

TO: All LIUNA District Councils, Funds, Local Unions, Signatory Contractors, and Members
FROM: Keith Vitale, Executive Director
DATE: 07.16.2025
SUBJECT: Celebrating the Retirement of John Retondo

It is with great pride and heartfelt appreciation that we announce the retirement of John Retondo, who will be concluding his remarkable 34-year career as Director of Apprenticeship with the LIUNA Chicagoland Laborers' District Council Training & Apprenticeship Fund (CLTAF) on July 31, 2025.

John began his journey with the CLTAF in 1993 as an instructor. Through his dedication, leadership, and deep commitment to our mission, he steadily rose through the ranks—first serving as the City of Chicago Apprentice Coordinator and ultimately concluding his impactful career as our Director of Apprenticeship.

John is also a proud 34-year member of LIUNA Local 2, where he served as an Executive Board Member. His long-standing commitment to the Laborers' movement and the values we stand for is an inspiration to all who have had the pleasure of working with him.

John's presence, expertise, and personality have left a lasting impression on our organization. He has mentored countless apprentices and colleagues along the way, always bringing integrity, passion, and a wealth of knowledge to everything he does. His daily presence will be deeply missed, but his legacy will live on through the many lives he has touched and the programs he helped shape.

As we celebrate John's well-earned retirement, we are also pleased to announce that Alfredo Ascencio will step into the role of Director of Apprenticeship. John leaves behind big shoes to fill, but we are confident that Alfredo is up to the task. With his experience, dedication, and vision, Alfredo is well-positioned to continue building upon the strong foundation John has laid.

Please join us in congratulating John Retondo on his outstanding career and well-deserved retirement, and in welcoming Alfredo Ascencio into his new leadership role.

Warmest regards,

Keith Vitale
Executive Director

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