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**Instituto Laboral De La Raza**  
**2014**  
**National**  
**Labor-Community Awards**

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California Labor Leader of the Year

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**LABORERS'**  
INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA

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Union of North America**

we salute

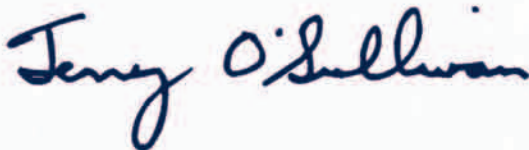
**Instituto Laboral De La Raza**

and congratulate our own

**Sergio Rascon**

**LIUNA International Vice President  
Local 300 Business Manager**

Southern California Labor Leader of the Year  
as well as all of this year's honorees.



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# **Instituto Laboral de la Raza**

## **2014 National Labor-Community Awards**

**Friday, February 28th, 2014**  
**Reception and Media Coverage: 5:00pm**  
**Dinner and Awards: 6:30pm**

San Francisco Marriott Marquis  
780 Mission Street — San Francisco, CA

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## **2014 Honorees**

**GUEST OF HONOR &  
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Patrick J. O'Neill

**CALIFORNIA LABOR LEADER OF THE YEAR**

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**CONGRESSIONAL LEADER OF THE YEAR**

Hon. Raul Ruiz, M.D.



# Welcome

## Instituto Laboral de la Raza

2947 16th STREET • SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94103

Dear Labor Friends and Supporters:

Welcome to the Instituto Laboral de la Raza's 2014 National Labor-Community Awards. Your continued support has helped us to provide labor services for California's unorganized working poor and the families that they support, without fee, up to seven days a week. The staff at Instituto Laboral de la Raza serve clients by utilizing California's administrative laws to secure wages, compensation for injuries, and other earned benefits for unorganized workers.

It is through the activism of this Nation's Unions that strong laws are written into the books to protect workers and their families. Instituto is the beneficiary of these statutes, and we utilize them on a daily basis to help the working poor, many of whom are unable to effectively help themselves.

Please read over the biographies of our honorees this evening, as we share our excitement in their activism and accomplishments. Unionists and friends of Labor have come here from all over the country, and many of them you will be able to reach out to this evening. We promise this to be a memorable evening for all.

All net proceeds from this Event fund our critical educational and labor services for California's unorganized working poor.

We now look forward to providing you with entertainment, inspiration and a renewed call for the empowerment of all workers. Enjoy your evening.

In Unity,

*Sarah M. Shaker*

Sarah M. Shaker  
Executive Director





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## About the Instituto Laboral de la Raza

For over 30 years, the Instituto Laboral de la Raza has served low income families of California as a nonprofit advocacy and workers' resource center in the Mission District of San Francisco. Most of its clients are unorganized working poor immigrants from Mexico, Central America and Southeast Asia.

The Mission of the Instituto Laboral de la Raza is to provide labor rights education and legal advocacy to obtain unpaid wages and other denied benefits for the unorganized working poor. It works in collaboration with other neighborhood organizations to effectively manage all other critical needs for the economic, health and social welfare of these disadvantaged, disparaged families.

The Goal of the Instituto Laboral de la Raza is to attack the root causes of systemic poverty of people from all social and ethnic backgrounds through programs that stabilize them in their communities, and to build leadership skills so that they may contribute to the economic, social and cultural enrichment of their communities.

Founded in 1982 by Jose E. Medina and community labor leaders, the Instituto, through its community unionism program, also provides workers with information to assist them to seek employment opportunities through Union hiring halls as well as to provide them the means to organize in their workplaces. The Instituto Laboral de la Raza has both community activists and labor leaders that sit on its Board of Directors. Its Advisory Board includes men and women from Organized Labor, from the legal and religious community, as well as grassroots activists.

