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The California IATSE Council (CIC,) supports the reelection of Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass based on her consistent commitment to labor and the issues affecting union workers.

Mayor Bass established and maintains a collaborative working relationship with the IATSE, regularly seeking input to workforce challenges, ensuring that labor perspectives are incorporated into policy discussions and implementation.

Karen Bass has been fighting for film and television workers her whole career. She wrote California's original film and television production tax credit while she was speaker of the California Assembly, and as Mayor she's done more to bring our jobs back to Los Angeles than anyone in city government.

Executive Directive 8 and Executive Directive 11 cut the red tape that was pushing productions out of town. She cut fees for smaller productions and opened iconic Los Angeles locations to filming.

Her administration has adopted a methodical approach to addressing a wide range of ongoing municipal and economic challenges, with a focus on stability, continuity, and measurable progress.

Mayor Bass supports a federal tax incentive designed to strengthen domestic film and television production. At the state level, she has worked with the California State Legislature on policies related to labor priorities and tax incentive expansion.

In addition, Mayor Bass has been involved in coordinating major events and infrastructure projects, working in partnership with labor to support wage standards, worker protections, and compliance. This includes efforts connected to the FIFA World Cup 2026, the 2028 Summer Olympics, and the expansion of the Los Angeles Convention Center.

Mayor Bass's focus on career pathways, workforce development, and High Road initiatives supports the development of middle-class job pipelines with established labor standards.

For these reasons, the California IATSE Council supports Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass for reelection.

In solidarity,

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