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Dear Brothers & Sisters,

On September 14th, there is a Recall Election for the governor of California, Gavin Newsom. We know that politics can be confusing and upsetting. There is a lot of misinformation and propaganda out there, and people feel conflicted about all the issues and talking points.

If we're totally honest, we wish we could avoid this too. However, what we know is that **we can't sit this one out**. Our union contracts, healthcare benefits, and pensions are under attack, and we are asking you to **vote NO on the recall in this election**.

You may not initially agree with our choice. We know the discussion around the Governor Gavin Newsom addresses a wide variety of issues. But this election isn't really about masks, homelessness or other social issues – those are things that the anti-union groups bankrolling this effort are using to distract voters from their actual goals. The recall backers are part of a national network of anti-union interests that includes billionaire funders that attack prevailing wages, project labor agreements, union jobs, pensions, minimum wage laws and voting rights.

They want to roll back worker protections in California and are funneling big money into a campaign to recall Gov. Newsom. If they are successful, we'll lose many of the hard-fought gains we've made on higher wages, paid sick leave, and safety on the job.

Every other contending candidate has a long track record of attacking unions, cutting pay and retirement benefits, and working against safety protections on the job. Under Governor Newsom's leadership, we've secured major gains for Building Trades members. All that we've fought for to win project labor agreements, stronger health and safety protections, infrastructure investments, and higher wages are at risk with the anti-union recall.

For those of you who have a difference of opinion, we can respect that. But let's be clear—Governor Newsom's opponents want to get rid of your union contract, and take away our right to collectively bargain. ***We ask you to vote NO on the Governor's recall. Gavin Newsom is the workers' choice.***

Your ballot should arrive by mail NEXT WEEK. For more information about the voting process, your ballot, and how to make sure it's returned securely, visit www.sdvote.com. We know that we are only as strong as each of us standing together in solidarity. Together, we can strengthen our democracy and also our communities by **voting NO** in this gubernatorial recall election. Thank you for voting union strong!

In solidarity,

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