played a part in many of the major accomplishments at

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## Biden Signs Executive Order On PLAs

Building trades workers, including UA members across the country, won one of the biggest political victories in decades earlier this month, when President Joe Biden signed an executive order expanding the Federal government’s use of Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) between unions and contractors on construction sites, requiring the use of PLAs on federal construction projects above \$35 million.

After signing the historic bipartisan infrastructure law, another legislative victory for labor unions, President Biden said this executive order will “ensure that major projects are handled by well-trained, well-prepared, highly skilled workers. These are federal projects, paid for with federal dollars, and will be covered by a project labor agreement.”

“We have seen the power of PLAs for our members on the local level,” said Local 38 Business Manager Larry Mazzola, Jr. “Having PLAs enforced on Federal construction jobs will mean even more work for our members. It is refreshing to see a President actually follow thru on



President Joe Biden and Vice-President Kamala Harris traveled to the headquarters of United Steel Workers, Local 5, for the signing of an Executive Order requiring the use of Project Labor Agreements on all federally funded projects of more than \$35 million.

his promise to be the most pro-union President we have seen.”

Union leaders across the country are applauding the Biden Administration’s moves to help organized labor.

“This executive order expanding the use of PLAs is a once-in-a-generation step forward for working families in America and for the men and women of the United Association,” said Mark McManus, General President of the United Association. “This executive order is further proof that President Biden

is committed to his word; that he will continue to put federal policies in place designed to not only ensure equal footing throughout the bidding process, but to ensure more Americans have a fair shot at success. This executive order is a concrete result of our ability to engage elected officials at the highest levels of government to put our members first.”

“Project labor agreements address labor supply issues, secure workers’ classification, set good wages, promote strong

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