

Candidate Statements for Sub-local 89, Portland State University

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Angela Lyle

I am honored to be nominated. I look forward to creating positive change for marginalized folks in the state of Oregon.

Brian Myers

Hi, my name is Brian Myers. I am running in this election to become one of your General Council Delegates in SEIU Sub local 89. Though I've never held office in SEIU before, I have been a union member here at PSU since 2003 working in IT. If elected it would be my honor to represent you and our unique perspectives in this union.

Xavier Oberlander

I'm honored for the opportunity to continue to serve our members and union. With your support and that of our outstanding group of leaders we will do great things.

Darrow Omar

I humbly accept to be nominated as SEIU 089 treasurer. If voted into this position by my fellow members I will strive to perform competently, abide by our bylaws and ensure our chapter keeps in compliance with both University and Union finance policies. I promise to work collaboratively with our executive team to continue the work of creating a resilient and vibrant union community at Portland State University. With warm appreciation and solidarity, Darrow Omar

Thuy Phuong Huyen

Thuy Huyen. I have been working at PSU for almost 20 years in accounting for Capital Projects/Construction & Facilities & Property Management then recently Campus Accounting Services. I'm running for SEIU 89 Vice President and passing the torch to the new President. I was an SEIU 89 President 2020-2022 & have learned so much throughout the Covid pandemic. During the 2 years, I was interviewed by Gregory Hinckley & Margaret Kirkpatrick to share my thoughts about Dr. Percy a day before he was hired as our President. I attended meetings to discuss many different issues with the President monthly & Membership, HR DELR & SEIU 503's Statewide biweekly, Executive Team, other unions, etc. I participated in search committees to interview candidates, PSU/SEIU 503's Lobby Day, testified for \$900M, \$702M, \$290M, etc. & Co-Chair for General Council. My fondest memories-I was the speaker with Shemia Fagan for Women's Conference, hosted & introduced Congresswoman Khanh Pham, speaker for Sub-Local Elections, etc. I'm on the SEIU 503 Board (Director, Region #6), SEIU 503 Executive Committee, SEIU 503 Finance, General Council Planning, Civil and Human Rights Committee (Co-Chair), ADPI (Rep.), Women of Color, Bargaining Equity, Vietnamese translator at PSU. Please vote for me!

Danny Ryel

While the last 2 years have been rough to say the least, the highlight of it has been serving the membership of SEIU 89 on our Executive Committee. Whether I am re-elected into a position or not, I will continue to fight for equity and meaningful representation for all of you, however I think that on this ticket with Alejandro Segura, Darrow Omar and another member yet un-identified, we can collaboratively support members, with their guidance, and continue to grow our power at PSU. We all deserve the recognition as being essential to the success of this university, and Alejandro, Darrow and I are committed to resounding that message until it is not only heard by PSU Administration, but acknowledged by their words and ACTIONS. It would be my pleasure to serve you all once again as an exec team member!

Alejandro Segura

Gracias for the opportunity to expand my own involvement within the Union. As a person who previously worked in an unrepresented role, I love having the chance to bring our members together and build community with one another. Elected or not, I look forward to continuing to serve our Union to best serve us all, while prioritizing those who need the most help from us at the forefront of our goals. Thank you for your consideration. En solidaridad, Alejandro Segura

Rhett Sullivan

I have spent several years as the Lead Steward, ensuring employees rights were upheld. One example, in 2020 when PSU put employees in an unpaid leave status, I made sure PSU paid that employee's entire health benefits so the employee could keep their health insurance without having to worry about how to pay for it. I grew up a military dependent, living all over the U.S. and outside of it. I have been the foreign student that does not completely understand the country's language or culture enduring the struggles and isolation that come with it. Multiple times in my life I have sworn an oath to protect and defend an individual's Civil Rights, an oath I take seriously and continue to follow. I have completed the FBI's Basic Hostage/Crisis Negotiation training, have a degree in Psychology, helped teach Behaviorism, a Certified Life Coach (mainly to alternative lifestyle clients), and worked with individuals across the socioeconomic spectrum from the lowest paid workers to named company executives and elected officials. All of these have taught me the value of a multi-cultural environment, how much I need it, and how to help others. If elected Union President, my job is to represent you.