Instituto Laboral de la Raza is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. It does not charge for any of its services. It is funded by donations, grants and sponsorship by Unions and select businesses. It produces an annual fundraising Labor Community Award Dinner that is the largest in the U.S. Donations are tax deductible in accordance with section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code.



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### Labor Rights Education and Legal Advocacy Services

Instituto Laboral de la Raza provides labor rights advocacy and broad-based educational outreach. Clients are served 7 days a week on a drop-in basis or by appointment. The Instituto is proud to serve all California residents, regardless of their race or national origin, without fee.

The Instituto works closely with community-based organizations, federal and state agencies, law firms, and Organized Labor to assure that clients are effectively served on all other social, economic, and labor issues.

#### LEGAL SERVICES

- Advocacy for denied Wages and other Earned Benefits through state administrative and judicial proceedings
- Referral Services to Labor Law Firms for all other legal issues that place low income families at risk including
  - Injury Cases in the Workplace (Workers Comp), medical care and benefits
  - All other Injury Cases suffered by Workers and Non-Workers alike
  - Discrimination, Harassment, and Wrongful Termination (Race, Sex, Age, Pregnancy, Language)
  - Unfair Labor Practices
  - Immigration Law related to Employment and Labor

#### EDUCATIONAL SERVICES BOTH IN ENGLISH AND IN SPANISH

- Labor Rights Workshops and Classes, In-Office and Outreach into the Community
- Financial Literacy and Economic Empowerment Workshops and Classes
- Health and Safety Workshops and Classes with Strong Support from Organized Labor
- Union Rights and Job Opportunities in Organized Labor

#### REFERRAL SERVICES TO OTHER COMMUNITY- BASED ORGANIZATIONS

- Job Training and Job Placement Services.
- Children and Family Services.
- Immigration Services.
- Elder Services (social and legal services for seniors).
- Emergency Services (Food, Shelter, Medical Care, Sustaining funds)
- Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services

#### OTHER SERVICES

- Translations and Research
- Basic Income Tax Prep and securing Taxpayer ID Numbers



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## **PATRICK O'NEILL**

*Executive Vice President & Organizing Director*  
United Food & Commercial Workers  
International Union

**Guest of Honor &  
National Labor Leader of the Year**

Patrick J. O'Neill is an Executive Vice President and the Director of Organizing of the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW).

In his capacity as Director of Organizing, Pat spearheads the UFCW's effort to build power for workers primarily in the retail, meatpacking, food processing and manufacturing, and poultry industries. Appointed in 2007, he is leading the most comprehensive organizing effort in UFCW history, and his multi-layered organizing strategy is bringing together UFCW local unions, labor groups and allies in the



U.S. and abroad to wage tactical organizing campaigns designed to increase union density and UFCW market share.

Under Pat's stewardship of the Organizing Department, thousands of workers across the U.S. and Canada have joined the UFCW, from workers at the world's largest meat processing facility in North Carolina to H&M workers in New York to CVS workers in California, and many states in between, more and more workers are turning to the UFCW in their quest for respect and dignity in the workplace.

Pat brings his rank-and-file activist focus to his responsibility of growing the UFCW. Though his eye is on the industry-wide organizing to grow the UFCW, he has never forgotten the singular perspective of a meatpacking kill floor – the simple knowledge that with a union, any job can bring dignity, family-supporting pay and benefits, and the opportunity to pursue a better life.



Pat began his union activism in 1979 when he began working on the kill floor – one of the most dangerous and physically demanding jobs in the meat packing industry – of the Farmland Foods (now Smithfield Foods) plant in Denison, Iowa. At a plant strike in 1982, he became a rank-and-file leader, rallying his fellow union members to fight company demands to cut wages and benefits. His actions won the respect of his co-workers, who elected him the union's chief steward at the plant shortly after the conclusion of the strike.





Since 1986, Pat has served in several UFCW positions, including International Vice President, Executive Vice President, and Director of Collective Bargaining. In that capacity, he spearheaded a national unity bargaining program that mobilized and engaged tens of thousands of UFCW members and activists in innovative campaigns to raise living and working standards for workers in UFCW's core industries.

