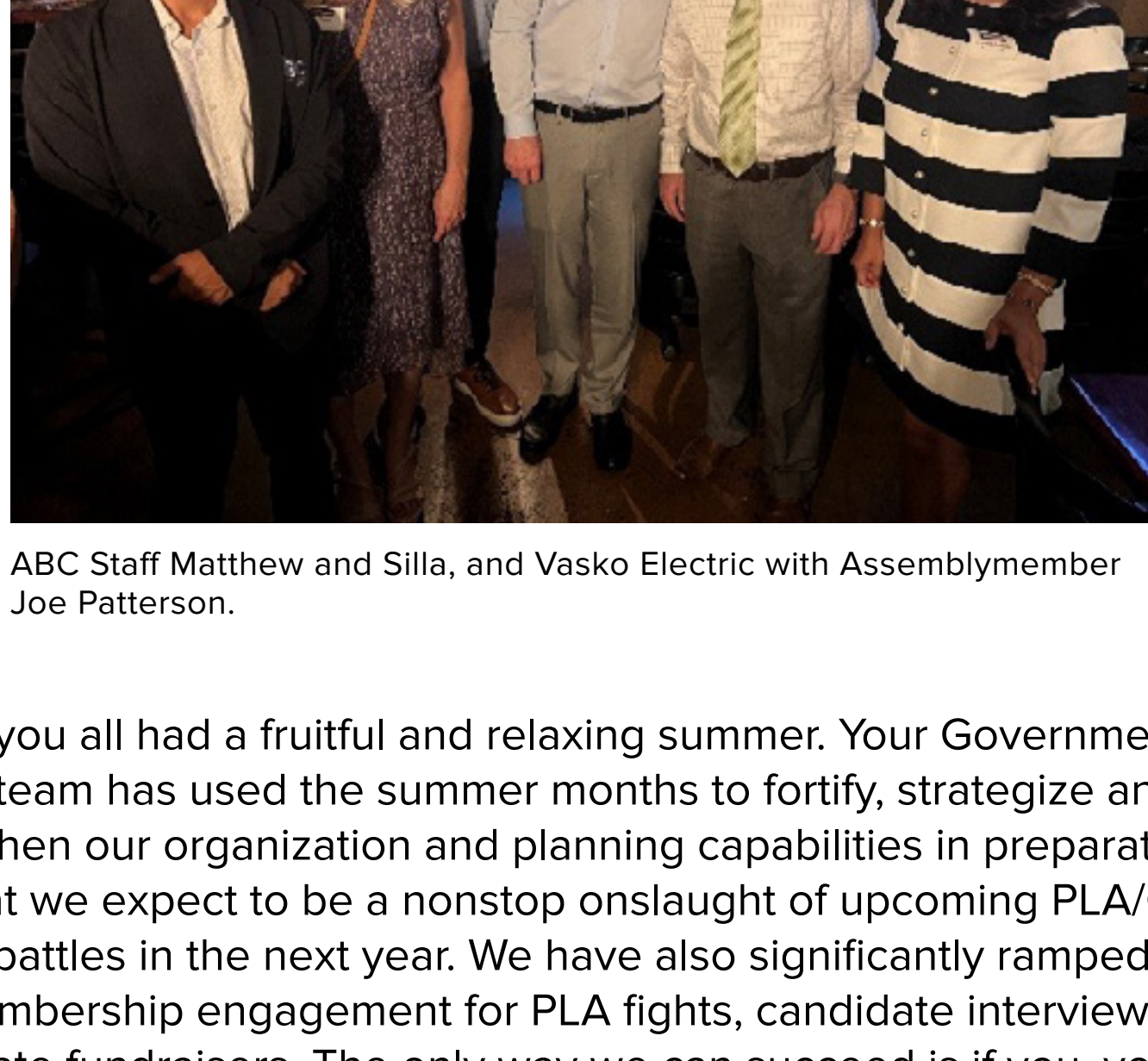


# POLITICAL ADVOCACY

## Advocacy Summer Part III – August Wrap Up



ABC Staff Matthew and Silla, and Vasko Electric with Assemblymember Joe Patterson.

I hope you all had a fruitful and relaxing summer. Your Government Affairs team has used the summer months to fortify, strategize and strengthen our organization and planning capabilities in preparation for what we expect to be a nonstop onslaught of upcoming PLA/CWA/CWTA battles in the next year. We have also significantly ramped up our membership engagement for PLA fights, candidate interviews and candidate fundraisers. The only way we can succeed is if you, your employees and apprentices are able to share your experiences and stories that matter. We will do our best to advocate for you, but we are stronger when we have your voice.

