

Candidate Statements for Sub-Local 200-220, DHS/OHA

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Janet Acevedo

Hello my name is Janet, I work for D9 as Case Aide. I'm humble to be asked to nominate myself for this amazing position. It's a wonderful opportunity I plan to learn and grow in if voted in. Thank you.

Hava Aviv

Each contract cycle brings its own special problems or issues. This year is no different. We do not wish to see any reversals in anything that we have previously bargained. I believe I have the experience and the institutional knowledge of the issues, and the personalities involved to represent all of you. I know that budgetary conditions are now such that we if we work hard, use our experience, and negotiate well, we will gain ground in the next contract. I will prioritize getting vital information to the members in a timely manner and making sure your voices are heard during the negotiation process. As such, I humbly request your vote to be your negotiator at YOUR table.

Rose Barnes



My name is Rose Barnes, I'm running for Chair of Dist 1 sub-local. I have a long family history of working with unions. I myself have been a Union Steward, Vice-Chair, Lead, Assistant Manager and Manager. I bring a wealth of knowledge on both the Union and management side. This enables me to collaborate with management as well as stand up and fight for fair and equal labor rights. Among my past successes as Chair I have helped grow a better LMC, built relationships with staff and management. Have made great strides in labor and management being able to work together. In my tenure as a Vice-Chair are: returning employees to work from duty station leave, earning temp. employees permanent positions and reinstating employees who were wrongfully terminated. Our district struggles with power/control, micromanagement and over-working staff. This is causing distress, unrest and burnout among staff. As your Chair, I will continue to commit to tackling this crisis by proactively meeting with management regularly, actively participating in district LMC activities, regularly meetings with staff and pushing for checks and balances with more management training. I have an open door policy, and I believe staff deserve to have involved, approachable sub-local.

Ellen Beauclair-Harter



I've been part of the bargaining team in Clark County, NV Local 1107 for a few years. I was also a part of the union team to go to legislative sessions and successfully we had bills promoted and passed including providing DFS workers who have real property confidentiality of their addresses from the public and higher minimum wage.

Elizabeth Beckett

I have been a site president, site vice president, secretary, by law committee, and green team member for Head Start.

Evan Berss



Charlotte Billings

Hello! I am Charlotte (she/her) and I am a Family Engagement Facilitator at the Child Welfare Midtown Branch of Multnomah County. I am very honored to be nominated for the Bargaining Committee. I have been with the agency for 5 years and almost 4 of those years, I did casework in a more rural county. I was an active member in union activities then and transferred that passion to my role in Portland. I am looking forward to providing outgoing, expressive, and some times spicy advocacy to push for positive contract wins for my peers.

Deanna Boylan

As a member leader of SEIU 503 for the last 13 years I have held many roles both at the local and state level, working and partnering with Union members like you is what I enjoy most. Listening is the process by which I gain understanding of the needs and preferences of members, by listening I always strive to fully understand what others want to communicate. Together our union members have become a powerful team lifting the voices of our co-workers, addressing issues and holding management accountable. Together we have won strong contracts and protected jobs, while supported members during hardships. Vote for me Deanna Boylan as DHS/OHA Vice President Sub Local 200 and together we can win for our families.

Michelle Deparrie



My name is Michelle deParrie. I am an HSS1 in SSP working for the Portland branch of the Virtual Eligibility Center. My decision to become involved with the union first came from desperation for better wages, then grew into a sense of responsibility toward my coworkers. As a general council member, I started working with the hardship committee to expand assistance and relief to members because I believe that no one should have to choose between union membership and putting food on the table. I fought for COLAs, essential worker pay, hazard pay, selective salary increases for child welfare workers and fair practice in language differentials pay. Now it's time for remote workers to have an ergonomic workstation and to be provided with the supplies that we have been paying for out of our pockets since this pandemic started. As treasurer, I will represent the whole membership and not just think about my own perspective. I will be watchful and fight for anything that you need to do your job. If we stand together, there is no limit to what we can do. For Sublocal 202, I endorse: Chair: Janet Rosen Vice-chair: Allen Smith Secretary: Sara Gwin

