



PLUMBING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION of GREATER CHICAGO

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Dear PCA Member:

Our next Collective Bargaining Agreement (“CBA”) between the *Plumbing Contractors Association of Greater Chicago* (PCA) and *Plumbers Local 130 UA* becomes effective June 1, 2020. Therefore, the PCA and Local 130 will begin negotiations soon to replace our current CBA (June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2020). This letter will focus on several key points that I believe you should keep in mind as we get prepared.

First, I cannot stress enough that your input is vital to PCA’s leadership and the Bargaining Committee representing you in negotiations. So, I ask you to please complete and return the survey that we’ve included.

Second, be assured that we recognize that it’s member contractors, like you, who are at the forefront of the plumbing trade. And your bargaining team is made up of PCA contractors too. It’s *all* of our ability as signatory contractors to hire members of Local 130 to work at our companies that generates *every* penny needed to pay for all the wages and benefits, and to cover all the costs that make this business “run.” Each day we all compete to win and keep the work we perform for our customers. It’s not lawyers or professional negotiators at the table who will bargain for you for your next CBA – *we are member contractors, like you.*

Bargaining in the best interest of our plumbing contractor members is a serious responsibility and one of the most important aspects of what your Association does for you today (and *has* done since 1882).

Please bear in mind however that our Association provides you and your business with much more value including our professional and responsive full-time staff; our top notch and relied upon Continuing Education classes, seminars and meetings; our exclusive PCA-produced Regional Code Book and one-of-a-kind (and easily personalized to your company) PCA Health & Safety Manual; legislative action through our lobbying efforts to protect your interests; communications to keep you apprised of the latest and most pertinent key industry news; representation on our Trust Funds and allied organizations; covering all the costs of our Drug Free Alliance testing program; and offering many additional discounts and perks; just to name a few.

In closing, I would like to thank in advance my colleagues from PCA’s Bargaining Team: David Ariano of *Ravinia Plumbing, Heating & Electric* and Michael Kerrigan of *FJ Kerrigan Plumbing*. Remember also that all PCA members will have an opportunity to vote on our new CBA before it is agreed-to. If you have questions or comments or if we can be of assistance, contact our Executive Director S.J. Peters at 312-563-9526 (cell: 630-280-9307), or at sj@plumbincouncil.org.

Thank you for your support and confidence in the *PCA of Greater Chicago*.



Sincerely,

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