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*Please stay to pick up your auction items, which will be available after the auction closes at 8:00 pm.  
Alternatively, we can make arrangements to deliver your prize(s) to you.*

# SAFE AND SECURE.

Sure, accidents are a fact of life, but another fact is that they can be dramatically reduced via the efforts of organizations like Worksafe and tonight's honorees: the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California, Assemblywoman Nancy Skinner, and Ruth Silver Taube.

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# Thank you for joining us to celebrate Worksafe's 33rd anniversary, and to help us build a future of safer, healthier, more just workplaces together.

First, I want to thank the many generous supporters who made this event possible—those of you here this evening, the organizations and individuals who placed ads and donated, the many area businesses who contributed items for the silent auction, and all of you who support Worksafe every day. I am very proud of what our small staff is able to accomplish each year, and we thank you for making it possible.

We are also here to celebrate the contributions of people who have inspired and encouraged so many in the fight for justice for working people—The State Building and Construction Trades Council of California, former Assemblymember Nancy Skinner, and Ruth Silver Taube, this year's recipient of the Frances Schreiberg Pro Bono Award.

The State Building and Construction Trades Council of California has provided critical leadership to advance health and safety through improving laws and standards, offering on-the-job training throughout the state, and supporting women in the trades.

Honoree Nancy Skinner fought and won many battles at the Capitol during her six years in the State Assembly, representing California's 15th and then 14th State Assembly Districts. She is a leader who understands that workers' rights are human rights, and that safe and healthy workplaces go hand-in-hand with safe and healthy communities, air, and water.

We are privileged to present the 2015 Frances Schreiberg Pro Bono Award to Ruth Silver Taube for her invaluable contributions to legal aid organizations that serve the most vulnerable working people of California. Ruth is an Adjunct Professor at Santa Clara University School of Law and serves as Supervising Attorney of the Workers' Rights Clinic at the school's Katherine & George Alexander Community Law Center. At SCU, and in her role as Special Counsel for the Legal Aid Society—Employment Law Center, Ruth has mentored law students, trained attorneys, and provided legal counsel, serving thousands of people in need and advocates alike.

These three honorees represent a cross-section of the work in which we are invested throughout the year—improving protections from workplace hazards, training those on the frontlines and the shop floor, drawing connections between workers' rights and broader struggles to protect vulnerable communities, and providing expert technical advice and support on health and safety rights and remedies.

In the past year, we successfully fought chemical industry efforts to roll back California's historic Right-To-Know law covering hazardous chemicals. All three of the bills we backed were signed into law: AB 1634—authored by Nancy Skinner and co-sponsored by The State Building and Construction Trades Council of California and Worksafe—closes loopholes used by employers, so that unsafe conditions in the workplace get fixed in a timely manner, putting employee safety first; SB 193 requires manufacturers and others supplying toxic chemicals to California employers to respond to official requests for information about them, so workers can be effectively notified about emerging hazards; and AB 1897 holds companies accountable for wage theft and workers' compensation when they use staffing agencies and other labor contractors to supply temporary workers. And we trained hundreds of workers and worker advocates about how to use their rights under the law to keep themselves, their co-workers, and their families safe.

We couldn't have done any of this without the support of so many. Here's to celebrating many more successes over the years to come. With your support, Worksafe will keep fighting for safety, health, and justice for workers.

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# HONOREE: RUTH SILVER TAUBE



**We are privileged to present the 2015 Frances Schreiber Pro Bono Award to Ruth Silver Taube for her invaluable contributions to legal aid organizations that serve the most vulnerable working people of California.**

## ABOUT THE FRANCES SCHREIBER PRO BONO AWARD

Fran Schreiber is a pro bono attorney at the firm of Kazan, McClain, Satterley and Greenwood. She is also one of the founders of Worksafe, and has provided consistent leadership and assistance to the organization over a span of three decades in many capacities, including as a board member.

This special award is named in honor of Fran Schreiber for her extraordinary contribution of time and expertise to Worksafe's fight for safety, health, and justice for workers. Award recipients are those whose pro bono service has a major impact on Worksafe's ability to deliver the best advocacy, education, and assistance services possible in pursuit of our mission.

Ruth has been a mentor, a partner, and an inspiration to us at Worksafe. We are extremely fortunate to have Ruth on our side, to guide and to support us when the challenges we face are most daunting. In her many roles, her passion and strength always shine through. And she has taken on many roles over her impressive career so far.

Ruth is the Supervising Attorney of the Workers' Rights Clinic at the Katharine & George Alexander Community Law Center, an Adjunct Professor at the Santa Clara University School of Law, Special Counsel for the Legal Aid Society—Employment Law Center in San Francisco, and a partner at the Law Office of Silver & Taube. She has been instrumental in helping to lower the backlog of retaliation cases at the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement through her legal clinic at the Santa Clara University School of Law, which investigates retaliation claims filed with the Labor Commission.

She has also partnered with the Vietnamese American Bar Association of Northern California, the Filipino Bar Association, and the Pilipino Association of Workers and Immigrants to establish regular community law clinics for Vietnamese and Filipino American workers. She is the Coordinator of the Santa Clara County Wage Theft Coalition, a founding member of the Bay Area Equal Pay Collaborative, Legal Services Chair of the South Bay Coalition to End Human Trafficking, and an alternate delegate to the Santa Clara County Human Trafficking Commission.

