

# LABOR RECOGNITION DINNER

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1 THANK YOU- YOU DO ME A GREAT HONOR BUT AS YOU ALL KNOW NO ONE RECEIVES SUCH AN AWARD WITHOUT THE HELP AND SUPPORT OF A LOT OF PEOPLE

1.1 FIRST AND FOREMOST MY FAMILY

1.2 STAFF

1.3 COLLEAGUES

2 IT IS ESPECIALLY GRATIFYING TO BE RECONIZED BY THE WEST. CO. LABOR COUNCIL

2.1 COMPRISED OF EVERYDAY WORKING ~~PEOPLE~~ <sup>PEOPLE</sup> WHO ONLY WANT TO HAVE THE CHANCE TO EARN A ~~DECENT~~ <sup>DECENT</sup> LIVING

2.2 HAVE ACCESS TO ADEQUATE HEALTH CARE

2.3 HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EDUACATE THEIR CHILDREN

2.4 AND HAVE A SUFFICIENT RETIREMENT IN PLACE

2.5 BUT AS WE ALL KNOW SO WELL THAT PART OF THE AMERICAN DREAM IS BEING OBLITERATED BY GREED AND CORRUPTION

2.6 AND SO I REALIZED THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN ME THIS GREAT HONOR  
BECAUSE I'M ONE OF THOSE WHO SHARES THE SAME VALUES THAT YOU  
DO—AND THAT MAKES ME FEEL PARTICULARLY PROUD.

3 THE VALUES ~~that someone~~

3.1 THAT DICTATES THAT EVERYONE SHOULD BE TREATED ~~TO~~ THE SAME IN  
TERMS OF RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES REGARDLESS OF WEALTH AND POWER

3.2 THAT HEALTH CARE SHOULD NOT BE A RANDOM SELECTION DEPENDING  
ON WHERE YOU WORK, OF FOR THAT MATTER WHETHER YOU DON'T WORK

3.3 THAT PENSIONS AND SOCIAL SECURITY SHOULDN'T BE ~~FURTIL~~ <sup>FURTHER</sup> GROUND  
OF CORPORATE RAIDERS

3.4 THAT THE PROFIT MOTIVE SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO MOVE  
PAST MAKING MONEY TO GREED SO INCIDIOUS THAT IT HAS BECOME AN  
ACCEPTABLE BUSINESS PRACTICE.

3.5 THAT WE SHOULD NOT BUCKLE UNDER TO DOCTORS WHO CAN USE SCARE  
TACTICS, PARTICULARLY AIMED AT OUR MOST VULNERABLE SENIORS, SO  
THEY CAN PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM THEIR OWN NEGLIGENCE BY  
TAKING AWAY OUR RIGHTS

3.6 THAT FOSITING THE SPECIOUS ARGUMENT THAT GLOBAL ECONOMICS  
DICTATES FLOODING OUR MARKET WITH CHEAP GOODS AND  
OUTSOURCING OUR JOBS EXCEPT WHEN IT COMES TO PRESCRIPTION  
DRUGS.

4 WE KNOW THAT WHAT HAS HAPPENED OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS HAS BEEN A DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO TAKE OUR RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES SO THAT A VERY FEW CAN BENEFIT. AND THE ONSLOUGHT CONTINUES:

5 WORKERSCOMPENSATION

6 FAIR SHARE

7 PREVAILING WAGE

8 UNEMPLOYMENT COMP

9 WORKPLACE SAFETY

10 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS

11 THEY SAY THEY CAN'T COMPETE WITHOUT RELEIF—RELIEF FROM THE BURDEN OF OUR LIVING STANDARD—NOT THEIR LIVING STANDARD BUT OURS!!

11.1 BUT THE WORM MAY BE TURING

11.2 IT WASN'T A WORRY –WHEN THE STEEL INDUSDRY, TEXTILE, SHOE AND ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIES WAS DECIMATED BECAUSE THOSE WERE LOW TEC BLUE COLLARS JOBS

11.3 IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IN THIS GLOBAL ECONOMY -

*The professionals  
entrepreneurs - dividend  
hi tec*

11.4 BUT NOW THOSE YOUNG, HIGHLY EDUCATED REPUBLICAN OFFSPRING OF DEMOCRAT BLUE COLLAR WORKERS NOW REALIZE THAT THEY ARE AS EXPENDABLE AS WAS THEIR FARTHERS AND MOTHERS.

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11.5 THEY ARE LEARNING THAT GREED HAS NO LOYALTY EXCEPT TO ITS OWNER—NOT TO EMPLOYEES, NOT TO THEIR COLLEAGUES, NOT TO THEIR

COUNTRY, NOT TO THEIR PLANET – ONLY TO ITS SELF-FULLING GOAL OF MORE AND MORE AND MORE. WHETHER ITS COSTS CONSUME WHOLE POPULATIONS IN SLAVE LABOR IN UNSAFE WORKING CONDITIONS *and* DISPOILING THE ENVIROMENT <sup>*AND*</sup> SYMULTANOUSLY REDUCING THE UNITED STATES TO WAL-MART HEAVEN..- *SO BUILT*

11.6 BUT PERHAPS, JUST PERHAPS THOSE YOUNG FOLKS ALONG WITH OTHERS LIKE THE PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM WILL JOIN POLITICAL FORCES AND SAY ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. AMERICAN WASN'T ESTABLISHED FOR JUST THE FEW WEALTHY BUT FOR ALL. OUR LIVING STANDARD WAS CREATED AND BUILT BY OUR ANCESTORS, WITH THEIR HARD WORK AND ACTIVISM AND BLOOD AND WE'LL NOT GIVE IT AWAY UNDER THE GUISE OF GLOBAL ECONOMICS.

11.7 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN WE HAVE OUR WORK CUT OUT FOR US.

11.8 WE HAVE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ELECTION FIGHT OF OUR LIVES BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY OF OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDRENS <sup>*the lives*</sup> ~~LIVES~~. LET US NOT BE TAKEN IN BY THEIR SLICK ADVERTISING, NOR BE SWAYED BY SINGLE ISSUES. LET US DEDICATE OURSELVES TO TAKING BACK THAT WHICH BELONGS TO US.

12 VII. SO LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT I WILL BE THERE WITH YOU IN THIS GREAT FIGHT FOR THE VALUES WE SHARE.

*Thank you for this award -*