

DAILY WEDNESDAY

JULY 20, 2016



42ND INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



Photos by: Tessa Berg

▲ "We're With Her!"

And she's with us! Sec. Hillary Clinton draws huge applause from delegates and guests.

HIGHLIGHTS

AFSCME in Action: Building AFSCME Strong Local Unions

7:15 – 9:30 a.m., List of rooms can be found at Information Booth

Booths

Las Vegas Convention Center, Central Hall

Convention Reconvenes

10 a.m., Central Hall

Program: Our Rights

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. William Barber II, President/Senior Lecturer of Repairers of the Breach, Convener of the Moral Mondays Movement

Rally at Trump Hotel Las Vegas

Buses leave at 2:30 p.m., in support of Culinary Workers Union Local 226 and Bartenders Local 165

Resolutions

Delegates on Tuesday passed six resolutions, including:

Infrastructure (4); Senate Must End Obstruction and Vote on Judicial Nominees (56); Fiscal Relief, Debt Restructuring and Puerto Rico Workers' Pensions and Labor Rights Protection (13); The Role of Unions in Building the Middle Class (1); Building Our Union by Sharing Stories of How AFSCME Members Never Quit (54), Standing in Solidarity with AFSCME Members in Illinois (38)

Hillary Clinton's Promise to AFSCME

Secretary Hillary Clinton made a spirited case for public service workers to support her candidacy for President of the United States, contrasting her decades-long support for working families with Donald Trump's callous attempts to defraud them.

"AFSCME, you have my back, and as President I'll have yours," Secretary Clinton said. "When I'm President, working people will always have a seat at the table and a champion in the White House."

"You pioneered the basic bargain that made our country great," she continued. "That means working hard and playing by the rules should mean being able to earn a living wage and having a fair shot at the American Dream."

"I'm proud to be in the trenches fighting alongside you to raise wages and keep the 'public' in 'public service,'" Clinton said. And she urged delegates to support her by talking to our friends and neighbors, knocking on doors and registering people to vote.

Secretary Clinton promised to support us in our fights against governors like Bruce Rauner and Scott Walker, and she pledged to end private prisons that profit off our criminal justice system.

She also compared her record to that of Donald Trump, the millionaire who has called for a national right-to-work law and has said Americans need to be paid less.

James Rhodes, president of Local 1585 (Michigan Council 25), said Secretary Clinton's speech was "very inspirational." He was proud that she called us "one team, not a red team, not a blue team, not a Democrat team, not a Republican team. It's one team for America."

Laura Morrison, of Local 549 (New Jersey Council 52), committed to vote for Secretary Clinton. "I'm for Hillary 100 percent. I feel that she is for working people."

Secretary-Treasurer Reyes: "It Takes a Team!"

AFSCME Sec.-Treas. Laura Reyes told delegates Tuesday in her keynote speech: "You are writing the next chapter in AFSCME's long, proud history."

That history goes back more than 80 years, to Wisconsin, where working people came together "and stood up to a system that unfairly fired public service workers just because of their personal politics."

"We started out as an idea," said Reyes, "a spark...that grew and spread. And as it spread, our union grew in size and shaped the events that made us a better nation. We marched for equal pay for women, and stood up for workers' rights, LGBTQ rights, immigration and voting rights."

Reyes said the next generation is ready to continue that legacy.

"Because growing this union, winning for working people, and making America happen takes a team that has each other's backs," Reyes said. "We are that team!"

Reyes told cheering delegates that it takes a team to make sure every worker earns fair pay, sick leave and overtime; we can afford retirement; and every parent can afford to feed their children. "The sisters and brothers in this room are that team!" she said. "If we rise above the challenges, we will keep winning!"



Photo by: Tessa Berg

Text "Never Quit" to 237263

afscme.org/convention



42ND INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Photo by: Luis Gomez



AFSCME Pres. Lee Saunders Wins Reelection by Acclamation

On Tuesday, delegates attending the 42nd International Convention reelected Lee Saunders as International president by acclamation. First elected to AFSCME’s top position in 2012, Saunders will serve another four-year term. Saunders has presided over a period of unity, innovation and growth, despite unprecedented attacks on public service workers and the unions that represent them. In his first years as president, Saunders fostered a culture shift at AFSCME, returning the union to its organizing roots. With a renewed focus on organizing, AFSCME has added new members, trained thousands of new activists and strengthened the bond between members and their union. Since 2013, nearly 340,000 fee-payers and nonmembers have signed up with AFSCME.

