

POLITICAL ADVOCACY

Advocacy Summer Part II – A Thrilling July

While the Legislature is on recess and school is out, the summer months have been anything but dormant for the Government Affairs and Community Engagement Team. We have been out and about engaging and advocating for you. We've been celebrating the grand opening of our Sacramento training facility, solidifying and establishing our formal connection with the California Problem Solvers Caucus, as well as embarking on a tour of the campaign trail—meeting with candidates throughout our region. We are leaving no stone unturned in letting elected officials know who we are, what we stand for, and what we need in order to train the next generation of apprentices and develop the workforce.

Celebrating a Milestone in Sacramento

On July 19th, we celebrated the opening of our new North Highlands Sacramento Training Facility. The event was a great success! We had a full house and an official ribbon cutting ceremony from our community partner, the Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce. The Government Affairs team was tasked with inviting various local officials and they showed up. We discovered that when we are pushing a positive message of growth, and are eager in getting people to explore careers in the trades, it brings the community together.

A big THANK YOU goes to our team members Joe Lubas, Susan Siegert and our summer intern Alycia Singh for coordinating and inviting the eight elected officials and their staff who attended. We even received great press in the [Sacramento Bee](#)!

Now the onus is on us to train the next generation and grow our program. Your Government Affairs team will work to bring the elected officials here to tour our facilities while the apprentices are in class, so they learn what our programs are capable of achieving and see our capacity to grow in the region.



Supervisor Pat Hume Speaking at Our Sacramento Open House Training Facility



Daniel Albano Showing Structure at Sacramento Open House



Matthew and Placer County Supervisor Jim Holmes at Sacramento Training Facility

While the Legislature Is Away, It's Time to Formulate New Connections

The Legislature adjourned for summer recess in mid-July, and while they will return on August 14th to complete the rest of their session, we have a unique opportunity to forge new ties with legislators from across the political spectrum. We notched a huge win with the Problem Solvers Reception, hosted by ABC of California, where we had ten legislators from both parties attend and speak to our member contractors from throughout the state.

What was even more important is getting one-on-one facetime with elected officials. I was able to follow up the reception by having coffee with Assemblymember Carlos Villapudua, who chairs the influential Jobs and Economic Development Committee in the State Assembly.

August presents more opportunities to meet with elected officials at fundraisers in their districts and in Sacramento. If you are interested in attending events this month, please reach out to me and I will help coordinate the best time and date to do so.



Matthew and Assemblymember Carlos Villapudua

The Road to 2024 – On the Campaign Trail



Matthew and Placer County Board of Supervisors Candidate Anthony DeMattei

Finally, the third highlight I would like to share with you is that we hit the road, meeting candidates at all levels of office to let them know about the merit shop philosophy, the threats to fair and open competition in their communities, and our capacity to grow and train the next generation of workers. So far, when we have a chance to speak, they listen, understand and want to learn more.

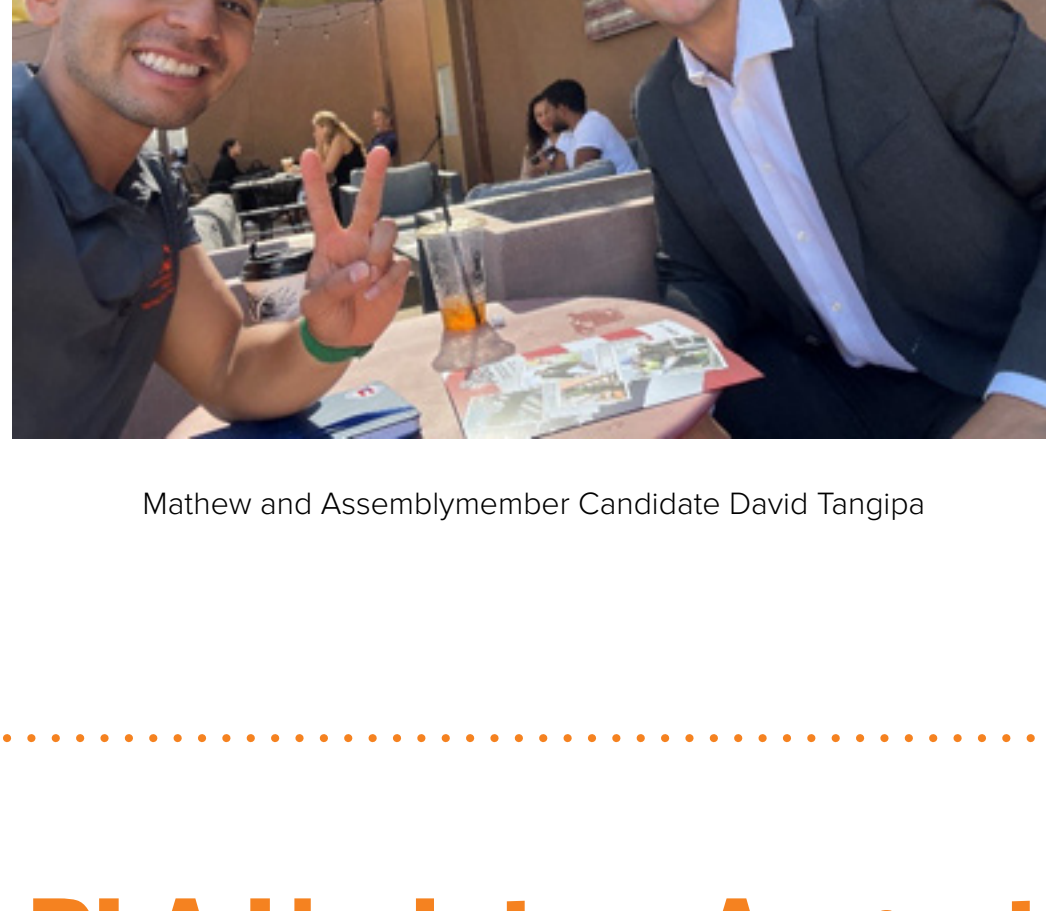
As we start to ramp up our political activity, I implore you all to please get involved by reaching out and letting me know who you are interested in meeting with, as well as voicing your opinions and concerns to those we have met with. We have to ensure the next generation of elected officials stand with us and uphold the values of free enterprise by supporting the merit shop way.



Matthew and Sacramento City Council Candidate Phil Pluckebaum



Matthew and Susan with Stockton Mayor and Congressional Candidate Kevin Lincoln



Matthew and Assemblymember Candidate David Tangipa

PLA Updates: August

Upcoming PLA's

Sacramento County Board of Supervisors – September 12th

PLA Loss

City of American Canyon – City council voted to adopt citywide PLA on August 1st