

## Rapid Response Team Call Notes 8.16.2017

**Attendees:** Kayla Jacobs (Campaign Manager, Braxton Winston II for Charlotte City Council), Sean Stewart (UFCW), Mike Hachey (UniteHERE), Braxton Winston II (IATSE 322 & Candidate for Charlotte City Council), Ashley Hawkins (IBEW 379), Harold Black (CWA 3603), Cesar Leyva (Senior Campaign Lead, CWA), Mark Show (IATSE 322), Julio Fernandez (JRRIC), Maureen Kelly (IAMAW 1725), Luis Qunitana (Ironworkers), Aiden Graham (NC State AFL-CIO)

### Agenda

- **Introductions:** Name, Union, Why You Joined this Call
- **Braxton's City Council Campaign (Braxton & Kayla)**
  - Platform: Wants to make Charlotte a more equitable, accessible, and inclusive city
    - Equal pay for equal work, bring good paying jobs to Charlotte
    - Build safe and secure neighborhoods with workforce housing that's affordable, emphasis on opportunities for home ownership
    - Accessibility: comprehensive public transportation system, plus increased east-west connectivity
    - Digital inclusion in 2017 is a necessity, especially for young people
  - **Early Voting Starts on August 24 and runs through Sept 9; the Primary is Sept 12<sup>th</sup>**
  - Phone Bank: Tomorrow from 6pm-8pm at the Campaign Office
  - **Canvass: Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm** (all Saturdays through the Election Day)
    - **Campaign Office is @ Camp North End – 1776 Statesville Ave, Charlotte, NC**
  - **Union Fundraiser: August 24<sup>th</sup> Moo & Brew on Central Ave (\$15 donation cover)**
    - Commitments from some unions to give him donations at that time
- **Labor 2017 Updates (Ashley)**
  - **Phonebanking at the IBEW 379 Hall near the airport 5-8pm Tuesdays & Thursdays**
    - **Join us TOMORROW August 17<sup>th</sup> during the regularly scheduled CLC meeting**
  - Calling Union Members across Charlotte to push our slate of Labor-endorsed candidates
  - **IBEW 379 Local Union Hall is at 1900 Cross Beam Rd, Charlotte, NC**
- **UniteHERE Heat Safety Campaign (Mike)**
  - LSG SkyChefs – truck drivers catering the flights for American Airlines
    - In their trucks a lot of the day, sitting on the tarmac and for deliveries
    - Company has a nationwide policy of using trucks without air conditioning units, even disabling the units if a truck has one
    - Surveyed 400 workers across the US
      - Almost 70% had experienced symptoms of heat illness on the job, including fainting
      - At the Phoenix Airport a worker passed out from dehydration while driving and wrecked his vehicle
      - The union has pursued all possible channels to try to address the issue: negotiations, OSHA, and more
      - Workers are covered under the Railway Labor Act, so they don't have the right to strike; they plan to bring the issue to the public
      - Releasing the results of their survey to the press next week



## Commitments for the Next 2 Weeks

- Kayla – Will be at the Campaign Office everyday, and commits to be ready to put folks whenever they are available to volunteer for Braxton's campaign
- Mike – Will share information about Labor 2017 and Aug 22-23 Protests with UH members
- Ashley – gonna be phonebanking a lot; will share info with Cindy from APWU who couldn't make this call; gonna keep recruiting other IBEW locals to join this Team and spread the word re: August 24<sup>th</sup> Fundraiser
- Julio – Will be focusing on outreach for 8/22-8/23 & upcoming meetings with City Council
- Luis – Is going to take back to his leadership the exciting news that this monster, the Labor Movement in Charlotte, is being awakened in Charlotte; glad to see AFL-CIO supporting all these activities
- Maureen – Will be there on Saturday to volunteer for Braxton's campaign and will try to recruit others; will write a letter in solidarity for the LSG SkyChefs workers from IAMAW 1725
- Aiden – Will reach out to AB/Cesar with CWA; get solidarity letter for UniteHERE campaign from AFL-CIO and CLC; meet with JRRIC folks and City Council tomorrow