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San Diego City Council Approves Live Event Worker Safety Ordinance

New law ensures safety training for live event workers at city-owned venues and parks

SAN DIEGO — Today, the San Diego City Council took a major step to protect live event workers by unanimously passing an ordinance requiring live event vendors operating at City-owned facilities and parks to certify that workers handling complex event setups have completed standardized safety training.

The ordinance, authored by Councilmember Raul Campillo, ensures live event workers conducting advanced work, such as those setting up stages and powered equipment, receive proper safety training, including OSHA courses and industry certifications, to prevent workplace accidents.

“All workers deserve to know that they will come home safe and sound after finishing their shift,” said San Diego City Councilmember Raul Campillo. **“By requiring common-sense training, we can prevent many injuries on the job for live event workers in San Diego.”**

The ordinance applies to complex live events at venues such as Petco Park, Pechanga Arena San Diego, the San Diego Convention Center, and the Civic Theatre, as well as City parks. These events involve high-risk work, including overhead rigging, lighting, sound, and large-scale power distribution systems.

“Too many live event workers have suffered injuries and accidents due to a lack of universal safety standards,” said Fernanda Flores, Political Director of IATSE Local 122. **“The ordinance passed by the San Diego City Council today prioritizes the health and safety of live event workers in our city. Thank you Councilmember Campillo for standing up again and again to be a champion for workers.”**

The ordinance will take effect on July 1, 2025, aligning San Diego with similar safety regulations already adopted at the state and county levels. It follows incidents nationwide—such as stage collapses and falls from height—that have underscored the need for standardized safety

protocols in the live event industry. This ordinance is the first of its type to be adopted by a city in California.

[For more information, please find the staff report linked here.](#)

About Councilmember Raul Campillo

Councilmember Raul Campillo proudly represents the Seventh Council District of the City of San Diego and serves as the Chair of the Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

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