Since becoming Organizing Director, Pat has put forward new strategies and tactics in the UFCW's organizing efforts to bring respect and dignity to the workers at the world's largest retailer, Walmart. By combining principles of minority unionism and renewed worker militancy, the UFCW Walmart campaign is increasingly becoming the model to emulate for effective labor campaigning.

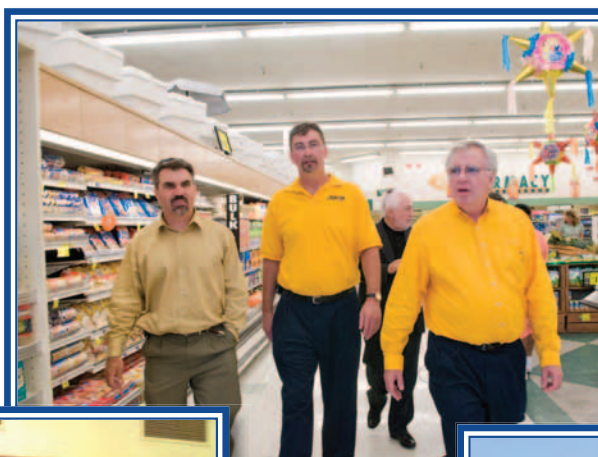
Pat currently serves as co-chair of the Board of Directors of the Council of Institutional Investors (CII), the leading trade organization for the largest public, corporate, and Taft-Hartley pension plans whose combined assets amount to over \$3 trillion under management.

His leadership is recognized in the international labor movement. This past October at the UNI Global Union conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Pat received unanimous support from the 400 delegates and was elected President of UNI Commerce. Under his guidance, the UNI Commerce Team works to improve working conditions in the retail and wholesale sector by creating networks and building capacity among hundreds of affiliated unions worldwide and developing strategies to commit multinational companies by signing Global Framework Agreements.

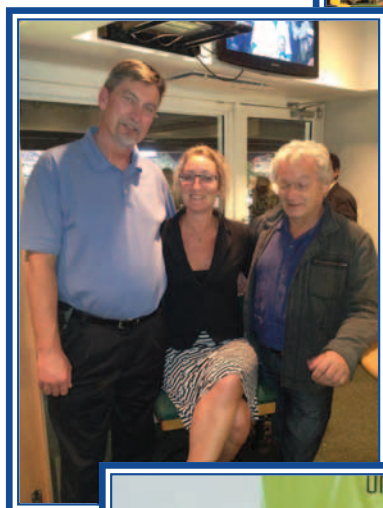
An avid motorcyclist, Pat recently completed a cross country road trip that took him from Edgewater, Maryland, where he lives with his wife Colleen, to the Canadian Rockies and the Oregon Coast and back. Pat and Colleen are the proud parents of two adult children.













## California Labor Leader of the Year **RICARDO F. ICAZA**

*President*

UFCW Local 770

*International Vice President*

United Food and Commercial Workers

Mr. Icaza is Chief Executive Officer of one of the largest UFCW Local Unions in the United States with 32,000 members. He became a member of the-then Retail Clerks Union Local 770 in 1956, and has served as President since 1981.

He is the most senior Vice President of the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union which has a membership of 1.3 million in the U.S. and Canada.

Local 770 represents employees in retail grocery stores and retail drug stores; packinghouse and food processing plants, pharmacies, medical laboratories, cannabis dispensaries, and barber and beauty shops. Its jurisdiction is as far north as Paso Robles, and south to San Pedro and includes workers in five counties – Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Kern.

In addition to his duties with Local 770, Mr. Icaza is the President of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, and a Vice President of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA).

Mr. Icaza is a founding member of the United Latinos of the UFCW. He has provided vital leadership in immigration Reform and continues to be a landmark of Latino Leadership.

