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Dear Teamster Local 911 Member,

Local 911 is rapidly coming up on our 50th anniversary. As your elected Executive Board, we want to share with you past accomplishments, the challenges we currently face, and the best direction to secure the future of our members.

In 1975, our local union chartered out of Teamsters Local 986 as a public employee and parking attendant local union within the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. At the time, Local 911 was small with a strong base of parking members working in garages and flat lots in Los Angeles. Local 911 set out to organize the unorganized in the public sector, a sector previously untouched by our Teamsters Union. Public Employees needed strong representation. Local 911 answered the call by successfully bringing Teamster Representation to a broad range of public employees in SoCal, from Classified Employees in our K12 School Districts to City and Special District employees of every classification and type. We also successfully expanded our Parking membership to all of our regional airports and sports venues.

Our Local Union grew from a couple thousand members in 1975 to just over 10,000 members by the end of 2020. We survived the US Supreme Court decision in Janus that ended the right of public employees to choose a closed shop, opening the door to freeloaders. We survived an unprecedented pandemic that saw our parking membership drop by 2/3rds, from over 3,000 to just above 1,000 with our total membership declining to approximately 7,500 in a few short months.

We survived all of this together! Our membership numbers are now back up to just over 9,800. We continue to work hard negotiating contracts, building membership and organizing new groups.

Looking forward, we believe the future is bright, we do not want to lose momentum, we want to continue to build a stronger Local Union. We are entering an era of unprecedented challenges. We must position ourselves to take those challenges head on and succeed, as we have in the past. To do this, we must have more resources.

Over the past several months, we've held many internal discussions about how Local 911 can secure more resources to meet the needs of our members. After identifying and examining all possible options, the obvious choice is to combine our membership and resources with those of another Teamster Local Union in our region. One Local stands out from all the rest, Teamsters Local 986. Local 986 is the same local from which 911 chartered out of almost 50 years ago. Local 986 shares the same values as Local 911 and is the largest Teamster Local in Southern California, with over 18,000 members. Just by itself, Local 986 has far more resources than just about any other Teamster Local in our union. Together, we will

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be the largest and strongest Teamster Local Union in the International Brotherhood of Teamsters!

Combined, our two local unions will be able to devote more resources to representation and contract negotiations. We will be able to organize in our two-core jurisdictions, public sector and parking. Together, we can accomplish so much more!

To merge our two local unions together, 986 & 911, into this new more powerful local union, we will need your vote of support.

Your Local Union Executive Board has unanimously voted to support the merger of our two locals. We will be rolling out more information in the coming weeks. We will go over the details with your Stewards at our January 23rd Steward Seminar. A ballot will go out to you on February 13, 2025, asking for your vote of approval on this merger.

We ask for your support and your vote of approval!

In the meantime, if you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to ask your Local 911 Representative.

We cannot think of a better way to celebrate our upcoming 50th anniversary than returning home to Local 986!

In Solidarity,

Teamsters Local 911 Executive Board

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