

Shame on You, Union

The Los Angeles-based Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters has hired people to stand out in front of various Albuquerque businesses holding up "Shame On (fill-in-the blank)" banners and to hand out fliers depicting a rat in a house eating an American flag. The fliers say Carpenters Local 1319 is behind the campaign and list a name and number for each business or entity being called out, urging people to phone to "see that area labor standards are met."

But the union won't say what the business has done to deserve the takedown tactic. It's just "No comment." Meanwhile, motorists and customers are left to wonder what it's all about.

Local business people say the protests are giving the construction industry, in particular, a black eye and driving away customers who may think the business is a bad employer. Some say the union is targeting good businesses just to pick up more dues-paying members.

Several local businesses have had enough and are counterprotesting. One has turned "Shame On Carpenter's Union" banners against the pickets.

The union's pathetic strong-arm tactic is itself shameless. Customers should cross this ersatz picket line and patronize the besieged businesses that are being targeted by this thuggish behavior.

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