He has served on the Board of Trustees of the Southern California United Food and Commercial Workers Unions and Food Employers Joint Benefit and Pension Funds for more than twenty-five years

The Local 770 Icaza Foundation was established to raise funds for charitable causes. For twenty years, the Icaza Foundation has sponsored an annual golf tournament to benefit





the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and Homeboy Industries, an organization dedicated to helping gang members find their way to a better life.

Under Mr. Icaza's leadership, Local 770 has been involved in and successfully negotiated excellent collective bargaining agreements. He was instrumental in the preservation of health care and pension benefits which were threatened during the Southern California UFCW Local Unions' historic 142-day strike and lockout in 2003 – 2004. Local 770 has been on the forefront in many actions to benefit not only Local 770 members, but all working men and women.

As a prominent and respected labor leader, Mr. Icaza has been honored by many charitable organizations including More Than Shelter/Century Housing, the Jewish Labor Committee, the Israel Humanitarian Foundation and the Tri-Counties Labor Council.

He has represented U.S. labor with other union leaders in delegations which visited countries throughout the world to build a brotherhood of workers united for a common cause – good jobs, with benefits and dignity.

In 2001, President Icaza was appointed by Governor Gray Davis as a member of the Trustees of the California State University where he served for several years. He is also a Board member of the National Association for Hispanic Elderly and was a voting director of the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans.



Mr. Icaza holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from UCLA and has pursued legal courses at USC School of Law.

Mr. Icaza is a native and life-long resident of Los Angeles. He is married with three children and four grandchildren, who are the light of his life.









## Bay Area Labor Leader of the Year

# MARIA ASHLEY ALVARADO

*Secretary-Treasurer*

Teamsters Local 601

*Secretary-Treasurer*

Teamsters California State Cannery Council

Maria Ashley Alvarado, the (First Latina) Secretary-Treasurer of Stockton-based Teamsters Local 601, is a striking example of the new generation of Teamsters leadership.

Hard working, well-educated, socially responsible, she is up to date on everything from the crisis in medical care cost to the crisis in politics affecting unions. Ms. Alvarado has led her 6,000 members in programs that include quality contracts and effective representation. She has been successful in generating enthusiasm and active participation among the members, who are being supportive of the many vital programs where unions invest effort to help their community.

A native of Mexico, daughter of farm workers who later became Teamster members, she grew up in San Jose, California. Maria Ashley has always been keenly interested in social issues. This led her to achieve a Bachelor's Degree in political science and a Master's Degree in public administration; both from Cal State University Stanislaus.

Secretary-Treasurer Alvarado says her education was a great way to combine her commitment to working men and women with strategies for success in management negotiations.

She serves as the (First Latina) Secretary-Treasurer of the Teamsters California Cannery Council representing 15,000 members.

She serves as (First Latina) co-chairman of the Joint Benefit Trust that provides health care benefits to full and seasonal cannery workers in 16 companies across central California. Ms. Alvarado has developed a specialty in medical benefits and helped design some of the



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### Holding the Line

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most innovative and successful health care benefits in the country. They include wellness programs designed to provide good health alternatives to expensive and continuing medical treatments.

Ms. Alvarado is the First Latina who has received the distinguished appointment to serve in the Teamsters Human Rights Commission by President James P. Hoffa. Also, she has received the distinguished appointment to serve in the Food Processing Division Policy Committee by Joint Council 7 President and International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Vice President at Large, Rome Aloise. Maria Ashley has recently been appointed as Vice-President of the California Charter Hispanic Caucus. And last but not least, Secretary-Treasurer Alvarado has been elected Bay Area Labor Leader of the Year 2014 by the Instituto Laboral de la Raza.