Amanda Dodson



My name is Amanda Dodson, I have been a member of SEIU 503 since 2012. I am currently a Social Service Specialist with the State of Oregon. I have been with the Department of Human Services, in Child Welfare for nearly 10 years. I have spent my years as a member active in local leadership, servicing members through committees and in developmental roles with SEIU. I am running for general council and bargaining delegate. I have been honored to sit behind the scenes and watch our leaders advocate for members at the bargaining table. I have gotten to participate in change being created at the table, and I have seen movement made on member's behalf firsthand. I am dedicated to being a leader that can sit at the table for you as an agent of change. If elected I will serve my duties according to our bylaws and partners myself with local leaders so that we can have a large collective voice within our local 503.

Angie Endres



I have been a Paralegal at the Marion branch of Child Welfare since July 2020 and prior to that I was an eligibility specialist with Oregon Health Plan for 5 years. I have been a Union steward for a little over 4 years, participated in the Member Leadership Development Program through SEIU and I have been very active in Union-related activities. I am currently on the Labor Management Committee for Marion Branch as well as the Regional Labor Management Committee for Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties. I enjoy being able to help my co-workers with workplace issues and helping them to reach an acceptable solution with management. If I am elected Treasurer I will use my skills in organization and communication to perform my duties in the best way possible to ensure accurate documentation so that union funds are used appropriately. Thank you!

Melody Flory

I have been the Treasurer for this past year and would like to continue representing my Union Family in this same role. I hope our Union continues to grow and the members feel supported, by the leadership team!

Michele Ford



Since May 2021 I became your Chair of our Sublocal after a resignation of the previous chair. Although that was unexpected, I have worked hard during these last several months to listen and address your needs and to represent you at our local Labor Management Committee and at the Statewide LMC, as well. I would like to continue this work, serving and supporting all of you as we continue to navigate through the many changes and challenges that have come with Integrated Eligibility. I would appreciate your vote for Chair of our Sublocal 220.

Andrew Andy Fry

I'm happy to serve as a bargaining delegate should I be selected to represent my fellow union members in this capacity. If selected, my agenda would be to promote the interests of the union collective. We all have interests that are important to us, but I believe our union will achieve the most success by concentrating effort on issues everyone can get behind. Thank you for voting and best wishes!

Candace Candy Gifford

I will continue to work with management on your behalf for work place issues. Represent to the best of my ability our members at general council and encourage our members to get involved with our local matters.

Anastasia Godsey

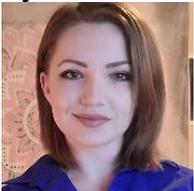


Dear Union Brothers and Sisters, I am running for the Vice Chair of our Sublocal 216 and I humbly ask for your vote. I hope to bring diversity and thinking outside the box to the table and I pledge to listen to your needs and to advocate on your behalf. I am proud to be a Union member since 2004 when I started my work for Department of Human Services in Beaverton Child Welfare. Currently I work as an Adult Protective Service Specialist in Hillsboro Aging and People with Disabilities where I am also serving as a Union Steward. Last year I had the honor of representing you as a Human Services Coalition Co-Chair and Central Bargaining Table Delegate where we won one of the best Contracts in SEIU 503 history, including Pandemic Recognition Pay, expanded Telework, and much more. I hope to continue serving you to the best of my ability at the sublocal level.

Sara Gwin

I'm an eligibility worker at New Market Theater (downtown) and have been with ODHS since July. I was drawn into this work because of a desire to serve the community I live in -- particularly those who are marginalized, often houseless, and further complicated by other intersectioning identities. Before this, my work mainly consisted of crisis intervention and victim advocacy for survivors of sexual assault, as well as education and organizing for policy changes within the university. This background is why I wanted to become more involved with the union. I've been hearing about sexual harrasment and assault issues at our local branches and am frankly disturbed by how little has been done to protect workers and to hold perpetrators accountable. Our jobs can be difficult and emotionally draining, so our work environment must be healthy and supportive. The union can and should be doing more to protect workers, and I want to help bring new energy, more active engagement, and to reach out to other workers who may feel disconnected from the union. I also endorse Alan Smith, Michelle deParrie, and Janet Rosen. I have great respect and admiration for them, and know we'd work well together to serve

Mysti Hall



Kendra Hobbs

It is my goal to help empower and support you!

