

1 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Carlos Arturo Alvarenga?

2 MR. ALVARENGA: Thank you for the Commission to be in  
3 California. My name is Carlos Alvarenga. I have worked at the  
4 Hollywood Park Casino for the last 40 years.

5 Thank you.

6 I am married and I have beautiful family. I am the  
7 father of six children. I came to California 16 years ago and I  
8 got a job where I work for 12 years as a cook, \$7.00 an hour In  
9 those 12 years I never received a raise, never have a vacation,  
10 never was offered family health insurance. When my children get  
11 sick I have to take my children to local clinic and I pay cash  
12 for all the expenses. I never have time for my family. I work  
13 14 or 15 hours a day seven days a week just to be able to support  
14 my family.

15 By now I am working at the Hollywood Park Casino and  
16 in California. The first union casino is southern California.  
17 Now that I work at the union casino I love it so much than  
18 better. As a lead cook I make \$12.00 an hour, \$5.00 more an hour  
19 than I used to make. And now I have affordable family health  
20 insurance and I can count on having regular days off to spend  
21 with my family.

22 Before I worry about our future, but now I have job  
23 security and most importantly I have respect and a voice on my  
24 job.

25 All this and the will to keep working. I have my job  
26 and I hope to work therefore many years to come. I would like to  
27 thank you for your attention.

28 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Thank you.

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