Maria Ashley's distinguished labor career began as a representative for the legendary United Farm Workers union. Ms. Alvarado's passion for labor justice started in her childhood as a daughter and grand-daughter of Braceros. The stories of injustice told by her father and seeing her father as a farmworker



Steward educations



working long hours without benefits and fair wages long after the Bracero Program had ended motivated her as a young woman to join the UFW.

In 2004 she became a business agent with Teamsters Local 601 and later became President. She was elected Secretary-Treasurer in 2011 and has since lead Local 601 in a successful new

direction in which she emphasizes the promotion of union values and education as the tool to defeat anti-worker laws and legislation intended to destroy union bargaining power. She promotes member participation in the political arena, registering thousands of new voters with the idea of strengthening Local 601 members' voices at local, state, and federal polls. She has intensified focus in organizing efforts under the philosophy that density creates power.

In 2013 she has been an active advocate for an Immigration Reform, participating in meetings and hearings at the state capital and providing testimony in favor of the need for more stringent laws to protect the undocumented worker at the work place against retaliation for reporting abuse, discrimination, work injuries, or simply filing a grievance.

Maria Ashley Alvarado is also a strong advocate for education and has facilitated a scholarship program for students who are the children of Local 601 members. This year she started a new scholarship project that seeks to fund 10,000 dollars a year in scholarships and to continue growing this fund through fundraises increasing this amount yearly.



No on 32 Rally



Building Unity and Power at her Local. No On 32 Rally, As vs Giants Teamster Day, JC 7 Seminar. Rally in LA to stop the war on workers



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Testifying March 12, 2013 before the Assembly Labor and Employment Committee Chair Roger Hernandez, D-West Covina. Ashley Alvarado, secretary-treasurer of Local 601 and the Teamsters Cannery Council, representing more than 15,000 primarily Latino workers in the industry: All immigrants should be treated with respect, but that is not what is happening in our state. Employees should be protected against harassment from employers, but even today, in this very room, employers feel that they can intimidate their employees.



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## Southern California Labor Leader of the Year

# SERGIO RASCÓN

*Business Manager*

Laborers' Union Local 300

*International Vice President*

Laborers' International Union of North America

Born in 1953 in Sonora, Mexico, Mr. Rascón grew up and graduated from high school in the San Fernando Valley region of Los Angeles. Possessing a strong passion for labor union politics, in 1979 he was named Labor Foreman of the Laborers' International Union of North America LIUNA Local 300, a powerful subdivision of the American Federation of Labor.

He was named an official agent of the LIUNA Local 300 in 1984 with the retirement of Mike Quevedo. He became a naturalized U.S. citizen that same year. Demonstrating a natural ability to lead, motivate, and organize workers, he earned the highest honors by his peers and was promoted to the executive board of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement LCLAA in 1989 and later to Business Manager and President of the LIUNA Local 300, Hod Carriers & General Laborers, Asbestos & Toxic Abatement, which represents more than 7,000 union laborers in Los Angeles County.

Holding politically influential positions as First Vice President of the LCLAA State Chapter and as Los Angeles Commissioner on the Convention and Exhibition Center Bureau, Brother Rascón is regarded as one of the most powerful political activists in the United States. Under his direction, the LIUNA Local 300 is involved in more political races than any other in its history.

In addition to being an effective political lobbyist for progressive politicians, Rascón's achievements extend from being a once active water board member to generous community provider. He has served as a Board Director for the Metropolitan Water District MWD in southern California. During his position as a member of the board, he worked to ensure that everyone in Los Angeles County have safe drinking water. He served important roles in the MWD, such as being Vice Chairman of the Subcommittee on Organization

