

# WHY HAS THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AGREED TO LET GREEDY UNION BOSSES MAKE OUR COURTHOUSES MORE EXPENSIVE AND LESS SAFE?



California Big Labor special interests have “asked” the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) for a union monopoly Project Labor Agreement (PLA) on the \$500 million+ San Diego Central Courthouse.

**UT**  
**San Diego**

June 9, 2013

## Public Safety Loses, Labor Wins at New Courthouse

At a cost of \$620 million, San Diego's planned Superior Court complex downtown should be the best money can buy.

But one thing it won't have is an underground tunnel to transport prisoners from the central jail across the street, as originally planned.

A courts committee is being forced by the state to make deep cuts to the project — to the tune of \$50 million. Scrapping the tunnel will save about \$25 million.

And yet, the state's Administrative Office of the Courts has entered into a union-friendly Project Labor Agreement that could significantly increase the cost

of construction. Not going with the PLA could take a significant bite out of construction costs. The AOC pegs the savings at \$6 million to \$9 million, while the Coalition for Fair Employment in Construction, a contractors group strongly opposed to such agreements, estimates the savings at \$30 million or more.

So the pricey union workers are in, the tunnel is out. Instead of being safely led to court through an underground passage, prisoners will be walked across the street.

The AOC could, and should, find ways to save money that won't compromise public safety. Not capitulating to organized labor would be a start.

**Union bosses and state bureaucrats should not be cutting backroom deals that make San Diego less safe and that discriminate against the 85+% of the construction workforce in San Diego that is union-free.**

Tell the AOC to stop this union special interest giveaway today! Tell them to reject a PLA for the new courthouse!

**Email:** [JudicialCouncil@jud.ca.gov](mailto:JudicialCouncil@jud.ca.gov) or send a **Fax:** 415-865-4586



To learn what you can do to help keep San Diego safe and workers protected visit [www.opencompca.com](http://www.opencompca.com) today!