



# SOUTHWEST REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

*Representing Carpenters in Southern California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, New Mexico, and Colorado*

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The Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters applauds Mayor Garcetti, Chairwoman Kathryn Barger and the LA County Board of Supervisors, and Council President Nury Martinez and the LA City Council for their efforts to ensure that our workers are protected under the new [COVID-19 Safety Guidance for Construction Sites](#) order. We strongly support the implementation of and compliance with the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety's exposure control plan.

Unions and union contractors, through collective bargaining, operate the safest construction sites in the industry, but this is an unprecedented threat and there is much more that can be done. With this guidance, the Union will be able to communicate clear standards for safety in response to COVID-19. Our members have received safety-first training, have the attitude necessary to meet this challenge, and are supported by the security of full health care coverage for themselves and their families. We consider these components essential, now more than ever.

Our representatives will continue (as they have in recent weeks) working with our signatory partners to ensure safe job sites and the enforcement of not just current high-level standards of safety with respect to traditional jobsite hazards, but also the new standards that must be implemented in response to COVID-19. The designation of construction as essential carries with it a responsibility we do not take lightly. Our union will continue to work with our elected officials to ensure that ALL job sites meet these standards for "essential" construction.

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