

## ILWU Coast Committeeman Frank Ponce De Leon

Mr. Frank Ponce De Leon has served the International Longshore and Warehouse Union and its Coast Longshore Division in several capacities since he was first registered as a Longshore worker at ILWU Local 13 in 1982. Mr. Ponce De Leon is a third-generation Longshore worker at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, the largest port complex in the nation. He has performed all basic jobs and worked his way up to the highly skilled position of Hammerhead (Ship-to-Shore) Crane Operator, moving shipping containers from the vessels to the docks, where they are then loaded onto rail cars and trucks, bound for all 48 states in the Continental U.S.

Mr. Ponce De Leon has been elected by the membership to serve at the Local, Coast and International levels. At Local 13, the ILWU's largest local on the West Coast, he served as Secretary-Treasurer from 2005-2007. He has also served as Dispatcher, Dispatch Hall Administrator, Executive Board member, Labor Relations Committee and Convention/Caucus Delegate.

At the Coast and International levels, Mr. Ponce De Leon has been elected to the ILWU International Executive Board, and served as the ILWU Local 13 Contract Negotiator for Negotiations for the ILWU-PMA collective bargaining agreement covering all 29 ports in California, Oregon and Washington. He is currently serving his second term at the union's International Headquarters in San Francisco as the ILWU Longshore Division Coast Committeeman, an office to which he was first elected in 2015 and re-elected in 2018.

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