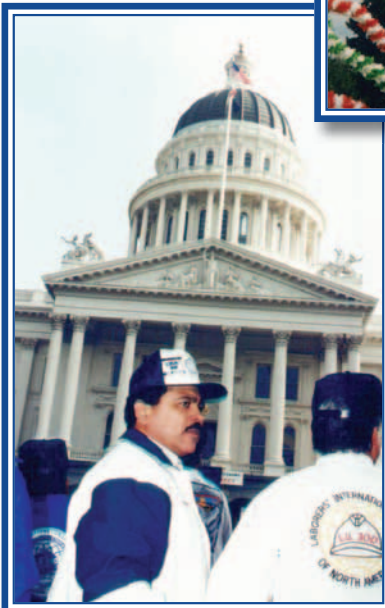
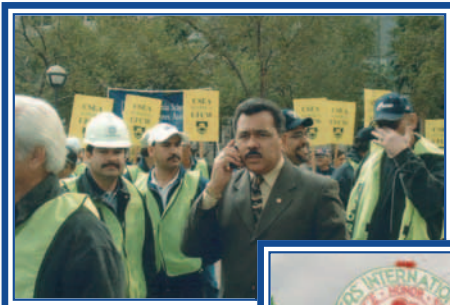


and Personnel and an active member of the MWD's Budget and Finance and Legal and Claims committees.

Brother Sergio Rascon is an International Vice President of the Laborers' International Union of North America, and a proud Board member of the LIUNA! Latino Caucus.

As an active leader in his community, Mr. Rascon is involved in numerous charitable and educational activities in Los Angeles County. By collaborating with other prominent labor organizations, his LIUNA Local 300 has helped raise scholarship funding for the children of southern California union members.

Mr. Sergio Rascon is an advocate for every working American in the United States, with an illustrious career of exceptional and tireless leadership in the Latino community.













## Congressional Leader of the Year

# HON. RAUL RUIZ, M.D.

*Representative (CA-D36)*  
United States Congress

U.S. Representative Raul Ruiz, M.D., grew up in the community of Coachella, California, where both of his parents were farmworkers.

Dr. Ruiz achieved his lifelong dream of becoming a physician through public education. After graduating from Coachella Valley High School, Dr. Ruiz graduated magna cum laude from UCLA. He went on to Harvard University, where he earned his Medical Degree, as well as a Masters of Public Policy from the Kennedy School of Government and a Masters of Public Health from the School of Public Health, becoming the first Latino to earn three graduate degrees from Harvard University. He completed his Residency in Emergency Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh and a Fellowship in International Emergency Medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital. During his training, Dr. Ruiz served as a consultant to the Ministries of Health of both Serbia and El Salvador.

Dr. Ruiz returned home after completing his medical training and began working as an Emergency Room doctor at Eisenhower Medical Center. Recognizing the physician shortage crisis in the Coachella Valley, Dr. Ruiz started a pre-medical mentorship program for young aspiring doctors, which has grown to include over 100 local students.

The program became part of the University of California, Riverside School of Medicine, where Dr. Ruiz served as a Senior Associate Dean. Through the group Volunteers in Medicine, he helped to open a free clinic to help underserved communities in the Coachella Valley.

In 2010, Dr. Ruiz started the Coachella Valley Healthcare Initiative, which brought together stakeholders from across the region to address the local healthcare crisis. He has also worked internationally in the medical community. In 2010, Dr. Ruiz flew to Haiti immediately following the 2010 earthquake and served as the Medical Director for the J/P





Haitian Relief Organization. The U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne awarded him the Commanders Award for Public Service for his work.

Dr. Ruiz continued his work as an Emergency Room Doctor until he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2012. He represents California's 36th District, which includes the entire Coachella Valley, as well as the cities of Banning, Beaumont, Blythe, Hemet and San Jacinto. He resides in Palm Desert, CA.

Dr. Ruiz currently serves on the House Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

As Dr. Raul Ruiz concludes his first year in Congress, he has worked with members of both parties on behalf of small businesses, middle class families, veterans, students, and seniors across the Coachella Valley.