What you may not know is that Ruth has direct experience with the health and safety challenges that many workers face on the job, because she was a tradeswoman before law school. Ruth worked as a journeyman machinist who rose to become the President of IAM Local 547 in District 93 and a Senior Field Representative for SEIU 535.

After law school, she served as a law clerk to the Honorable Ronald M. Whyte, District Court Judge, Northern District of California, San Jose Division, and worked as a federal mediator for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and as a panel mediator for the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division.

In addition to being recognized by Worksafe, Ruth is a recipient of the Unsung Hero Award from the Santa Clara County Victim Support Network, and the Commitment Award from the Alexander Community Law Center. Worksafe and many others have benefitted enormously from Ruth's tireless advocacy, and we are so thankful to her.

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**A social justice advocate, energy and climate expert, and accomplished legislator, Nancy Skinner recently completed three terms in the State Assembly representing the East Bay cities from Hercules to Oakland.**

Nancy is a leader who understands that workers' rights are human rights, and that safe and healthy workplaces go hand-in-hand with safe and healthy communities. Among her many accomplishments while in the Assembly, Nancy was focused on protecting workers and the surrounding community from hazardous chemicals. Following the August 2012 Chevron refinery fire in Richmond, she spearheaded efforts to significantly increase the number of well-trained staff to conduct inspections of the state's refineries, and authored AB 1634, which requires companies to promptly fix serious hazards when cited by Cal/OSHA.

Nancy served as Chair of three of the Assembly's standing committees: the Rules Committee, the Budget Committee, and the Natural Resources Committee. As Budget Chair, she oversaw California's largest investment in early care and education for children 0 to 4 in over a decade, cut the number of juveniles incarcerated in state facilities by half, and provided new funding to help reduce prison recidivism.

In addition to successful legislation to improve refinery safety and to reduce delays in fixing hazards, Nancy authored dozens of other important new laws including: two groundbreaking gun violence prevention laws; the "E-Fairness" bill requiring sales tax collection from Amazon and internet retailers; California's renewables portfolio standard that requires 33% of electricity to be generated from renewable sources, and expanded incentives for rooftop solar systems; and changes to make food stamps more accessible to families.

Nancy began her career in public service in 1984 as the first and only UC Berkeley student to be elected to the Berkeley City Council. While on the City Council, she introduced the nation's first Styrofoam ban, and co-founded ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability. She also served as Executive Director of ICLEI's US office and International Director of the Cities for Climate Protection program which engaged more than one thousand cities worldwide in efforts to address climate change.

Nancy is also a strong advocate of increasing the number of women in elected office, including launching the Women in Power Pac (WIP Pac) to support Democratic women running for state office. A graduate of UC Berkeley with a BS from the College of Natural Resources and a MA in Education, she co-founded the labor union representing graduate student instructors. Currently, Nancy teaches at UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy focused on state strategies to address poverty, and serves as a Senior Policy fellow at UC Davis's Energy and Transportation Institutes.

Worksafe expresses our gratitude to Nancy Skinner for her dedication and support. We look forward to her future work as a champion for health and safety at work and everywhere else!

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# HONOREES: THE STATE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

The mission of the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California (SBCTC, or “the Council”) is “to improve the health, jobs, safety and economic conditions of the members of its affiliates, and of all working men, women, and minors in the construction industry,” and the Council has always taken that mission to heart.



The SBCTC has shown their commitment to policy advocacy to “protect and promote the rights and aspirations” of working people, by fighting for important safety and health policy in California. In the last year, Worksafe and the SBCTC worked together to pass a bill, authored by Nancy Skinner (another of our 2015 honorees), to end dangerous and unnecessary delays in fixing workplace hazards that Cal/OSHA finds during an inspection.

Legislative victories like this one lift up the standard for health and safety protection on the job for all of us. Other recent legislative successes have resulted in stronger apprenticeship programs that send union-trained workers into the field with the best skills and safety training available, making the workplace safer for everyone on site. And by ensuring contractor pre-qualification rules for certain jobs, the SBCTC has sought to weed out bad contractors that cut corners on safety or wages.

But, safe and healthy jobs don’t just happen because of good laws; training and education are critical to saving lives and limbs. For all but three years since 2000, the SBCTC has been awarded Susan Harwood Training Grants from federal OSHA to develop curriculum and train California’s unionized construction workforce on safety and health issues.

The Council has built a strong track record and reputation for delivering effective training and education programs. They have created high quality, interactive curricula, and have trained hundreds of trainers and thousands of union members on a variety of topics, ranging from Ergonomics in Construction, Falls and Rescue Planning, Toxics, and Construction Noise and Hearing Loss Prevention.

Since 2002, the Council has sponsored the Women Building California Conference, which expanded in 2011 to become a national event, and is now known as “Women Building the Nation.” From offering workshops on how to deal with personal protective equipment that doesn’t fit women (or small men), to providing training on the topics of the SBCTC’s federal OSHA grant, to creating an interactive Workers’ Memorial Day event to memorialize some of the tradeswomen who have lost their lives on the job, the Council has sought to ensure that health and safety are always an important part of the conference.

Worksafe is proud to recognize the SBCTC for promoting and strengthening workers’ health and safety through training and educational programs, legislative and other policy initiatives, and steadfast support for women in the trades.

Congratulations to all the honorees  
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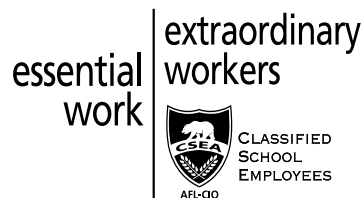
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