Thank you to all those members who have remained engaged and are willing to put their voices on the line for the merit shop. The odds are stacked against us, but we are on the right side.

Sincerely,

Matthew Estipona, Director of Government Affairs and Community Engagement

Susan Siegert, Community Engagement Associate

Joe Lubas, Policy Analyst

## Capitol End of Session Sprint to the Finish



Matthew with Assemblymember Jim Patterson.

Sacramento is wrapping up their legislative session on September 14th. Based on the suspense file hearing, several pieces of legislation, which ABC of CA was watching closely, failed to make it and are dead, including:

- SB 574 – Would have instituted a PLA on state projects receiving \$35 million in state government funding
- AB 66 – PLA on state water projects

We are continuing to monitor SB 822, which would institute “high roads” as a definition for state procurement among government agencies, and SB 28, which would institute a PLA as part of a 2024 school facilities bond measure. We will keep you apprised of actions needed before the September 14th deadline.

## Candidates in Action



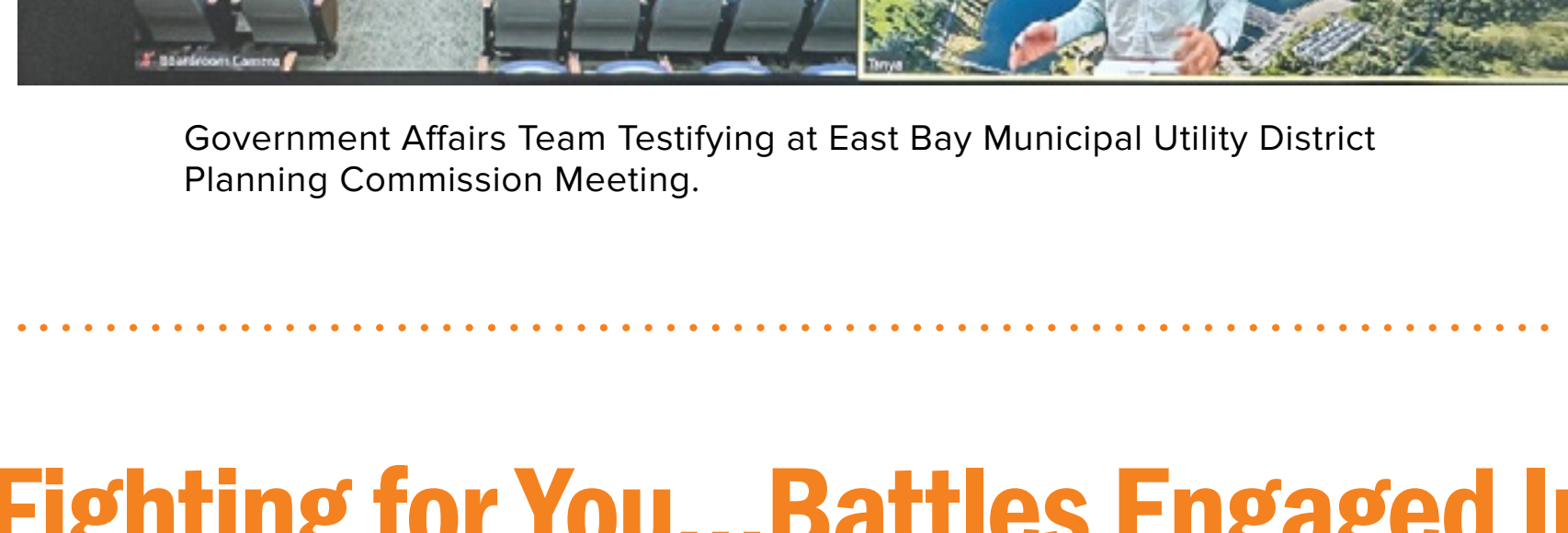
Fresno Area Councilmembers Interviewing Candidates for City Council and State Assembly.

The Fresno Area Council interviewed two candidates running for the Fresno City Council and one candidate running for the state assembly at their August meeting. This is exactly the type of advocacy we would like to bring forth to you, so members have an opportunity to voice their concerns and make sure candidates know about the merit shop and for what we stand.

If you have candidates you would like us to meet—for consideration for donations and endorsements—please give them my contact information, and I will reach out to schedule a time to meet.