Vesna Grace Hopkins



My name is Vesna, and I am a multilingual Eligibility worker with the State of Oregon-DHS VEC Corvallis. I have combined 17 years of public service, 13 in the current position. I hold a MA in Cultural Anthropology with a minor in Food and Social Justice Systems, and BA in Cultural Anthropology (both Cum Laude) from OSU. I am a union member and a current chair and chief steward for local 204. I am also an alumna of the "Oregon Labor Candidate School" (2016) where I learned how to serve Oregonians better. I served on the Human Rights Committee for 4 years and the D4 Diversity Committee for 4 years, and currently I am running to be on your bargaining team. If elected, I will serve you diligently, ethically, accurately, culturally aware, and be on your side. I am a first generation American from Macedonian descent and I have three wonderful children, and as of this year-an amazing husband as well. Thank you for voting and I am looking forward to serving you and your interests at the bargaining table.

Greg Ivers

Forthcoming

LeAnn Ivers

Hello, I am seeking to be your treasurer for SL-218. I have been serving as a steward at IRMS for the last 3 years or so. I enjoy helping my co-workers with any questions or issues that they're dealing with. I would like to expand my service by serving as your treasurer. I also would like to ensure that people with disabilities have a voice in our future. Because of my lived experiences, I can provide the disability perspective to the table not only in this role, but other roles in the future. Thank you for your consideration and your vote.

Jean Jones



Many hands make light work, and our union is made up of some great people - I know because you are one of us. Join me in getting involved. Let's make our union and our workplace better for all of us!

Murphy Joppie

Hi, I'm Murphy Joppie. I have been working for ODHS Self-Sufficiency since 11/01/2011, first as a Benefit & Eligibility Worker (aka HSS3) and then, starting in 06/2014 as a Family-Coach (aka Human Services Case Manager). After years of sitting next door to the impressive Union Steward, I was inspired to become a Union Steward myself and in August 2020 I was voted in as a Steward. In today's world there seems to be too many things that feel out of my control and beyond my ability to affect change. Being a Steward has given me a way to affect change in my immediate bubble and be empowered.

Mary Kathy Kalous



I've had the honor of handling sublocal 202 finances for the past 4 years. What a wild ride it's been! From COVID to the roll out of the ONE system and change of job responsibilities, to wild fires, I've been part of making responsible decisions for union funds. There have been opportunities to come to solve problems without needless spending, therefore making monies available for emergencies. The continuation of my support for union members and stewards alike is something that is of utmost importance. This is the reason I am running for secretary. My attributes of being orderly, methodical, and objective not only help me with my position with DHS, but, combined with my desire to improve working conditions for fellow employees, make me an excellent candidate for secretary. My past service, along with my increasing involvement in union activities, reflect my dedication to my belief of support for the union. I look forward to serving sublocal 202, as we are "stronger together".

Andrea Kennedy-Smith



I have worked at ODHS Child Welfare for nearly 15 years as a Paralegal. I am passionate about the rights of workers to be treated fairly and to be able to come to work in an environment free of fear. My dedication for union work and having our voices heard is very strong. I am an active Chief Steward and have assisted countless members, mentored stewards as well as provided ongoing support and guidance with difficult issues. I have been an active Chair and Secretary in my Sub-Local. I serve on the SEIU CW Leadership Alliance. I served as a Contact Specialist. I have an unwavering commitment to strengthen our union, the confidence to stand alone if needed, and the courage to make difficult decisions. I bring dedication, dependability, the promise to be responsive to members, and to work hard making the best interests of our members a top priority. With your vote, I hope to offer that outlook and dedication as your President and continue working as a strong advocate for all members.

