

# 2019 Joint L&P Conference

Updated

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The Joint meetings began on Sunday March 31, 2019 at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Sacramento. California Labor Federation (CLF) consists of 1200 affiliated unions representing two (2) million union workers.

Working in three major areas, the CLF: 1) helps pass laws that protect California's families and strengthen workers' rights. 2) helps bring about large political victories in California and 3) helps leverage our resources, political power and negotiating power. Together we are the California Labor Movement.



Most of these union members have not heard Sara Nelson as a speaker. They were overwhelmed. I heard some of them calling her "a firecracker". Others called her "a rocket". All in all she got the point across.

Senator Kamala Harris was the keynote speaker. She announced that she is running for President of the United States of America in 2020. Speaker after speaker was concerned of the future and the plight of working people. Art Pulaski, executive Secretary Treasurer of the CLF said, "Now more than ever, we need elected officials who are committed to the fight and are willing to stand with working people ... to advance progressive policies to make the lives of working families better."

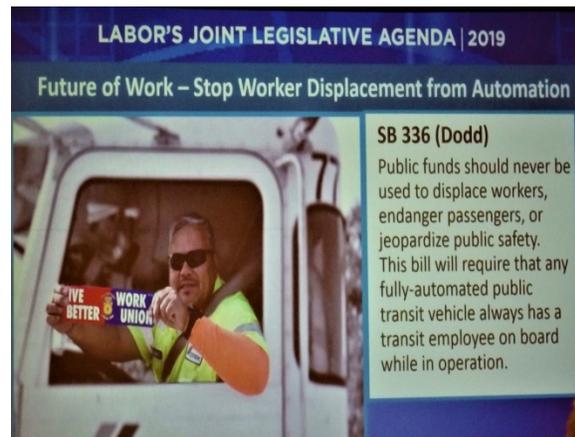
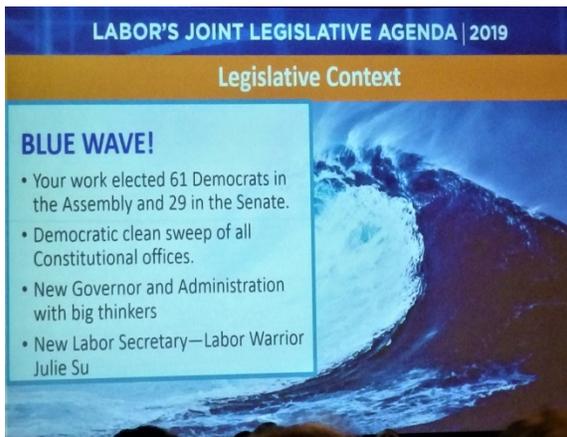


## LEGISLATORS WHO STAND WITH LABOR 100%



**Congratulations to the Legislators with 100% Labor Voting Records in 2018. There were Eighteen (18) State Senators and Twenty-one (21) State Assembly Legislators.**

**In 2018, this did not come easy but with perseverance, it paid off causing a blue wave.  
Keep up the hard work to stop the worker displacement from automation**



## Words to Remember

“Talk is cheap” “Government should not interfere with Labor Laws” Assembly Woman Lorena Gonzalez

“Sacramento is a union town” “You make the City Better” Fabrizio Sasso, Sacramento Labor Council

“Nobody is giving us nothing” Tom Baca, State Building & Construction Trades Council

“Make sure everyone gets counted” Census – Anthony Rendon (Speaker of Assembly)

“We have to stay strong” “Keep California strong” Tony Atkins, Senate President Pro Tempore

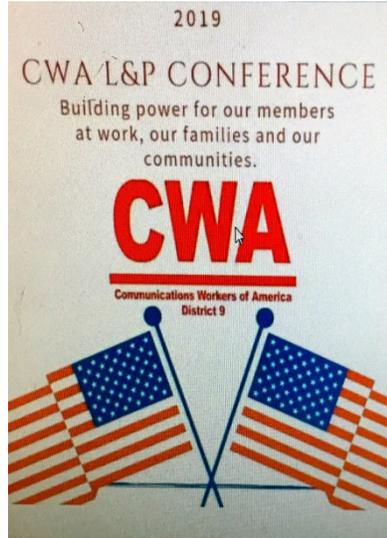
“Look to the right, Look to the left: we are in it together” Sara Nelson, President, AFA/CWA

