

J. Matthew Catron

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To Darlene Booker-Jones, Chair of the AFSCME Local 696 Election Committee,

My name is J. Matthew Catron. Co-signing this protest with me is Executive Board candidate Evelyn Flint. I am writing you today to protest the clumsy, negligent misconduct on the part of the AFSCME Local 696 Election Committee chaired by yourself.

On the ballot for the 2023 AFSCME Local 696 election, three Trustee candidates were listed. The AFSCME Local 696 Constitution provides for three Trustees.

Page 145 of the AFSCME International Constitution 2022, Appendix D Section 2-F clearly states:

F. In any case where there is only one nominee for office, such nominee shall be declared elected.

As such, all three Trustee candidates are, as of February 22nd, 2023, considered elected to a three-year term.

Additionally, page 12 of the AFSCME Election Manual states:

Do not list on the ballot any office for which there is only one candidate. That candidate has already been declared elected and placing that office on the ballot can only lead to confusion.

No Trustee candidates should have been listed on the 2023 AFSCME Local 696 ballot. Candidates for office received multiple inquiries as to the nature of the Trustee election, and it became immediately obvious that their listing did indeed lead to confusion of the membership.

Attached is a printout of a scan of the relevant ballot for your review.

Thank you for your haste in resolving this matter. A copy of this letter has also been sent to the AFSCME Judicial Panel.

In solidarity,

J. Matthew Catron

Evelyn Flint

Official Ballot

AFSCME LOCAL 696

Please review Voting Instructions before voting

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD	TO VOTE FOR SLATE MARK X IN BOX BELOW <input type="checkbox"/> SBU	TO VOTE FOR SLATE MARK X IN BOX BELOW <input type="checkbox"/> RABBLE ROUSERS
<u>PRESIDENT</u> Vote for ONE (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> ANTHONY DINKINS	<input type="checkbox"/> SHARON THORPE
<u>BUSINESS AGENT</u> Vote for ONE (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> MARK WEAVER	<input type="checkbox"/> J. MATTHEW CATRON
<u>VICE PRESIDENT</u> Vote for ONE (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> NATHANIEL BROWN	<input type="checkbox"/> DEANNA JONES
<u>TREASURER</u> Vote for ONE (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> FATINA EL	<input type="checkbox"/> VANYELL STITH
<u>SECRETARY</u> Vote for ONE (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> TORI RODGERS	<input type="checkbox"/> AMIRAH SHEPARD
<u>EXECUTIVE BOARD</u> Vote for up to SEVEN (7)	<input type="checkbox"/> AUDREY THOMAS <input type="checkbox"/> YVONNE LOTT <input type="checkbox"/> MARY KACHLINE <input type="checkbox"/> AURELLIA HARRELL <input type="checkbox"/> VICTOR COLLINS <input type="checkbox"/> JEROME BRISBON <input type="checkbox"/> HOLLIS CREVELLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EVELYN FLINT <input type="checkbox"/> TUNISHA WOODLAND <input type="checkbox"/> CHARLES PAYNE, III <input type="checkbox"/> TEVAN JACKSON
<u>TRUSTEES</u> Vote for THREE (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> JOYCIA DAVIS <input type="checkbox"/> DANIELLE HENDERSON <input type="checkbox"/> DENISE ARMSTRONG	
<u>SERGEANT-AT-ARMS</u> Vote for TWO (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> MARLON BARCLAY <input type="checkbox"/> KEITH BILLIE	<input type="checkbox"/> SHANNON BALLOU <input type="checkbox"/> KAZENSKI HALL

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