Additionally, your Government Affairs, along with Membership and several members, attended 12 fundraising receptions in the month of August. The goal and purpose of our attendance was to increase our visibility at the Capitol, in the district and to hone our issues. We have been following up with those we have met and, on **Tuesday, September 19th @ 1:00 pm**, we will meet with Assemblymember Joe Patterson in his district office to share issues important to our member contractors. If you are in the Sacramento Area and would like to RSVP, please contact me directly at 415-235-2853.

- Here is the list of fundraisers we attended:
- Assemblymember Joe Patterson on 8/14 & 8/23
- CA Republican Party
- Assemblymember Carlos Villapudua on 8/18 & 8/23
- CA Legislative Softball Game
- Assemblymember Lori Wilson on 8/22
- Senator Roger Niello on 8/22
- Assemblymember James Gallagher on 8/28
- Assemblymember Tim Grayson on 8/29
- Senator Angelique Ashby on 8/30
- Assemblymember Heath Flora on 8/30



Government Affairs Team Testifying at East Bay Municipal Utility District Planning Commission Meeting.

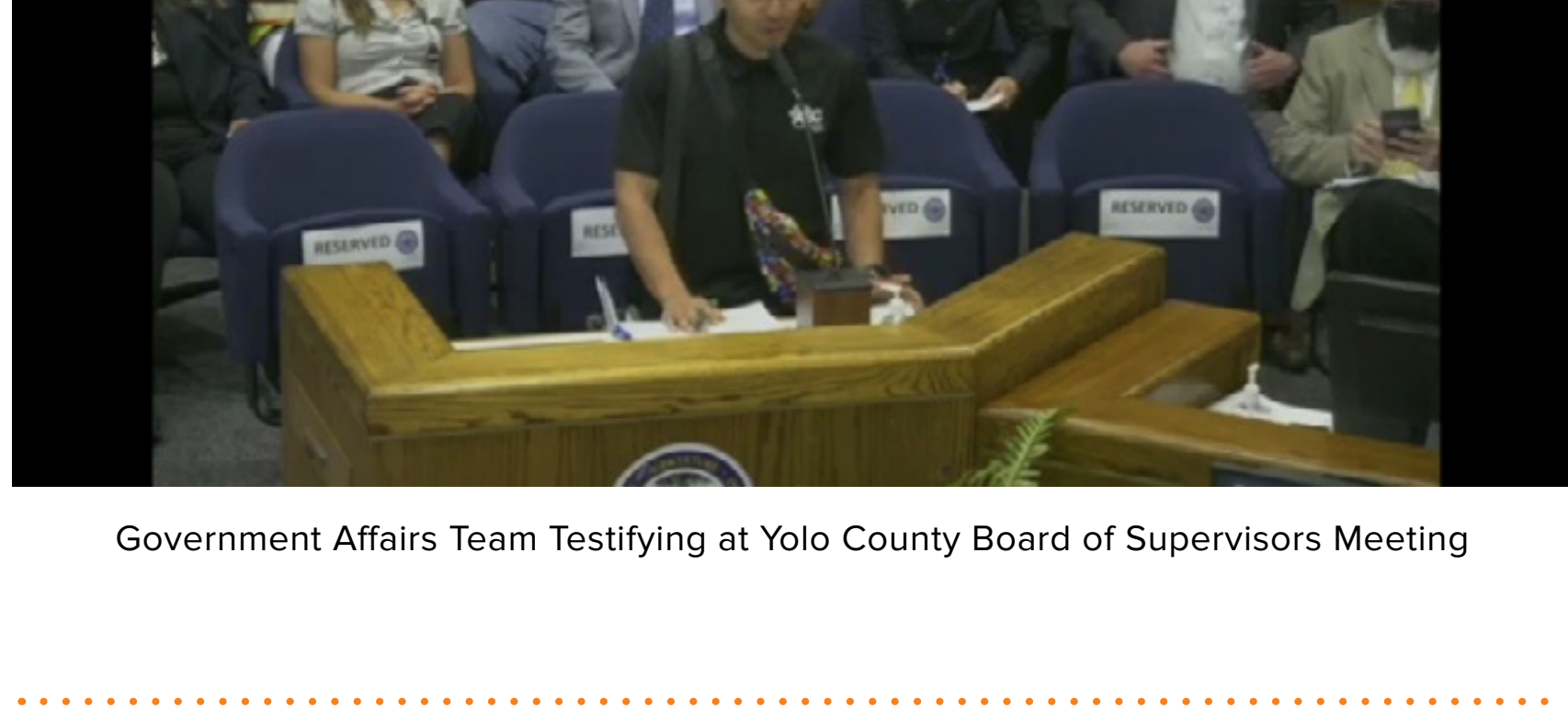
## Fighting for You...Battles Engaged In

Your Government Affairs team was on hand to provide in-person public comments at several meetings this month, in order to defend the merit shop and educate elected officials on discriminatory language. It is important they fully understand the impact their policies would have on local contractors in the community.