“Are you going to stab me in the back and cross the picket line” John Grant, UFCW 770

“Never quit; never give Up” Kathryn Lyberger, President, California Labor Federation

## LOBBYING

On Tuesday and Wednesday, we went to the capital to do lobbying

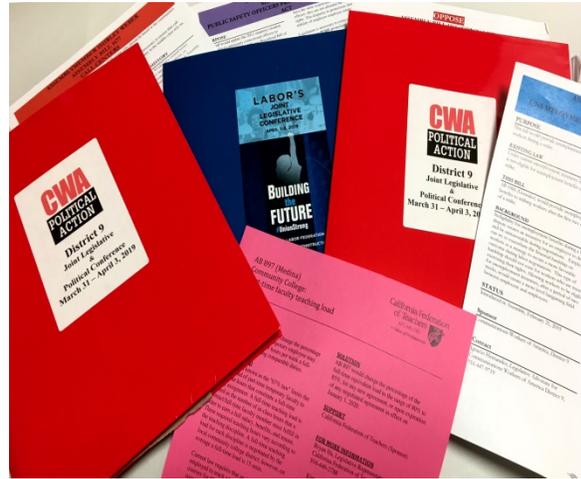


**Advice from CWA's lobbyist, Ignacio Hernandez, "There are 2600 bills out there ...Give your pitch in 30 seconds ...Make it good ... relate to it ... Wear the red scarf ... They will remember the scarf" Other thoughts: Speak from the heart; Bring up examples; Tell the Truth; Stay on Right side of Issue; Know something about the legislator; Ask if we can count on their support.**

Here are assembly bills that have huge potential to benefit workers. The LA Fed and CWA support passage of these: [AB 5](#) - Protects employees from being misclassified [AB 378](#) - Gives collective bargaining rights to state-funded family child care providers. [AB 1066](#) - Unemployment for strikers. **MORE:** Some CWA sponsored bills: [AB 1677](#) Call Centers – Keep jobs here [SD 336](#): Stop Worker Replacement and Worker Displacement [AB 485](#) Distribution Centers [AB 731](#): Health Care Costs [AB 1124](#): Protect Workers in Wild Fires (Smoke) [AB 1505](#): Charter School Reform -

Give more authority to Local School Boards. **AB 183**: Consumers & Workers, **AB1366** VOIP – unregulated Phone Service (**OPPOSE**)

We are ready to lobby the legislators and ask them to support our cause at the Capital.



Three (3) of the CWA bills went to committee hearings on Wednesday April 24th.

**Here are the bills that are being heard:**

**1. AB 1066 (Gonzalez)** would provide unemployment benefits to striking workers after the first two weeks of a strike. - **AB 1066** will be heard in *Committee on Insurance at 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 437* **CWA District 9 is in Support of AB 1066 and the Sponsor of the bill**

**2. AB 1677 (Weber)** would require that employers seeking to relocate call center jobs to another country give the Labor Commissioner 120 days' notice; would prohibit employers appearing on the Commissioner's compiled list of call center job exporters from receiving any state grants, guaranteed loans, or tax benefits for five years. -**AB 1677** will be heard in *Committee on Labor and Employment at 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447* **CWA District 9 Supports AB 1677 and is the Sponsor of the bill**

**3. AB 1366 (Gonzalez)** allows home telephone Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) service to be outside of regulation in California and prohibits essential consumer protections - **AB 1366** will be heard in *Committee on Communications and Conveyance Capitol, Room 437 Upon Adjournment of Utilities and Energy Committee State Capitol, Room 437 (Approximately 1:30 PM)* .  
**CWA District 9 opposes AB 1366**

## Time for Photographs and awards



**"If not now .... When?!"**



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