



Local 22 Board members in opposition to endorsement ask members to rescind

To the Members of Local #22,

We members of the Local #22 Executive Board are in stark opposition to the current presidential endorsement or any presidential endorsement. We have made this decision for the following reasons:

1. The lack of proper discussion among the Board and the membership concerning our endorsement lacks transparency and exposes questionable motives and parliamentary procedure irregularities.
2. The negative effects of this endorsement; both internally amongst our members, and externally with our friends, and allies in the community, will have an impact on our effectiveness to advance the needs of our membership
3. Our past practice is to not endorse presidential candidates.

We, as elected union officials, have a sworn responsibility to do what is best for our membership while abiding by the Local 22 Constitution & By-Laws, our members, have established over the past 100 years of our existence. This endorsement has seriously damaged the faith and breached the trust of our membership. We wholeheartedly believe that any decision made by the Executive Board of Local 22 must consider its effect on our members and the Local Union as a whole. It is abundantly clear that this endorsement does neither. We cannot and will not condone any endorsement that marginalizes or disenfranchises any of our members, be they in the minority or the majority.

A secret ballot is being sent out to all members, seeking a referendum on this question at a cost of \$14,000. If this endorsement is not withdrawn prior to receiving this vote, we implore all members to vote "Yes to rescind".

In Brotherhood,

Thomas McKiernan, Vice President
Charles F. McQuilkin, Vice President
Walter Faber, Trustee
Thomas Kane, Trustee
Edward Mulholland, Sgt. At Arms