

UNITEHERE! Local 11

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Gianni Infantino,
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Zurich, Switzerland
Sent via email to: gianni.infantino@fifa.org

Ms. Fatma Samoura
FIFA Secretary General,
FIFA-Strasse 20,
Zurich, Switzerland
Sent via email to: fatma.samoura@fifa.org

Dear Mr. Infantino and Ms. Samoura,

On behalf of over 30,000 professional hospitality workers in Southern California, we request your support for a just and sustainable tourism economy in selecting facilities for the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

The 2026 FIFA World Cup is a landmark event for our region, capable of revitalizing host cities' tourism industry. We appreciate FIFA's commitment to promoting human rights, including labor rights, as part of the 2026 World Cup bidding process. Delivering a World Cup that fulfills these principles requires integrating human rights and labor rights criteria at every stage of the selection process.

FIFA should select venues that have stood by their workers and communities, and refrain from rewarding those that have turned their backs. Nearly event center in the Los Angeles area is unionized, including SoFi Stadium, Dignity Health Stadium, Dodgers Stadium, the Los Angeles Coliseum, Bank of California Stadium, and Angels' Stadium. In contrast, The Rose Bowl Stadium is one of the only stadiums where workers do not have the protection of union contracts.

Because of FIFA's commitment to human rights, including labor standards, FIFA should not consider the Rose Bowl as a possible World Cup venue until it has a wall-to-wall union representing every employee.

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Thank you for your attention to this letter. Please contact Ely Ardon (eardon@unitehere11.org) to arrange a meeting to discuss how we can partner to make the 2026 World Cup a successful event for all stakeholders.

In Solidarity,



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