Lori Lambert

I'm running for vice chair. I've been a steward for 23 years. I believe that the union is not something someone should belong to but be active in. If you wonder what it is that the Union does for us. You really need to find out. It's important that everyone has a voice and my goal is to get as many voices I can to continue to make our union something that we're proud to be a part of. I believe that we can all work together to serve the public and continue to be the best people we can in order to do our jobs but in order to do that we all need to be involved. This is where I can help get voices heard.

Courtney Langner



I am passionate about workers and making sure our voice is heard. I fundamentally believe that we are tasked with the awesome responsibility of child safety and we just want to see this happen.

Tracy Mahan



I would like to be the Local 206 Secretary again for these next couple years. I have seen the good in unions and the bad in unions and I want to be the voice for many of you. I am strong-willed, opinionated, and very assertive. I feel I stand up for a lot of us even if it differs from the union. I have enjoyed being a steward and have been able to help people in that process. Being the secretary has increased my understanding of how things go from the lowest level elevated to the highest level for change.

Wednesday Martin



I have been an employee for SSP, APD and now Vocational Rehab. I have worked for ODHS for many years. I have worked and supported our Union as a steward, an officer, general council delegate and have served on CAPE. I sit on the statewide Vocational Rehab LMC and have been a part of developing my sublocal's LMC. I believe that diversity, equity and inclusion are important in making decisions around how our Union functions. I am committed to listening to others and understand that being a delegate is really representing others in our Unions. I would like to be considered for the role of a delegate on General Council.

Joshua May



Over my last 10 years in ODHS I have served as a Sublocal 208 Steward and Treasurer followed by ODHS/OHA local 200 Statewide Vice President, Interim President and President. With each role I have brought a Passion for accountability, equity, value, and desire to seek understanding. In the past 4 years I have worked tirelessly in raising members voices up to the executive levels, working to bridge the communication gap we all know exists and support members doing the work. Working through intentionality, compassion, understanding, transparency with ODHS and OHA leadership illustrating areas of improvement and correction I have led the Local 200 team in addressing challenges head on. These crucial and difficult conversations surrounding process, policy, contract and behavior must continue to be had. I urge you to vote for me so I may continue as ODHS/OHA Local 200 as President and continue elevating members voices and effecting policy and process change so we can have the inclusive, safe and secure work environment we are so deserving of.

Kaylyn McClintock

As a new(-ish) employee, I'd love to be a bargaining delegate and represent our team. I've been shown nothing but welcome as a new member of my office and would love to represent any and all of us to help ensure we are all treated with equity and respect.

Antoinette Renee McWhorter

John Maxwell once said, "The best practice for a leader isn't always the top position. It isn't the most prominent or powerful place. It's the place where he or she can serve the best and add the most value to other people." As Secretary, I am privileged to increase the distance of our collective voice of the membership, leaders and community partners confidentially and accurately.

Michel Miller

To continue to uphold the Collective Bargaining Agreement and to help to support employees.

Oliver Oli Mintz-Lowe

I am running for General Council so I can work with fellow members across the state to help analyze, consider and reach a consensus on the important decisions that affect our members and the state for the next two years. As a member of CAPE Council since 2019, and as a lead worker with DHS, I have been able to see the challenges faced by both workers and those we serve - from our long term care crisis and high drug prices to unaffordable and inaccessible childcare and affordable housing. I believe the big picture policy issues that we as a union prioritize are of huge importance to the day-to-day lives and workplaces of members and our surrounding communities. As a General Council delegate I would look to bring my experience of discussing and developing understanding of legislation and policy into this role. I enjoy getting into the weeds of dense, policy and procedural documentation, and have done this work in my job, as a member of the CAPE bylaws and outreach committee, and through nonprofit volunteering. I look forward to working with you all to help shape our future for the next two years.

Julia Morrissey



I have been a union steward for several years now. I value the vital work of SEIU and would be honored to serve as a general council delegate.

