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32nd Annual Long Beach/Los Angeles Labor Day Parade & Rally-

September 5, 2011: Come join your union brothers & sisters and celebrate working families on Labor Day. For more information, please contact Mary VanGinkle at 213-891-2303. Please check out their website at www.lalbhaborlabor.org.

Parade assembly starts at 8:00 a.m. at the corners of Avalon Boulevard & E Street in Wilmington. The march down Avalon Boulevard begins at 10 a.m. The Rally begins at 12 p.m. at Banning Park in Wilmington. Community speakers, snow cones, hotdogs, chili & drinks, free event.

Grocery Workers Need Our Support! Grocery workers don't want to strike. Like us, all the grocery workers are asking in these tough economic times is to keep what they have earned. Tragically, the corporations that own Vons, Albertsons, and Ralphs are insisting on permanently lowering the standard of living grocery store workers to minimum wage, no benefit jobs; the workers pay \$ 450 million of out-of-pocket costs each year; and accept huge rollbacks in retirement funding. If a strike becomes unavoidable, unavoidable, please support us. **DO NOT CROSS THE PICKET LINE.**

Adopt-A-Store: Staff Guild is participating in the Adopt-A-Store campaign to support The grocery store workers if you or another organization would like to Adopt-A-Store, the forms & other information can be found on the LA County Federation of Labor's website:

www.launionafcio.org, or contact Cathy Sutherland, Activities Coordinator at

Council of Classified Employees (CCE) Division Council Meeting –September 23, 2011 at the Manhattan Beach Marriott. All Staff Guild Members are invited to attend the meeting and hear issues from various classified locals. If you are interested in attending, please contact Mary VanGinkle at 213-891-2303 for more information.

2011 Staff Guild Annual Membership Meeting – Saturday, September 17, 2011 at the Downtown Marriot. Members are invited to bring their families along. A full breakfast is serviced along with useful information regarding the state of our Union. Please call Scott Matsuda at 323-851-1521 to RSVP

Staff Guild Leadership goes to Sacramento: 1521A members along with various members of other AFT locals visited the State Capital to testify in front of the Committee on Business, Professions & Consumers Protection regarding Senate Bill 161- Administration of Epilepsy Medication to Public School Students (K – 12) –this bill would allow school employees to volunteer to administer Diastat. This bill would allow the Districts to ask regular employees to volunteer to do what a school nurse should be doing. The unions stood up in opposition against this bill. The volunteer/employee would not have a personal protection if something happens to the child. The parent may sue the employee personally. We have not given up the fight regarding this bill. We'll be back!

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Political Update: The Staff Guild Executive Board voted to endorse and support Assemblyman Warren Furutani for LA City Council, 15th District is running for the seat that newly-elected Congresswomen Janice Hahn left vacant. The 15th District covers San Pedro, Watts, Wilmington, Harbor City and South Harbor Gateway. If you would like to volunteer to help with Warren's campaign, please go to his website at <http://www.warrenfurutani.com/pages/about.html> and fill out the forms online.

Recent Development: LACCD decision regarding the Computer Professional Exemption. Changes to the Computer Professional Exemption and the Community Recreation jobs. The Staff Guild was considered to be under the exemption, per the district, they are no longer, because they do not meet the salary of CA. Labor Code 515.5. The AFT Staff Guild has forwarded the info to our AFT attorney for review.

We are now on Facebook: "Friend us" on Facebook at www.facebook.com/StaffGuild for up to minute news and updates on issues and events that effect AFT Staff Guild members and all union brothers and sisters.