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Sweet ways to support good jobs on Halloween

If you want your Halloween to be all treats and no tricks, make sure all your candy is union-made in America. The Los Angeles County Federation of Labor's resource site, Labor 411, has an extensive list of union-made candies. Here are some highlights, featuring sweets made by the Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers and the United Food and Commercial Workers:

5th Avenue, Abba-Zaba, Almond Roca, Baby Ruth, Big Hunk, Bit-O-Honey, Butterfinger, Cadbury, Candy House Buttons, Caramello, Clark Bar, Dum

Dums, Ghirardelli Chocolate, Gimbal's Fine Candies, Hershey's Kisses, Hershey's Hugs, Hershey's Nuggets, Jawbreakers, Jelly Belly, Kit Kat, Laffy Taffy, LOOK!, Mallo Cups, Malted Milk Balls, Mary Jane, Mighty Malts, Necco Wafers, Red Vines, Rocky Road, Rolo, Russell Stover, See's Candies, Sky Bar, Smarties, Snaps, Sour Patch Kids, Sour Punch, Super Ropes, Toblerone, Tootsie Rolls, Trolli, U-NO, York Peppermint Patties, and Zagnut.

Boycott Note: Until a Bakers Union strike is resolved, don't purchase Just Born candies. Products include Marshmallow Peeps, Mike and Ike, Hot Tamales, and Goldenberg's Peanut Chews.

BOLI permanently debar Cornerstone Janitorial for wage theft on numerous public works projects

The Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries has permanently debarred Cornerstone Janitorial Services and owner Sang In Nam from doing public works projects in the state. In addition, Sang agreed to pay \$144,000 in liquidated damages to 46 underpaid workers.

BOLI has already collected nearly \$200,000 in unpaid wages for Cornerstone Janitorial employees who were working on public projects. Nam is a Korean immigrant, and his company qualified as a minority contractor. Many government projects require minority set-aside contracts.

Cornerstone did a lot of work

cleaning up construction sites for large general contractors such as Hoffman Construction and Skanska. BOLI began investigating Cornerstone after receiving two wage complaints from Hoffman Construction.

BOLI found that workers were not paid at prevailing wage rates on a series of 16 taxpayer-funded education and health care projects in Portland, Eugene, Stayton, Junction City, Salem, Keizer, Philomath, Vernonia, Corvallis, Monmouth and Wilsonville. Some of those projects included Portland Community College, the Casanova expansion at the University of Oregon, two Oregon State Hos-

pitals, and the Vernonia K-12 school project.

"Our agency is committed to holding businesses accountable so that workers receive every dollar they've earned," Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian said in a press statement.

It is only the second time in the agency's history that it issued a lifetime ban. BOLI has 56 businesses, contractors, and individuals on the debarment list.

Avakian urges workers and contractors to contact BOLI's Prevailing Wage Rate Unit if they believe they have been cheated out of wages. Call 971-673-0839 or email pwremail@boli.state.or.us.

Union launches boycott of all Trump properties

UNITE HERE has called for a nationwide boycott of all properties owned by Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump. The boycott stems from Trump's Las Vegas hotel defying labor law and refusing to bargain with UNITE HERE. The national AFL-CIO supports the boycott.

Some 1,500 workers at the Las Vegas hotel voted last December to join Local 226 and Bartenders Local 165. Trump challenged the election. The National Labor Relations Board ruled it to be valid, certified the unions, and ordered hotel management to bargain with the two locals. Management thus far has refused.

Boycott events started at Trump's L.A. golf course and occurred at his hotels in San Francisco and Honolulu on Sept. 29, and at the Chicago Trump Tower on Oct. 1.

"Enough is enough," said UNITE HERE President D. Taylor. "While Donald Trump waged an indefensible anti-worker and anti-immigrant presidential campaign, the workers at his Las Vegas hotel fought for dignity and respect in their workplace. They voted to unionize, they won, and now the law says Trump must negotiate."

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