

**Citizen Action for Political Education (CAPE) Council
Official Nomination Form**

Term of Office: November 1, 2017 through October 31, 2019

Return this completed form by Friday, September 8, 2017 to:

SEIU Local 503
PO Box 12159
Salem, OR 97309-0159
Attn: CAPE Election

SEIU Local 503
1730 Commercial St SE
Salem OR 97302

Fax: 503-581-1664
Email: cape-elections@seiu503.org

Ballots will be mailed by Friday, September 29, 2017. Ballots are due back by 5:00 pm, on Monday, October 23, 2017.

How nominations work:

- SEIU members who were CAPE contributors as of July 31, 2017 are eligible to participate in this election.
- The CAPE Council will be comprised of one member from each of 30 State Senate Districts, three members from each of six CAPE Regions, and one member representing the Retirees Local. For a total of 49 Delegate seats.
- You may nominate yourself.
- A member may choose to run in their home Senate District, their geographic CAPE Region, or both. Should a member be elected to both the Senate District AND the CAPE Region positions, the member must choose between the two. No member shall serve in more than one position.
- Please see the enclosed map to find your CAPE Region. You can find your Senate District by logging onto <https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/findyourlegislator/leg-districts.html>
- Please verify that the person you nominate is interested in running for the CAPE Council.
- You may nominate as many people as you'd like. Please use a separate form for each nominee.
- Once a nomination is received, each nominee will receive a letter confirming their nomination.
- Candidate statements will be due by email, fax or mail on Tuesday, September 15, 2017 at 5pm.

I, _____, nominate _____ for the CAPE Council
(Print your name) (Print Nominee's name)

Nominee's Street Address City State Zip

Please indicate which position(s) you are nominating for. CAPE contributors from the Retirees Local may run for their Senate District, Region and/or as the representative for the Retirees Local. All other contributors may run to represent their Senate District and/or their CAPE Region.

- Senate District _____
(Please specify which district # if you know)
- CAPE Region _____
(Please specify which region # if you know)
- Retirees Local 001 (*Retirees Only*) _____

Candidate Statement

Each candidate for the CAPE Council may submit a candidate statement to be mailed with ballots. This statement is limited to 250 words. Words in excess of 250 will be cut from the statement.

The deadline for submittal is 5:00pm, on Friday, September 15, 2017.

Submit statements to: Email: cape-elections@seiu503.org

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The preferred format for candidate statements is an electronically submitted Microsoft Word document, though any of the following methods will be accepted:

Electronic format (Microsoft Word, text only)
E-mail
Hard Copy typed or printed

Statements can be e-mailed, mailed or faxed. All statements must arrive at the Salem SEIU office by 5:00pm on Friday, September 15, 2017 in order to be included with the ballots.

NOTE: The material submitted will be produced "as is" - in a uniformly formatted document, and printed in a format that can be enclosed with the ballot. Candidate photos will not be published.

Overview of CAPE Council Duties

CAPE Council Members (delegates) are responsible for helping to lead the political program of the Union. This includes:

- communicating about politics among your co-workers;
- fundraising for CAPE among your co-workers;
- participating in lobby days, phone banks, and canvasses;
- recruiting co-workers to lobby days, phone banks and canvasses;
- leading in the candidate interview and endorsement process.

For the Union to have an effective political program, we need to significantly increase member engagement. CAPE leaders have a unique perspective of the impact of politics on our members' lives that we need to share.

Our union has a very active political program that includes:

- Direct lobbying in the capitol on issues ranging from improving public services to affordable health care to economic fairness on workers' rights;
- Grass-roots lobbying at legislative town halls and through phone calls and letters;
- Member education and training on the political process;
- Lobbying for political support on organizing drives, bargaining, and worksite challenges;
- Active support for and against candidates for public office;
- SEIU Local 503 works on local, state, and federal issues.

We need CAPE Council members who will be engaged in as many of these activities as possible.

The CAPE Council makes recommendations to the 503 Board of Directors on endorsements in local and statewide candidate elections. The CAPE Council and its Executive Committee make spending decisions of CAPE funds on candidate contributions.

The term of office is November 1, 2017 through October 31, 2019. Nominations open Tuesday, August 8, 2017 and close Friday, September 8, 2017. Self-nominations are allowed.

The first meeting of the 2017-19 CAPE Council will be in November of 2017.

Challenges

A challenge of an election must be filed within fifteen (15) days after the election results have been published. Challenges may be filed only by persons eligible to vote in the election. The challenge shall be presented in writing to the CAPE Secretary, and must be signed by the challenger(s). The challenge shall be forwarded by the CAPE Secretary to the Member Representation Committee of the Union, which will in turn investigate the validity of the challenge. The findings of the Member Representation Committee shall be presented to the Union's Board of Directors.

The burden of showing cause for setting aside the election is on the challenging parties. The Union's Board of Directors shall issue a written statement of their findings and certify the election results or order a new election. The Board shall render their decision no later than fifteen (15) days following the completion of the Member Representation Committee's investigation. Challenged elections shall be considered valid until declared otherwise by the Union's Board of Directors.