Hillary Will Protect Health Care — That’s Why I Give to PEOPLE

Suzanne Delaney and Hillary Clinton go way back. In 1994, Delaney was one of the nurses who rode on AFSCME’s Health Security Express, a bus tour that traveled from Portland, OR, to the White House in support of health care reform for all. Delaney, a Convention delegate and PEOPLE MVP, is a member of United Nurses Associations of California/Union of Health Care Professionals (UNAC/UHCP). She was there when First Lady Hillary Clinton gave the speech to launch the tour. Along the way, “we collected thousands and thousands of petitions” for the health care reform effort. While it became reality only years later, under President Obama, it was Hillary Clinton’s efforts that helped make it possible. “I have been a Hillary fan since then because of health care,” Delaney said. “I know Hillary will protect that.” “Her health background is one of my biggest reasons that she absolutely has to be the next President,” she said. “We can’t have a wild card in the White House. Lives are on the line.”



▲ Suzanne Delaney (CA, UNAC/UHCP)

Photo by: Luis Gomez



Photo by: Luis Gomez

It’s Almost PEOPLE T-shirt Day!

Stop by the PEOPLE booth and pick up a limited edition Never Quit T-shirt, only available here at the 42nd International Convention. Wear it Thursday and we’ll all show our Never Quit spirit!

Shuttle Service Schedule

Shuttles will pick up and drop off at the Blue Lot Door #9 from 6 – 10 a.m., with limited service from the Convention Center from 2 – 5 p.m. Rally buses will leave from North Hall C1, and will return to Convention Center to pick up all attending the rally. After the rally, buses will return to all hotels.

Secretary-Treasurer and IVP Nominations

Convention delegates on Tuesday nominated candidates for International secretary-treasurer and International vice presidents. Convention delegates nominated, in alphabetical order, John Frazier, Local 1488 (Washington Council 28) and current Sec.-Treas. Laura Reyes, Local 3930 (California, United Domestic Workers). The elections will occur Thursday 7 – 10 a.m. in Central Hall C2 of the Las Vegas Convention Center. If a run-off is required for any election, it will be conducted on Friday, July 22, from 7 – 9:30 a.m. in Central Hall C2. Shuttle service on Thursday will begin at 6 a.m. for elections. If there is a runoff election, shuttles to the Las Vegas Convention Center will begin at 6 a.m. on Friday.



Let's Dump Trump

Donald Trump claims he’s pro-union and pro-working families. Then why won’t he come to the bargaining table with the workers of Trump International Hotel? At the end of today’s session, we’re marching to support our sisters and brothers of Culinary Workers Union Local 226 and Bartenders Local 165 who voted to unionize and have been certified by the NLRB. T-shirts will be available, starting at 7 a.m., at the registration area for those attending the rally. Water, Powerade and sunscreen will be provided. Buses will depart from the C1 exit when the general session ends. There’s an approximate 11-minute walk from the buses to the rally site, so be sure to dress wisely for sun and heat. Temperatures are expected to reach 109 degrees. Wear a hat with a brim and cool, breathable fabrics like linen and cotton. Stop at the Wellness Booth for more health tips. All buses will return to all hotels at the end of the rally so get on any bus. Be well! Stay strong!

Contributions or gifts to AFSCME PEOPLE are not deductible for federal income tax purposes. All contributions to AFSCME PEOPLE are voluntary and will be used for political purposes. Contributions are not a condition of membership or employment and refusal to contribute is free of reprisal. Any contribution guideline is merely a suggestion, and you may contribute more or less than that amount and will not be favored or disadvantaged due to the amount of your contribution or decision not to contribute. In accordance with federal law, AFSCME PEOPLE accepts contributions only from AFSCME members, executive and administrative personnel, and their families. Contributions from other persons will be returned.