

WHY POLITICS?

Why should Local 791 members be involved in politics? Why should union members contribute to the Active Ballot Club? Many people believe that politics is a lot of "blah blah blah"... Well regardless of what you believe, politics is very serious business. Politics is serious because our elected officials make decisions that affect nearly every aspect of our lives.

Imagine in this country if children as young as 10 or 11 years old being forced to work...Or no workers compensation benefits if you were injured on the job.... Or no unemployment insurance if you were laid off.... Or no Social Security or Medicare benefits when you retire.... What if you as a union member had no legal rights to bargain contracts every 3 or 4 years? What if workers didn't have the legal right to form and join a union? Imagine no time and one half pay for work on Sundays? Who is responsible for assuring we have certain rights and protects us from legislation that could be harmful to our way of life?

The answer is our elected officials...their decisions could impact us in a positive or a negative way.

In the U.S. we have child labor laws, workers compensation benefits, unemployment insurance, Social Security & Medicare benefits, the right to organize and join a union and the right to collectively bargain with our employer. The reason why we have these laws is elected officials who were sensitive to the needs of working people worked hard to pass them.

Corporate interests attack worker laws and regulations on a daily basis and these corporate interests have allies in the Congress and state legislatures that are willing to fight for them. That's why we must remain diligent in our efforts to insure we have worker friendly people holding elected office.

What laws get passed or defeated depends largely on whom we as a labor organization support. That's why we work hard to support those candidates that are sensitive to our issues and will take the appropriate action. Support comes in the form of making contributions to the Active Ballot Club (ABC). Support also comes from people registering to vote and voting for pro-worker candidates at election time... Support also comes from people volunteering time to work on the campaigns of those candidates who support the issues that are important to us.

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