

# Contribute to OPEIU Local 8's



# PAC Political Action Committee

### ***Come to our meetings!***

The Local 8 PAC meets at  
6 pm on the  
first Tuesday of the month  
via conference call.

All members are welcome to  
participate.

**Q. What is the Political Action Committee (PAC)?**

**A.** The PAC is a group of OPEIU Local 8 members who make recommendations on contributions to be made to campaigns of labor-friendly political candidates.

**Q. Can't the Union just take the money from our dues and give it to candidates?**

**A. No!** *Union dues can't be used for political contributions.*

**Q. Why do candidates need our money?**

**A.** To pay for ads, mailers, yard signs and other campaign costs. OUR candidates — the ones who support working people — don't usually get huge donations from business interests. We can make sure our voices are heard by helping to elect the candidates who support us.

**Q. What have labor-endorsed candidates done for us?**

**A.** The representatives we have helped to elect have passed legislation in our state for strong laws for Worker's Comp; family leave and unemployment help; high minimum wage standards and more.

**Q. What if I don't give?**

**A.** We stand to lose what we've gained over the years. Corporation-backed candidates want to erode the current laws that benefit working families.

**Q. Who does Local 8 Political Action Committee (PAC) give to?**

**A.** Candidates who believe in collective bargaining rights, who stand up to protect working families, and who work for affordable housing, child care, health care, good schools and other vital social safety nets. A portion of our funds also goes to the OPEIU VOTE (Voice of the Electorate) to support national candidates.

**Q. Who decides how the money is spent?**

**A.** Members of Local 8 who contribute and the PAC make recommendations. We talk to the Central and Washington State Labor Councils to find out which candidates are in trouble and need financial help. The PAC then comes up with a list of donation recommendations and it is brought to the Local 8 membership for approval.

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## **VOLUNTARY POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION AUTHORIZATION**

I authorize my employer \_\_\_\_\_

to withhold  \$5  \$10  \$15  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month to make political contributions to the Office and Professional Employees International Union Local 8 Political Action Committee.

I understand that political contribution authorization is voluntarily made and the amounts listed above are only guidelines, and that the making of payments to the OPEIU Local 8 PAC is not a condition of membership in the Union or employment with the Employer and that I have a right to refuse to sign this portion of the payroll authorization form and not to contribute to the OPEIU Local 8 PAC or to contribute more or less than the amounts listed without reprisal.

I understand that my contribution will be used for political purposes, including the support of candidates for federal, state and local offices and issue campaigns. I understand that revoking this authorization may be done in writing at the beginning of any pay period, with a minimum notice to the employer of no less than two (2) weeks prior to the beginning of the pay period.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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