

Project Labor Agreements (PLAs)

BAD FOR MINORITY CONTRACTORS

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"Government-mandated project labor agreements require every general contractor or subcontractor performing work to negotiate with or become a party to an agreement with one or more unions. At their core they are discriminatory and anti-competitive."

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"Removing systematic barriers that marginalized communities face is critical. Instead of artificially restricting competition and preventing local workers and contractors from working on publicly funded projects, efforts should focus on opportunities to increase the engagement of minority contractors, historically disadvantaged workers, and qualified small businesses by prioritizing their involvement, promoting training opportunities for underrepresented workers and creating greater economic opportunities."

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"By implementing a PLA, we are putting Latino owners, workers and families to the side." George Carrillo - LatinoBuilt

"Putting a PLA on this project would demonstrate the inability to move past special interest groups and reinforces oppressive and discriminatory practices. For these reasons, LatinoBuilt cannot support a PLA on this project." George Carrillo

"We are not anti-union, we are not pro-union. We are pro-business and worker choice. We already have a steep path to climb towards economic equality. When we start restricting choices for Companies of Color, it severely harms our ability to compete fairly in an industry that had locked us out for over 100 years."

- Nate McCoy, NAMC – National Association of Minority Contractors

Support minority contractors - support -2 amendment to HB 2098