



# MEMBER NEWSLETTER

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## Message from AFSCME Council 3 President Patrick Moran

As we enter the fall season, I'm happy to say that we're back with our monthly member newsletter. We have a lot to look forward to in these next couple of months – from electing new leadership at the state level (and a new boss!) to bargaining our first master contract for the entire University System of Maryland to fighting for the wage increases we all deserve as state employees and more.

We hope you find this updated newsletter format helpful. It's time to join together and get to work as we organize for the workplaces we all deserve!



*Pictured: AFSCME Council 3 President Patrick Moran speaks at the UMCP action.*

## Fighting for a Fair Contract for University System of Maryland Workers

On Friday, September 16, AFSCME Council 3 members who work for the University System of Maryland (USM) rallied together at the University of Maryland College Park to demand a fair contract. For the first time, USM employees will be able to bargain together for a single consolidated contract.

Members from various campuses spoke at the rally and shared their own experiences working on their different campuses before heading into the Board of Regents meeting happening that day on campus.

AFSCME Local 1072 member Dionne Williams spoke during the public comment period and invited every Board of Regent member to personally attend an upcoming bargaining session, but not a single regent agreed.

It's up to us to continue to hold the Board of Regents accountable. We'll be doing another action on Saturday, October 8 at the University of Maryland College Park, so stay tuned for more information.



*Pictured: AFSCME Local 1072 leader Saul Walker speaks to the crowd at the UMCP action.*



*Pictured: AFSCME members chant together at the UMCP action.*

## Upcoming Events

Maryland/DC AFL-CIO 33rd Biennial Convention  
Thursday, October 13 - Saturday, October 15  
Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel

AFSCME Council 3's 5th Biennial Convention  
Monday, October 17 - Tuesday, October 18  
Silver Spring, Maryland



*Pictured: AFSCME members pose together at the Labor Meet & Greet with Wes Moore event.*

## It's Election Season!

We're just over a month away from Election Day, and this year, we have an opportunity we can't miss – the chance to elect a new governor and bring in a new administration that will listen to and support working people across Maryland. **AFSCME Council 3 is supporting Wes Moore for Governor, Brooke Lierman for State Comptroller, and Anthony Brown for Attorney General.**

Each week, from now until Election Day (Tuesday, November 8), there are opportunities to talk to your fellow union members and let them know why it's important they vote this year. Join a phonebanking or canvassing opportunity!

## Help us get out the vote!

Phonebanking with DC/MD AFL-CIO  
Tuesdays & Thursdays through  
Election Day (Tuesday, Nov. 8)  
*Virtual via Zoom*

**Sign up: [bit.ly/LaborPhones](https://bit.ly/LaborPhones)**

Door Knocking with DC/MD AFL-CIO  
Saturdays through Election Day  
(Tuesday, Nov. 8)  
*Multiple starting locations*

**Sign up: [bit.ly/LaborDoors](https://bit.ly/LaborDoors)**



*Pictured: AFSCME members pose together with State Comptroller candidate Brooke Lierman (center) at the Labor Meet & Greet with Wes Moore event.*

## Member Spotlight: Tammie Booze

Before she started at the Motor Vehicle Administration more than a decade ago, AFSCME Local 3655 member Tammie Booze was a member of the United Steelworkers, where she first learned about the importance of being a part of a strong union.

For these past few weeks, Tammie has spent many hours talking to her fellow union and community members, knocking on hundreds of doors and making hundreds of phone calls to let everyone know how important voting in this upcoming November election is.

"I wanted to do this political work right now because we get to look towards the future. I have a granddaughter that I want to have a better world and opportunities in life... I reflect back on when people of color and women had no choice in the matter, no opportunity to vote. Now that we have this opportunity, everyone should cast their vote and let their voice be heard," says Tammie.



*Pictured: Tammie (right) standing next to Democratic candidate for Governor Wes Moore.*