Dr. Raul Ruiz was elected to bring pragmatic, solutions-focused representation to California's 36th District, and put aside the partisan political gamesmanship that paralyzed Washington for the past few years. In his first year in office, Congressman Ruiz upheld his promises to protect Social Security and Medicare, to improve government transparency, to work with both Democrats and Republicans and find solutions to our common problems, and worked to ensure veterans receive the benefits they have earned. He established a strong, independent record of working to improve the lives of his constituents.

Dr. Ruiz voted for the strongest version of the Violence Against Women Act to date. The legislation contained stringent protections for immigrant women, Native American women and women in the LGBT community. The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) has been



a cornerstone in federal efforts to reduce acts of violence against women and prosecute offenders and is credited for making Americans more aware of the domestic violence issue. On October 30, 2013 Ruiz co-sponsored H.R. 1755, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2013 to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. Currently, federal law only bans employment discrimination based on race, religion, sex, national origin, age and disability, but not for sexual orientation or gender identity. Right now, workers in 33 states can legally be fired, denied a promotion, or harassed on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.



In 2013, Ruiz announced his endorsement and co-sponsorship of H.R. 1199, the Safe Schools Improvement Act of 2013. The bill instructs local educational agencies to establish policies that prevent and prohibit bullying and harassment. These policies must specifically enumerate what is prohibited, and must include bullying based on sexual orientation and gender identity. “This legislation is a firm step toward strengthening our anti-bullying efforts in the 36th district and across the country,” said Dr. Ruiz. “It is critical that our anti-bullying policies incorporate the measures necessary to protect our LGBT youth and every student. I will continue to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to advance measures that stop bullying and protect our students no matter their background, sexual orientation, or gender identity.” [Rep. Ruiz, press release, 9/26/13]

Dr. Ruiz joined the Congressional Native American Caucus to work in a bipartisan manner to work on behalf of tribes in California’s 36th district. Dr. Ruiz co-sponsored bipartisan legislation known as the “Carcieri fix” to open economic opportunities for Indian tribes. This bill would allow tribes to take land into trust, thereby creating greater economic opportunities for the tribes.

Dr. Ruiz co-sponsored the house version the comprehensive immigration reform bill. This bill has already passed the Senate in a bipartisan manner and Dr. Ruiz has called for House leadership to bring the bill to the floor for a vote. Dr. Ruiz meets with President Obama to discuss comprehensive immigration reform. Dr. Ruiz met with President Obama and discussed how the House can build on the bipartisan work of the Senate and pass comprehensive immigration reform legislation that includes an earned path to citizenship, secures our borders, promotes fairness, protects workers and businesses, and helps strengthen the economy.









## CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE HONORABLE NANCY PELOSI, HOUSE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

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Nancy Pelosi  
Democratic Leader

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Dear Friends,

Please accept my warm greetings as you come together to celebrate Instituto Laboral de la Raza's National Labor-Community Awards. This is a wonderful opportunity to honor five distinguished labor leaders — Patrick O'Neill, Ricardo Icaza, Maria Ashley Alvarado, Sergio Rascón, and Hon. Raul Ruiz. Tonight's honorees have fought long and hard for social and economic justice and a better future for American workers and their families and have been an inspiration to and a vital part of our nation's labor community.

We know that a strong labor movement is the backbone of a strong American economy and we thank Instituto Laboral de la Raza for your leadership in protecting workers' rights and meeting the needs of underserved working families.

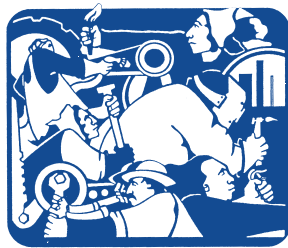
I join my constituents and all those in the San Francisco Bay Area in saluting Instituto Laboral de la Raza and our brothers and sisters from across America who come together in solidarity. Please know that I will continue to work in the Congress to create jobs, strengthen the middle class and build an economy that brings justice and economic opportunity to all America's working men and women.

