by Louie Rocha, Senior Campaign Lead

The CWA STRONG initiative is a national program to educate and inoculate our members against the anti-union forces that look to destroy the only voice working people have in this country today—America's Unions. The public sector workers are expected to face the first onslaught of anti worker court rulings in 2018 and the private sector workers have so called national right to work legislation looming (that should actually be named right to shirk).

At the 2017 CWA National Convention local delegates in attendance were asked to sign the CWA STRONG pledge for their local. This is the CWA STRONG Local pledge:

**THE CWA STRONG PLEDGE**

Local ______________ pledges to work the CWA STRONG plan and take action to make our local stronger and better prepared to withstand the coming attacks and bargain strong contracts.

We commit to:

- **An internal organizing** plan. If our local is below 80% organized, we will design a systematic plan to increase membership by 10 percentage points.
- **Strengthening our stewards structure** by increasing the number of trained stewards by at least 10% this year.
- **Workplace mobilization structures** that allow us to contact every member with important information and move them to action in support of bargaining and other issues.
- **An active Legislative-Political Committee** to send activists to boot camp trainings, thereby expanding the number of members fighting for pro-worker candidates and legislation.
- **An active Human Rights Committee.**
- Ask every member for their **email address and cell phone number** so that we can regularly update them and move them to action.
District 9 Locals that signed the **CWA STRONG Pledge** at the 2017 CWA Convention:

9003; 9400; 9412; 9421; 9504; 9511; 29011; 29065; 9110; 9404; 9414; 9423; 9505; 9575; 29012; 39000; 9119; 9408; 9415; 9431; 9509; 9586; 29014; 39521; 9333; 9410; 9417; 9432; 9510; 9588; 29026; 89177;

Please contact your Staff Representative to sign the pledge and add your local to this list.

The next trainings are scheduled for February 27 & 28, 2018 in Sacramento and March 26 & 27 in Santa Fe Springs. Space is limited in each training and is filled by invited locals on a first come first served basis. Please contact me for more information. The trainings will continue in 2018.

As the labor song asks, **“Which Side Are YOU On?”**

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**D9 CWA STRONG training on**

**December 18 & 19, 2017 in Santa Fe Springs**

CWA Local 9400 (South) attendees L to R: Charley Porter; Mo Llamas; James Sherman; Ariel Garcia; Carlos Penagos; Terence Perry; Will Saipale; Juan Urbina;

CWA Local 9510 attendees: Thomas Gardella; Bob Cole; David Wooten; Glen Ball; Michael Segura; Phillip Garcia; Joseph Hill; Anthony Testa; Cheri Brokaw (Staff Rep)

CWA Local 9003 attendees L to R: Wynter Hawk; Deno Greer; Natalie Amper; Kenyon Johnson; Danny Gardina; Ryan Fell;