



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LABORERS

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LABORERS' OFFICIAL AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS C.L. DELLUMS AWARD

Pleasanton, California (February 6, 2010) – Sam Robinson, Business Manager and Secretary-Treasurer of Hod Carriers Local Union No. 166, was awarded the prestigious C.L. Dellums Award by the Northern California Chapter Coalition of Black Trade Unionists.

The Coalition of Black Trade Unionists is recognized as an economic and political force within the African American community. The Coalition has more than 50 international and national unions it represents, as well as 51 chapters, nationally and in Canada. According to the Coalition, “One out of every five black workers belongs to a union, and black union members earn 40% more than do non-union black workers.”

Cottrell Lawrence (C.L.) Dellums was a major African American trade union activist. Dellums served as western regional director of the NAACP and was one of the principal organizers of the March on Washington Movement in 1941. He also served on the wartime Fair Employment Practices Committee. In the 1960s Dellums succeeded Randolph as national president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. He died in Oakland in 1989.

Sam Robinson currently serves as the Business Manager and Secretary-Treasurer of the Hod Carriers Local No. 166. He also serves on the Northern California District Council of Laborers Executive Board and LiUNA National African American Caucus Executive Board.

Oscar De La Torre, Northern California District Council of Laborers' Business Manager stated, “On behalf of the Northern California District Council of Laborers, we are honored that one of our own, Sam Robinson, has been awarded the prestigious C.L. Dellums Award. During my 23 year tenure with the Laborers' Union, I have known Sam to be a Union leader, a community activist, a political leader, a devoted father and husband, and, above all, a friend. We couldn't think of anybody more worthy of this prestigious award and salute Sam in celebration of Black History Month.

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With over 35,000 laborer members and 1,700 signatory employers strong – The Northern California District Council of Laborers – are on the forefront of the construction industry, a powerhouse of workers and employers who are proud to build Northern California.