



## **NATCA Members Manage Increased Traffic During Super Bowl Weekend**

Every year, the Super Bowl requires expertise, collaboration, and coordination to handle the increased air traffic demand, but this year the Phoenix area facilities handled two major events in the same weekend!

## **NATCA Members Manage Traffic for Thousands of Additional Flights During the Super Bowl**



Led by NATCA members Sean Davis (Southern California TRACON, SCT) and Jeff Plendl (Los Angeles Center, ZLA), the Super Bowl Planning Committee prepared not just for the Super Bowl, but also for the largest PGA Tour Party Event, the Waste Management Open, which happened on the same weekend in Phoenix. There were approximately 2,500-3,000 additional flights to and

from the Phoenix-area. Davis and Plendl worked closely with NATCA Albuquerque Center (ZAB) members Dave Bricker and Aaron Pickett, Phoenix TRACON (P50) FacRep Kalen Hanson, and Time-Based Flow Management (TBFM) Operations Team member Brandon Smith (Atlanta Center, ZTL) along with many others.

Our NATCA Brothers and Sisters worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure this weekend's travel flowed seamlessly.

## **Union Elections Increased by 53% in 2022**

On Jan. 19, 2023, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) released its 2022 annual report. The results show that union membership grew by 273,000 last year and the number of union elections held increased by 53% from 2021 to 2022.

### **2022 SAW A SURGE OF UNION ORGANIZING:**

**53% increase in union elections from Oct. 2021 -  
Sept. 2022**

**Increase in union diversity**

**273,000 more Americans became union  
members**

**More than 60 million people would join a union  
right now if they could**

**Despite broken labor laws and rampant  
union-busting, working people are  
undeterred in our pursuit of a union.**

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However, there was a slight drop in union density because non-union jobs were added at a faster rate. Union density numbers fluctuate slightly from year to year based on overall employment numbers, but there's no denying the resurgence in organizing and the desire workers have to join a union.

The report also notes an increase in the diversity of union members and those

fighting to organize their workplaces. Last year, more than 300,000 workers of color joined a union. Despite the odds, the future of labor looks bright.

Read more about the BLS's findings [here](#).

## Buy Union-Made This Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is right around the corner! This Feb. 14, treat your loved one to union-made sweets, spirits, or flowers to support employers who provide fair working conditions for their workers. The AFL-CIO has compiled a list of gifts for the holiday. Check it out [here](#).

The graphic features a red background with white text and several heart shapes of varying sizes and colors (red, pink, light pink). The title 'Union-Made Valentine's Day' is centered at the top in a white box. Below it, three columns list gift categories: Sweets, Spirits, and Flowers. At the bottom, there is a white bar with the URL 'Find more: aflcio.org/unionmade' on the left and the 'AFL-CIO' logo on the right.

### Union-Made Valentine's Day

Sweets	Spirits	Flowers
Ghirardelli Chocolate	Bulleit Bourbon	Albertsons
Hershey's Chocolate	Chateau Ste. Michelle	Costco
See's Candies	Fairbanks Port	Safeway
	Robert Mondavi	Stop & Shop
	Turning Leaf	

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