

Training Facility or Vanity Project?

The LiUNA 1611 Executive's Chilliwack Debacle

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It's time we have an honest conversation about the Chilliwack training facility. What was initially presented as a promising project has turned into a troubling example of mismanagement, a situation we cannot ignore any longer.

A Questionable Partnership

We were told this would be a 50/50 partnership with the Teamsters, yet somehow, our union is left to carry more than its fair share of the burden. Why is our union, funded by your dues, responsible for such a disproportionate cost? These are questions that deserve answers, and yet, the current board has chosen to remain silent.

Oversight and Accountability

Handing over \$500,000 of our hard-earned money to a contractor who then declared bankruptcy shortly after receiving the money is unacceptable. How did this happen? Was there a lack of due diligence in vetting the contractor, or worse, a failure to protect the interests of the membership? We can't ignore the need for greater accountability in how our funds are managed.

We aren't making any accusations of personal gain, but we must ask: Why wasn't this project handled with the care it deserved? Why weren't we kept informed about what was happening, especially when things started going off course?

Prioritizing Non-Union Labor

While union members were looking for work, non-union labor was brought in to complete this project. How does this align with the values of our union? This is a clear sign that the current leadership is not fully prioritizing union jobs and union members. It's a stark reminder of why leadership must change to ensure we uphold the principles we stand for.

A Legacy of Poor Decisions

Rather than being a symbol of progress, this facility has become a representation of the current board's failures. We should be seeing opportunities for members, not a growing money pit. We deserve leadership that communicates openly and respects the trust we've placed in them.

The Voice of the Members Slate: A New Direction

We, the **Voice of the Members Slate**, are committed to changing the way this union operates.

Under our leadership, you will see:

- **Transparency:** Every decision and expenditure will be clear and accounted for, and you will be kept in the loop every step of the way.
- **Accountability:** Projects will be thoroughly vetted to ensure they are in the best interest of the membership. If issues arise, you'll hear about them right away, and we'll take action to resolve them.
- **Union Jobs First:** Non-union workers will never take precedence over our union brothers and sisters. We will prioritize union labor in all union-funded projects.
- **Real Partnerships:** We will ensure any partnership we enter into benefits the membership, not just one party, and that we are not left with an unfair financial burden.

We are the slate that listens, that acts, and that fights for every member. We believe in the integrity of our union and will always put members first.

Ask Yourself:

- Do you want leadership that respects your hard work and your dues?
- Do you want leadership that puts union jobs ahead of non-union labor?
- Do you want leadership that can be trusted to protect your interests?

If the answer is yes, then it's time for change. Vote for the Voice of the Members Slate in the spring election. Together, we will restore this union to its rightful owners—the members.

It's time to turn the page on the current board and create a new chapter built on trust, transparency, and respect for every member.

Will you stand by while they continue to squander our future, or will you vote for a slate that will put every dollar, every job, and every decision back where it belongs—into the hands of the members?

Stand with us. Stand for change. Stand for accountability. – This Spring, Vote for the:

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