

ALLIANCE TO PROTECT NEVADA JOBS

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Dear Nevada Legislator,

Last Wednesday, October 9th, we sent a letter alerting you to certain actions being undertaken by the Local Culinary Union 226 that are giving Las Vegas an enormous black eye and hurting Nevada tourism. Our letter included a link to a video showing just how out of hand union guerilla tactics have become. This video has received quite a bit of attention being displayed on just about every local news network and even Fox News. If you missed that segment, please see it [here](#). We would like to think that in light of this video and the attention it garnered, the Culinary Union would conduct themselves differently. Sadly, not only does the berating of Las Vegas tourists continue, it seems to have gotten worse.

We urge you to watch our latest video, taken last week after the news coverage broke, of union leaders hurling obscenities at tourists related to their weight, clothes and even partners, while they attempt to visit Las Vegas establishments. In a recent interview with Las Vegas, Inc., Ed Geoconda Arguello-Kline, the Culinary's secretary-treasurer said that there was nothing wrong with the tactics. The Union even bragged about the coverage on their Facebook page, but several union members and some tourists were quick to chime in and denounce the tactics. We have included some of those quotes on the following page. We hope you are as appalled by this as they are and urge you to take a public stand on behalf of the more than 300,000 local jobs that rely on Las Vegas tourism. The latest video can be found [here](#).

In response to the hundreds of outraged residents who have contacted the Alliance to Protect Nevada Jobs, we have launched an online petition campaign calling for an end to these deplorable guerilla tactics. As a Nevada legislator, we are asking you to sign that petition as well and join us in publicly denouncing this abhorrent behavior and telling the local labor bosses that they have gone too far. You can sign the petition [here](#).

Should you choose not to publicly stand with Nevada job creators and workers against this unsatisfactory comportment, some might interpret that as sympathy for the same union bosses who see nothing wrong with calling tourists "losers," "beached whales" and "nasty skanks," among other things.

As always, we welcome your attendance this Saturday on the strip as we continue our campaign to thank tourists for choosing Nevada as their travel destination. We will continue to update you on our efforts to stand up for the workers and job creators in Nevada who help make this state so great, and hope you can join in our efforts to communicate that message.

Most Sincerely,

Dave McGowan
State Director

The Alliance to Protect Nevada Jobs

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What are Union Members, Supporters, and Tourists saying about these vicious guerilla tactics?

"I am a union supporter, but this shows no class." – Paula S

"Are we supposed to be proud of this??? It's embarrassing, as a member of this union, we are demanding respect, equality... protection... To insult innocent people who are trying to enjoy their time here is incompetent... good way to ensure they won't come back and PAY YOUR BILLS!!! COME ON... I do not want to be a part of this embarrassing display of immaturity" – Jessica E

"If we as a group are calling tourists names that sets a new low for us and will set a bad example of how Union membership should look and act. It is unprofessional. We are trying to organize them and by reducing ourselves to a low level it makes it all that much harder for the others to hold us in a place of respect and makes our job all the more harder to organize non Union properties." – Larry S

"Go ahead, bite the hand that feeds you! No tourists, No jobs...your tactics hurt everyone. I grew up in Detroit and have a healthy respect for unions...But in this economy, we in Las Vegas LOVE our tourists and anyone who disrespects the tourists who come to our town hurts EVERYONE who LIVES and Works in Las Vegas." – Marianne C

"My union? That negotiated a contract behind closed doors and didn't ask for our opinion on a contract. How you're even defending this is beyond me." – Steve D

"I don't see how these actions will help the cause." – Frances C

"As a union member from Boston, I don't get the tactic of calling people names." – John M

"If this is how you greet visitors to your city, don't expect to get many more new visitors." – J Miller

"I've been going to Vegas for 22 years and have seen many informational pickets an a few strikes. I have a hard time believing the union is using this kind of tactic. Seems counter productive to me." – Gordon C

"There are many, many places visitors can choose to spend their vacations. Las Vegas is not looking like a place I would want to take my family." – Jane B

All of these comments are from The Local Culinary Union's Facebook page in response to story from Fox News the union proudly displayed on their page. The entire feed can be found [here](#).