

Dear Labor Advocate,

Thank you. What the Rabble Rousers are trying to accomplish here is unprecedented. Local 696 has been under the same leadership team for over 40 years. Leadership of our Local has been passed down like a monarchy. No election has ever been overturned before. There has never been any accountability for any representative.

That can change now, because of you.

We are here to support the membership. Because that is our goal, we cannot succeed without the support *of* the membership.

You are here because you believe in the power of organized labor. Because you believe in justice, accountability, and freedom. With your courageous support, we will bring democracy to you.

Local 696 belongs to you. It does not belong to any leader, boss, or officer. **You** will guide us into the future.

I am heartened to see such enthusiasm and activity. In my 8 years with Local 696, I have never seen such energy and passion. We have been stagnant and apathetic for too long. In 2023, workers will rise up and claim what is theirs.

I speak on behalf of all Rabble Rousers when I say that we are forever indebted to you for your engagement. You are why we fight.

In solidarity,

J. Matthew Catron
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