

Protest Forces Employer to Pay His Workers

Community Pressure Finally Results in Payment

Phoenix, AZ. – Workers who have gone for more than six weeks without pay were finally paid after workers and community members rallied in front of the worksite. Former employees of Maverick Framing, LLC received cashier's checks for the **250 hours** of work they were owed within an hour of the presence in front of the worksite.

As community members gathered in the wealthy Arcadia neighborhood the threat of a protest finally produced action from employer Martin Basta. As soon as Mr. Basta saw the protest in front of the worksite he came out to negotiate. Soon thereafter, a PUEBLO staff member joined one of the former Maverick employees to collect their cashiers' checks from Mr. Basta at a nearby bank.

Mr. Estrada, who was owed 250 hours of work, stated he is thankful for the community support and encourages other workers to not be afraid to fight for justice.

“This is a clear example of what can happen when workers stand-up for their rights and the rights of their fellow workers,” said Ray Ybarra, an organizer with PUEBLO, Center for Legal and Human Rights. “There was tremendous community support and we look forward to continuing to work with people who find themselves in the same situation.”

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