Rachelle Mullins

I am running to represent you, my co-workers as local 200 treasurer and bargaining delegate. As local 200 treasurer my goal will be to increase the transparency of local 200 finances and budgets and increase communication with sub local officers. I want to empower sub locals to use their budgets for the benefit of members. Having just completed a member organizer assignment within SEIU 503 that spanned the majority of the most recent bargaining session I am running to be a bargaining delegate to build on the wins of the most recent CBA and address the short comings that I heard from my fellow SEIU 503 members. I want to address areas of DAS policy where the CBA does not adequately protect and empower members including vacation accruals, and reserved leave while on FMLA and OFLA. I have spent the previous 13 months listening to my co-workers in Districts 4, 5, and 6 and want to act upon those concerns in bargaining. Thank you for your vote.

Phillip Newman



Serving as Chair previously for CAF-SDA 2 SL-202 has been an honor, and I appreciate very much the individuals in our agency who supported my candidacy. Our cohort has made strides to protect and support workers in a myriad of ways and my intentions for my second run is to continue to do so. This last couple years has been a trial-by-fire style introduction to the expectations of this position and I believe I have wholeheartedly fulfilled the needs to lift the voices of our workforce. We have the power and the numbers to make a difference within our SL and to the communities we serve. Our cohort has worked in advocacy of those facing hardship in our sub-local. From wildfires, to the pandemic, to civil duress regarding socio-political and race relations, I have advocated for a wide array of perspectives and takes due to the position of workforce need solely. Supporting labor has been a wonderful learning opportunity and with your vote, I look forward to continuing to do so. Thank you for your time and hopefully your vote. Strength and solidarity to all of you.

Sunny Nicholson-Allen



Evangelist Skky Obenwa



I believe in the commitment of treating all employees with respect and dignity while providing excellent benefits, optimum working conditions and competitive wages. I understand at times employees have concerns and suggestions for improvements. Although, DHS/OHA offers an open-door policy all employees may not have the opportunity to take advantage of the policy. Leaving some of my peers feeling unheard or disconnected. I would like to build that bridge with employees and organization/leadership. I believe this will create an environment where the company listens to its employees and takes their comments seriously

John O'Connor

I am privileged to say that unions have supported me at some of the most difficult times in my life. Before the website Gofundme, my family was able to financially and emotionally recover from a near-death health emergency due to the support of my father's union. While I will never be able to repay that debt, I want others to be supported at the most challenging times in their lives. Our union needs passionate people who will fight to hold our organization accountable. I believe I can be a voice to support our union with an eye towards the future.

Lesla O'Dell

I would love to continue as 217 Secretary. Thank you!

Jessica Patterson

I have worked for the state for 8 years. I have been a shop steward, but also have been vice chair and present for my child PTA/PTO school programs.

Denise Pepperling



I am really wanting to push for OSII's to be seen and heard this time. OSII's have never been reclassified to a higher pay range and it is time! I am also going to use my voice for more step increases. There are many members that have been topped out for years. It is time to give them yearly raises too. Please vote for me! Thank you so much.

Samantha Phillips



I've worked for the state for 10 years, first in child welfare, and now as a family coach in self sufficiency. I can provide perspective as a professional and community member. I am ready to work and take notes.

Holly Reynolds

Hi my name is Holly Reynolds. I have been with the state for almost two years now and in that two years have realized I do not have a lot of knowledge on what the union provides us. I would like to grow, learn more and be able to help other employees understand the union and also provide protection and safety for my fellow co-workers. I want to be able to understand the union myself and just be a voice for our district.

Janet Rosen



Hello, my name is Janet Rosen. I am a Social Service Assistant, Steward, and member of the contract action team in Child Welfare, and I am running for chair of Sublocal 202. For the last two and half years, I have fought for the safety of workers in Child Welfare and Self Sufficiency. I regularly attend district Labor/Management meetings, and I am the co-chair of my branch's safety committee and a member of the district safety committee. I was instrumental in the campaign to get hazard pay for essential workers. I spent eight weeks working for the Union, contacting current members, doing new member outreach, and educating members on our new contract. As Sublocal chair, I will listen to your needs and advocate on your behalf. I will ensure newsletters and regular board meetings where members can attend and have a voice to create transparency. Together we will make our local and union strong. Vote Janet Rosen for Chair. I endorse Alan Smith for Vice-chair, Michelle deParrie for Treasurer, and Sara Gwin for Secretary.

