

PRESIDENT'S REPORT JUNE-JULY 2022



“Above all else, workers deserve the tools they need to stay safe on the job. Our union will fight to ensure LAWA/LAX workers are protected.”

Simboa Wright, Vice President, SEIU 721



LAX Workers Fighting for Safety

Mechanics and Welders Demand Adequate Safety Gear

When SEIU 721 represented Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) Fleet and Weld Shop workers at LAX were left without clean uniforms on May 20th, SEIU 721 E-Board Member and LAX Steward Joe Martinez sprang into action.

Martinez immediately sent a letter alerting LAWA Management informing them they were in violation of the MOU by failing to provide and maintain clean uniforms for Shop workers, like the Mechanics and Welders.

LAWA implemented a new uniform program, which provided airport workers brand new uniforms and a biweekly stipend to

clean and maintain them, but excluded Fleet and Weld Shop workers, due to the nature of their work. Fleet and Weld Shop workers handle hazardous materials and require fire-retardant uniforms that must be professionally laundered.

Shop workers can't wash their uniforms at home because of the risk of exposing their families to hazardous chemical residue left behind in the laundry machine.

The Mechanics and Welders are rising up to demand safe conditions and planning workplace actions to ensure their own safety. Stay tuned.