

Local Worker Spotlight: Alec Cervantes



Before HireLAX, Alec Cervantes worked for Taco King and made \$15/hr. seasonally, working with the family construction business. After a 3-month period of incarceration in county jail, Alec knew he had to make some changes in his life and decided to pursue a union construction career.

For his 30th birthday, he received one of his best gifts ever - Journeymen Status. Alec is a Journeyman Plumber with Local 78, making \$53/hr.! He's now moved out of the family home, making wise financial decisions, with a dream of home ownership.

Alec has worked for Xcel Mechanical since the beginning of his plumbing apprenticeship. He has worked in TBIT, the Delta Hangar, as well as many other projects around the LA Area.

Alec is very grateful to LAWA for the opportunity he was given. "This program changed my life for the better. I had no real career path. It gave me something to focus on and strive for."

To the contractors out there, "Take a chance. Have some trust. I know it's hard to know who to take a chance on, but a lot of HireLAX grads are hard working. They committed themselves to two months of hard work and proving themselves every day. Please give my HireLAX brothers and sisters a chance."

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