Rochelle Santiago

I have been the sublocal 220 treasurer through this last term and can continue.

Tia Schattenkerk

Thank you for the nomination. I am in full support of unions and wish to show that support through service.

Noelle Scott



My name is Noelle Scott and I am a family coach with NE. Beyond my passion to help Oregonians, I am also very interested in advocating for the employees we work with. As a union member, we have rights to help improve and continue our employment. I want to help empower our new employees and continue to build up our current employees I hope to continue to grow our voice as a team and union to help mitigate the issues that affect us. As we navigate the changing world between in-office, alternative schedules, safety and remote work, I want to advocate for equitable practices, to help continue to show that we can get the work done even in non-traditional ways, and work with our union to make sure our voices are considered and acted upon. I want to help us be better informed, know if we are facing similar issues, and unite to make sure that we are considered in the best possible way. As we know that we can't pour from an empty cup. We can't serve the best we can if we are not treated equitably and with care. Thank you for your consideration.

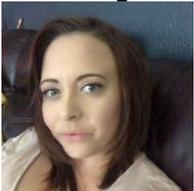
John Sinor

My name is John Sinor and I am running to be our District 4 chair. I have been an employee of D4 for over 15 years and will continue to work towards best solutions for all under our Union Contract. I have had the honor to be the current Vice Chair and was previously our treasurer. I believe in transparency and will strive to build strong goals and outcomes for our District. I humbly and respectfully ask for your vote. In Unity, John Sinor

Alan Smith

I am a steward and eligibility worker with New Market Theater, downtown Portland. Now a full time printmaker I graduated with Honors in Sociology after dropping out in 6th grade to become blacked out drunk for two decades. After becoming sober I spent four years as a steward with Industrial Workers of the World where I immersed myself in deep legal research, negotiations, won nearly all filed labor charges, and planned direct action. While a serious yet tempered approach is an appropriate starting point, escalatory direct action is an indispensable tool to force the hand of power. In District 2 my assertive approach led a campaign against sexual harassment and assault the agency had silenced summer 2021. Despite ODHS best efforts a fed up workforce detonated forcing Human Resources and District Management to openly admit, clarify, and apologize. I'm here to advocate for the workforce, not tell them what to think. I want to re-engage workers understandably disillusioned with SEIU and work towards mutual solutions. This means placing pressure on SEIU just the same as ODHS leadership. With utmost confidence I endorse and urge you to vote for Janet Rosen, Michelle Deparrie, and Sara Gwin.

Katie Sturgeon



I have been representing our Local for the last two years and I've worked hard to support the employees and find resolutions to issues. I will continue to help make working conditions better for all. I'm not afraid to have the hard conversations with leadership and will continue to have those conversations

Mark Thordsen

I am a child welfare worker in Klamath Falls who participated during the last bargaining cycle where we had a lot of good wins in all areas of the Human Services Coalition (ODHS/OED/OIS). Being from a more rural part of the state allows me to bring up rural specific challenges to the bargaining team as a whole to ensure that the contract helps even those outside of the I5 corridor. Being a child welfare teen permanency worker I also am aware of challenges experienced by members who are on the I5 corridor. I'm excited to take the experience of the last cycle and use that to get an even stronger contract going forward.

Tina Trotter

I, Tina Trotter, am running to be your D5 SEIU local secretary and I would be proud to represent you. My career with the agency began 2004 as a Social Service Specialist 1 in Child Protective Services (CPS). Throughout the years, I have been a permanency worker, hotline screener, family meeting facilitator, and currently a resource developer. I understand the need for a cohesive functioning system that promotes human well being through effective communication. My goal as your local secretary is to establish ongoing communication using labor management meetings, local union website, email, and creating a structure capable of reaching every represented worker. I believe this will generate a stronger active union with better contract outcomes. We are in it together!

