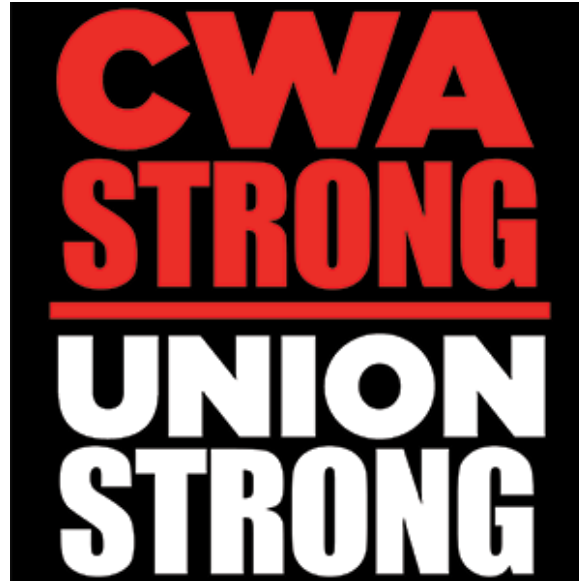


Which Side Are YOU On?

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This is the first edition of the District 9 **CWA STRONG/Union Strong** newsletter entitled, “Which Side Are You On?” The title was chosen due to the pointed question it posed to working people back in 1931 when it was written by Florence Reese, the wife of a coal miner union organizer, and that it poses to today’s union workers.

The **CWA STRONG** program introduces and educates our members about the anti-union forces that look to destroy the only voice working people have in this country today—America’s Unions. 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 (which should actually be named, *Right-to-shirk!*).

There have been two trainings held to date and the goal of this SIF sponsored program is to develop an organizing committee in all 25 telecom locals that can help coordinate and systematically contact each member, agency fee payer, and non-member about the importance of union membership and risks of a world completely dominated by corporations and the 1%. We must also begin a conversation about working class values and interests that are diametrically opposed to corporate greed and that only through mobilizing working people along with our community allies can we prevail.

The next training is scheduled for January 17 & 18 in Santa Fe Springs and is open to Southern California locals. Space is limited in each training class and is filled on a first come first served basis. Please contact Louie Rocha at District 9 for more information. The trainings will continue in 2018.

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



CWA STRONG Training First training was held Dec. 14 & 15 in Sacramento



CWA Local 9423 attendees L to R: Andre Lane; Monica Alvarado; Bart Beltran; Martha Sanchez; Robert Hogue; Geri Maridon; Ramon Fileto;



CWA Local 9415 attendees L to R: David Pastor; Narciso De Los Santos; Yonah Diamond; Scott Turner;



CWA Local 9408 attendees L to R: Jim Vang; David Lee; Lonie Crawford; Jeff Adams; Toby Oliveira;