Warm regards,

*Nancy Pelosi*  
NANCY PELOSI  
Democratic Leader

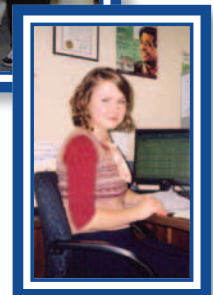






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## A Recent History of Our Labor & Community Award Dinners



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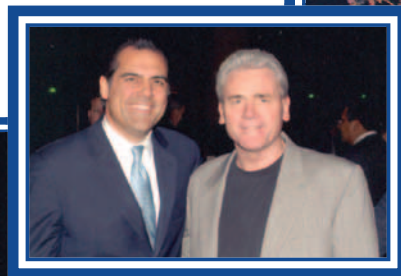
# 2006

Guest of Honor and  
Labor Leader of the Year  
**Terence M. O'Sullivan**  
General President  
Laborers' International  
Union of North America

**Hon. Barbara Lee**  
U.S. Congress (D-CA)

**Michael J.  
McLaughlin**  
Secretary-Treasurer,  
Teamsters Local 856

**Larry Del Carlo**  
President, Mission  
Housing Development  
Corporation



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# 2007

Guest of Honor and  
Labor Leader of the Year

**Anna Burger**

General Secretary-  
Treasurer, SEIU  
Chair, Change to Win  
Federation

**Cristina R. Vazquez**

International Vice  
President, Western States  
UNITE HERE!, AFL-  
CIO

**Hon. Nancy Pelosi**

House Speaker, U.S.  
Congress (D-CA)

**Robert Alvarado**

Executive Officer,  
Northern California  
Carpenters Regional  
Council

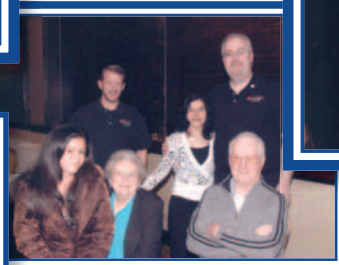
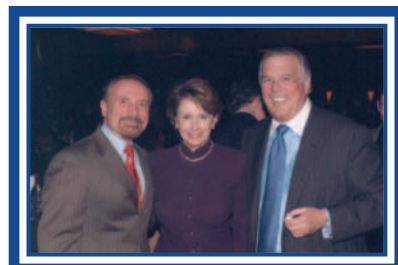
**Daniel Kane, Sr.**

Vice President, IBT  
Eastern Region  
President, Teamsters  
Local No. 111

**Mike Borstel**

President, UFCW Local  
No. 101  
Teamsters Joint Council  
No. 7

**Marriott Hotel,  
San Francisco**





# 2008

Guest of Honor and  
Labor Leader of the Year  
**Joseph T. Hansen**  
International President  
United Food and  
Commercial Workers  
International Union

**Hon. Hillary Clinton**  
U.S. Senate (D-NY)

**Ronald J. Lind**  
UFCW5 President

**German Vazquez**  
Secretary-Treasurer,  
Teamsters Local 901

**Sal Roselli**  
President, SEIU-UHW

**John Jatoft**  
CA State Director,  
American Income Life

**Hilton Hotel,  
San Francisco**



# 2009

Guest of Honor and  
Sister of the Year  
**María Elena Durazo**

Executive  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Los Angeles County  
Federation of Labor,  
AFL-CIO

Guest of Honor and  
Brother of the Year  
**George L. Miranda**  
President, Teamsters  
Joint Council 16  
Secretary-Treasurer,  
Teamsters Local 210

**Hon. Luis V. Gutierrez**  
(D-IL), U.S. Congress

**Paul A. Kenny**  
President, Food & Drug  
Council, Inc.  
Secretary-Treasurer,  
Teamsters Local No. 630

**Jacques Loveall,**  
President, UFCW 8  
Golden State

**John J. Gerow**  
Principal Officer and  
President, Teamsters  
Local 97

**Hilton Hotel,  
San Francisco**