Bonnie-Jean Underwood

I started as a Union steward at the end of last year and together we have made some wonderful strides for employees rights. I would like to get even more involved with the union to better assist its members in achieving a better workplace for everyone.

Mishaela "Shae" Vejar

My name is Shae Vejar. I have been with the state for over two years and was with Jackson County for two years prior. Before entering a government position, I worked as a Financial Aide Administer for a career college. There, I oversaw 90% of the income coming into the school. I had to account for all monies and complete a yearly detailed audit spreadsheet as well as assisting with any auditor requests. I was also a part of program committees where I was the note taker and transcriber for each meeting. At the county I oversaw all Personal Support Workers (PSW) timesheets and ensuring they were paid on time as well as assuring compliance with state and federal guidelines. On top of treasurer experience, while with the county, I was a Stewart and part of the Bargaining team. I was part of several grievances, management meetings, and intense bargaining sessions. Once with the state, I became a Case Manager where I must assure clients, HCW's, and facilities are getting paid on time and in accordance with state and federal guidelines. I am a steward for the ODHS and current secretary for our local 208 officers. In this position, I

Patrick Vejar Jr



Hello Everyone, I have been your chair for the past two years. We have made some positive progress in areas and in other areas there is still a lot of work to be done. We need more accountability, credibility and collaboration with Human Resources. I am hoping you will give the opportunity to continue to chip away at that. I have made myself accessible to all members and will continue to do so. If you have liked the leadership for the past two years, then vote for me, If not, don't. Thank you for your time and for all that you do.

Emily Wang



My name is Emily Li-wen Wang, and since 2011, I've had the privilege of being a SEIU member and working in partnership with you to help advance equity for all Oregonians as Health Equity Policy Analyst, Legislative Team Coordinator, Cultural Competence Continuing Education for Health/Health Care Professionals Lead, and Tribal Liaison, at the Oregon Health Authority-Office of Equity and Inclusion. In addition to serving in my elected roles as your SD 21 Delegate for CAPE, and Co-Chair, for OHA's People of Color Employee Resource Group (POC ERG), I am a graduate of SEIU International's first API Leadership Program in 2021. I am also a member of SEIU's Asian Desi Pacific Islander (ADPI) Caucus, Women of Color Caucus (WOCC), and Special Committee on Universal Health Coverage. I am pleased to get even more involved with helping to advance the collective power of our union through my current job rotation as SEIU/OHA-Human Services Coalition's first Contract Specialist/Labor Relations Liaison. Thank you for the opportunity to earn your vote as a General Council delegate, during such a pivotal moment for Oregon, as our state elects a new Governor, and we continue to fight for our collective dignity, safety, wellness, and respect of ALL

Marilou Webb



After serving as Chair of SL218 for the last 2 years, I would like to leave that position open for another to fill and bring new ideas, but I would like to continue my service to my co-workers by running for General Council. I have worked for the state of Oregon for over 14 years, all of it here in ODHS/OHA. In my time as Chair we have done a lot of wonderful new things that I believe have made us more inclusive, transparent, communicative and effective. I would like to bring that energy and enthusiasm to General Council for this term and help spread the word about what General Council is about so that more understand and will want to get involved in our union. One of my core beliefs is to leave things better than I found them and I would like to bring some new blood, ideas and energy to General Council. Even if you choose not to vote for me, please vote. Truly every vote counts and YOUR voice matters! Thank you for your consideration. Marilou Webb

Steve Wilson



Yes, I accept the nomination

Darrahlyn Young



I served on the General Council in 2019 and hope to do so again. Serving as a delegate is an opportunity to help bring forth a different perspective to the guiding principles of our union. We exist in a constant state of flux right now, and we need a strong and cohesive message to keep our members, and those we serve, prospering. The time has come to fight for what we deserve, not just the minimum required to survive. I see the General Council as opportunity to start us off strong leading into a new bargaining sprint and legislative session.