

## BAC Local 13 Nevada Tile and Marble Members On Strike



Local 13 Secretary-Treasurer Rich Crawford and Field Representative Jeff Estell lead Local 13 members picketing Superior Tile & Marble outside the Cosmopolitan Hotel on the Las Vegas Strip.

On the morning of Thursday, March 31st, the tile and marble members of BAC Local 13 of Nevada went on strike against many of the Local's tile and marble contractors. Local 13 President Carlos Aquin said that it was a difficult decision to strike, but that members had no choice after a number of contractors decided to break off negotiations over a new contract and unilaterally impose a more than 30% cut in the wage and benefit package – including *total elimination* of payments to the Local's health fund.

“The members of Local 13 are always willing to work with our contractors to strengthen the Union tile and marble market here in Las Vegas,” said President Aquin. “We’ve sat down and bargained with them in good faith, and we want to continue to bargain with them. But the contractors’ attempt to force us to take a 30% wage cut – and to eliminate all contributions to our health fund – means that we have to stand up for our rights as proud, skilled craftworkers. We built this city, and we built the fortunes of the contractors during the boom of the past decade. We won’t let them take food off our tables and take health care away from our children.”