

TEAMSTER CANDIDATE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Teamsters Union is faced with important issues at every level of government, whether they be attempts to undermine collective bargaining and attack unions and our members, or opportunities for progress on key Teamster priorities; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to develop relationships with and support Teamster members at even the lowest levels of elected office in order to ensure that decision makers at the highest levels of government support a pro-union agenda; and

WHEREAS, the Teamsters' legislative agenda is inherently non-partisan and success relies on leadership and support from allies on both sides of the aisle; and

WHEREAS, the most reliable and direct way to ensure Teamster voices are heard on key issues is to elect Teamster members to office; and

WHEREAS, the Teamsters Union has a proven record of delivering Teamster votes and electoral victories for endorsed candidates based on an aggressive member-to-member outreach program; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that Teamster Local Unions, Joint Councils and affiliates will commit to recruiting, identifying, training, and endorsing members to run for elected office, and notify the IBT in order to develop and implement a coordinated election plan; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED: that the IBT will work to enhance the Teamster Candidate program to provide strategic campaign support and resources to members who have secured Teamster endorsement; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Teamster Candidate program will offer support that is appropriate to the office sought, the needs of the member candidate and considerations unique to each campaign; and

FINALLY, LET IT BE RESOLVED; that the IBT will provide guidance and support to members who win their elections to assist in the transition to holding elected office and ensure that members are equipped with the tools to succeed in elected office as an ally of labor.