We spoke before the East Bay Municipal Utility District for a lively discussion in which the staff ultimately urged the board to continue to study the issue and hold off on a blanket PLA.

At the Yolo County Board of Supervisors meeting, county supervisors voted to only select apprentices from joint apprenticeship training committees (JATC - union only training programs) to be able to work on county wide public works projects.

We are in the process of meeting with several members of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors to explain our position, and the impact this would have on their community.



Government Affairs Team Testifying at Yolo County Board of Supervisors Meeting

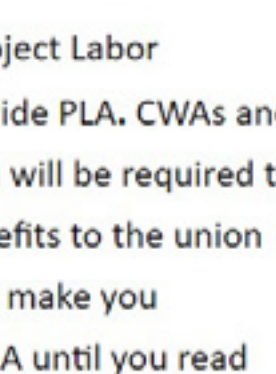
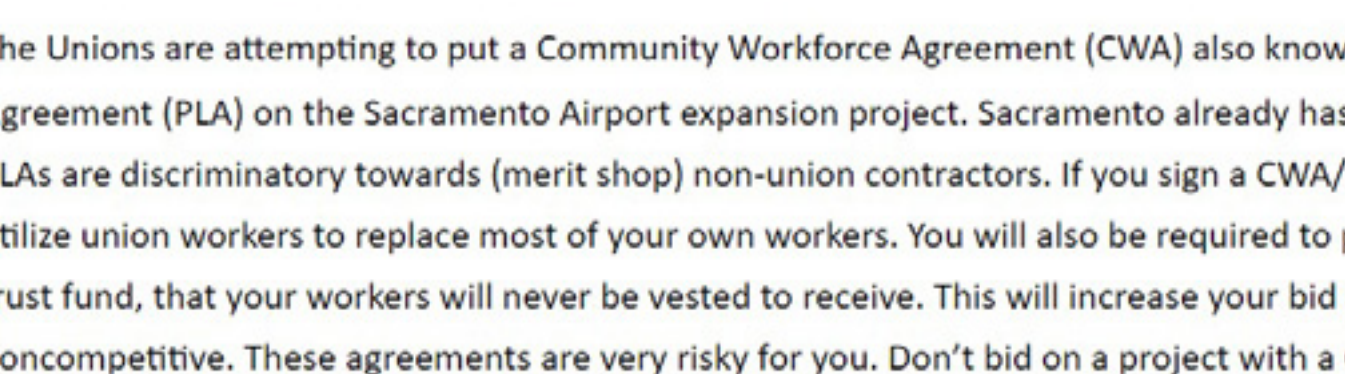
## PAC Updates

### PAC Balance as of 7/31/2023

Northern California Chapter PAC: \$599,316.75

Issues PAC: \$92,120.43

## PLA Updates: September



**Attention ABC NorCal Contractors. You may be losing the ability to work Union-Free on a Sacramento area project**

The Unions are attempting to put a Community Workforce Agreement (CWA) also known as Project Labor Agreement (PLA) on the Sacramento Airport expansion project. Sacramento already has a citywide PLA. CWAs and PLAs are discriminatory towards (merit shop) non-union contractors. If you sign a CWA/PLA you will be required to utilize union workers to replace most of your own workers. You will also be required to pay benefits to the union trust fund, that your workers will never be vested to receive. This will increase your bid and can make you noncompetitive. These agreements are very risky for you. Don't bid on a project with a CWA/PLA until you read and understand what you are signing.

### Upcoming PLA's

Sacramento County Board of Supervisors

Discussion to place a Community Workforce Training Agreement on the Sacramento Airport Expansion Project on Tuesday, September 12th @ 9:30 am

### City of Mountain View

Discussion to place Community Workforce Agreement on all city projects

City Council Meeting Special Session on Thursday, October 12th @ 5:00 pm

### PLA Watch Areas:

City of Tracy

City of Woodland

Humboldt County