

Subject: An Opportunity
From: "J. Matthew Catron" <matt@696rabblers.com>
Sent: 12/19/2024 2:21:19 PM
To: "Anthony Dinkins" <adba696@gmail.com>

Dear President Dinkins,

I learned this week that Business Agent Weaver resigned from his position this month. I am not privy to the details of his departure, but I do know that his loss is a setback. I'm sorry you're in the position of choosing his replacement, but I believe it presents Local 696 with a unique opportunity.

With the contract resolved and the strike averted (for a few months, anyway), I would like to take this time to draw your attention back to the email I sent you back in March, where I stated that I want to heal the divide in Local 696.

Let's put our personal differences aside. You know how effective I am in organizing, and you know how effective I am at arguing cases before AFSCME. You know how deeply I understand AFSCME governance. I've been independently training to become the Business Agent of this Local for four years now. I am ready to serve.

You are authorized to nominate any member of the Local to fill the vacancy before the Executive Board, per Article VI Section 8 of the Local Constitution. If you would submit my name, you'd be forever seen as the President who brought a divided Local together. I am fully prepared to speak with the Executive Board and do my best to earn their support.

When Sharon and I created the Rabble Rousers, what we wanted to see was change. I would argue that we've seen significant improvements coming out of your office in 2024: Members have reported to me that stewards and the 696 phone line have been more responsive than ever, and I think you deserve to be praised for making this administration work better.

I know you'll have many concerns. I have some, too. But this could be an incredible partnership, if you let it.

Let's talk soon.

-J. Matthew Catron

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To: "Anthony Dinkins" <adba696@gmail.com>

Good morning, President Dinkins.

I hope you had a restful and relaxing holiday- as much as is possible given how busy everything's been, anyway.

I hope we can speak about the vacancy in the Business Agent office soon, and discuss forging a mutually beneficial partnership for us and for the Local.

-J. Matthew Catron

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