

TEAMSTERS JOINT COUNCIL 28

POLITICAL CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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2022 Candidate Questionnaire:

Name:

Candidate for:

(please include position number, if applicable)

Current or anticipated opponent(s):

Union Member: Past or Present:

Current and past party affiliation(s):

Consultant/Campaign Manager:

Candidate's phone contact(s):

Candidate's email address(es):

Website:

Campaign name and address (please include city and zip):

What other endorsements have you received?

LABOR INFORMATION AND POSITIONS

- What is your connection to the Labor Movement?
- What have you done to help improve the lives of working people?
- Have you ever worked with a labor organization to achieve/accomplish any of its goals? If so, please explain.

HOUSING JUSTICE

For many millions of Americans, winning decent, safe, and affordable housing is an urgent necessity. Housing costs are putting the squeeze on working families in urban and suburban settings alike, especially in communities of color that have long been targeted by predatory housing schemes. Since the financial crisis, housing affordability has grown even worse for workers, as gentrification, rising rents, and the corporatization of rental properties—both multifamily and single-family homes—displace communities of color and increase homelessness.

Labor organizations and tenants' associations have a lot of common ground. After all, tenants are workers, and workers need affordable sustainable housing.

- **What would you do differently, if anything, to address the housing crisis than the approach the current administration has taken?**

COVID RELIEF

The sudden emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic has dealt a severe blow to state and city economies, businesses and workers. The labor movement has been working nonstop to protect the health and safety of all workers, including workers on the front lines of this public health emergency. We have trained, educated and equipped our members with the tools they need to be safe on the job, but we are demanding additional urgent action to ensure employers implement comprehensive plans to protect front-line workers and reduce the risk of exposure to the general public.

The pandemic also inflicted a heavy toll on the economy. We are doing everything we can to limit the negative impact on the livelihoods of working people, and we continue to demand dramatic action from local, state, and federal governments on a scale every bit as large as the threat.

- **In what ways can we continue to sustain workers in severely affected sectors, and rebuild an economy that puts people back to work?**

UNION ORGANIZING

The right to freely join a union without employer threat and coercion is part of the National Labor Relations Act and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The premise is that workers should be able to freely join a union and employers should recognize that union and commence collective bargaining when a majority of their employees have expressed a desire to unionize. Employer resistance to unionization, low penalties and lax enforcement of labor laws has led to U.S. workers seeking to organize a union, face more barriers and opposition than any other industrialized country in the world.

Would you support strengthening the ability for workers to freely organize a union?

- YES!**
- NO!**

REPEALING PREVAILING WAGE AND APPRENTICESHIP UTILIZATION

Prevailing wage laws and strong apprenticeship utilization standards are critical to ensuring young people have access to family-wage jobs in the building and construction trades. Proposals to undermine prevailing wage laws and to lower apprenticeship utilization requirements are often introduced in late-stage budget negotiations during the legislative session. These bills would eviscerate prevailing wage by allowing local governments, special districts and private contractors to exempt themselves, causing a race towards the bottom.

___ Yes, I support maintaining and upholding prevailing wage policy?

BLUE GREEN POLICY

We must strive to create and retain millions of high-quality jobs while putting forward bold solutions to climate change. Working people should not suffer economically due to efforts to tackle climate change. The boldness of any plan requires that the workers and communities impacted are afforded a just and viable transition to safe, high-quality, union jobs.

- **What policies would you put in place to ensure that this promising source of employment for Americans continues to grow as true just transition?**

LABOR & LAW ENFORCEMENT

The labor movement, as an integral part of our communities and the representative of many law enforcement officers, has a unique role to play in changing public safety. It is our job to build productive, positive, and trusting relationships.

We must use our unions to advocate for meaningful change that keeps communities and public safety professionals safe. All workers, including law enforcement officers, are entitled to a union and the right to bargain collectively. This is the cornerstone of the labor movement and a key American value that will play a critical role to advance discovering a new vision of implementing public safety for all.

Describe your view on the role law enforcement plays in society today.

UNION ACTIVISM

Given the hostile climate against workers who are engaged in Union activity:

What activities would you take to support workers? Check all that apply.

- Walk picket lines
- Mediate with employers
- Write letters of support
- Fight for proper enforcement of current labor law
- Hold a press conference
- Speak at rallies
- Other

What activities have you taken in the past to support workers? Check all that apply.

- Walk picket lines
- Mediate with employers
- Write letters of support
- Fight for proper enforcement of current labor law
- Hold a press conference
- Speak at rallies
- Other

Signed: _____
(May Use Font Signature)

Date: _____