



GAS WORKERS UNION LOCAL G-555

UTILITY WORKERS UNION of AMERICA, AFL-CIO



ELECTION COMMITTEE

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NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS

January 14, 2020

To: All Local G-555 Members
Re: Notice of Nominations

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Please be advised of the following:

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for District Representatives will be made at the regular February 2020 meeting in your District (see enclosed schedule at Page 5). All District Representatives elected will have a term of one (1) year to coincide with the amendments to Article IV, Section 1 of the Gas Workers Union Local G-555 By-Laws, as amended on June 24, 2019 (the "By-Laws") aligning the terms of all Representatives for the 2021 District Representatives and District Board elections. The District Representatives elected shall be members of the Executive Committee.

District representation and qualifications per Articles IV and X of the By-Laws are explained on Page 3 of this Notice.

The District Representative positions for which nominations are to be made are listed on Page 4 of this Notice.

THE DATES, LOCATIONS AND TIMES OF THE DISTRICT MEETING AT WHICH NOMINATIONS WILL BE HELD ARE LISTED ON PAGE 5 OF THIS NOTICE. Nominations will be conducted in the same manner as in past elections.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

Per Article X, Section 3 of the By-Laws, candidates for District Representative must be members in good standing for at least two (2) years prior to nomination for office.





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RIGHTS OF MEMBERS DURING THE NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCESS

Any qualified member seeking to be nominated and/or elected to an officer position has the right to:

- (i) have Local G-555 mail campaign literature to the entire membership (or some portion thereof if practicable) at his or her own expense provided the request is reasonable; and
- (ii) once within the thirty (30) day period prior to the election inspect a list containing the names and last known addresses of all members of Local G-555.

In addition, candidates have the right to have an observer (a) at the polls and (b) at the counting of the ballots. Only Union members may serve as observers. Candidates may serve as their own observer. If a candidate plans on having an observer present at the polls and/or during the counting of the ballots, the candidate must notify the Election Committee in writing of this fact and further notify the Election Committee whether the candidate will serve as his or her own observer or identify who will serve as the candidate's observer. The deadlines for providing such notifications will be set forth in the Election Notice.

In addition to the above-described election rights, federal law prohibits the use of Union and/or employer funds (including facilities, equipment, supplies, and campaigning on time paid for by the Union or employer) to support any person's candidacy in this election. The prohibition includes but is not limited to funds or resources of Local G-555 and funds or resources of employers which employ Local G-555 members.

Also, no candidate, including a prospective candidate, or supporter of any candidate or prospective candidate may solicit or accept financial support or any other direct or indirect support of any kind (except an individual's own volunteered personal time) from a non-member of the Utility Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO per Article IV, Section 6 of the Local G-555 By-Laws.

It is the Local G-555 Election Committee's intent to conduct fair, democratic elections and to adhere to all guidelines for conducting union elections as provided by the U.S. Dept. of Labor and our Local Union By-Laws. Please take the time to exercise your right as a Union member and participate in the election process.

Fraternally,

The Local G-555 Election Committee

Paul Talboo, Chairman

Ron Allega

Tamara Davis



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ARTICLE IV Executive Committee

Section 1. The Local Union shall be divided into Districts, in order to provide geographical representation for the members. Each District shall be entitled to a District Representative for each sixty (60) members or fraction thereof, located therein, as determined by the payroll deduction for January of each year. However, a minimum number of District Representatives in each District shall be maintained as follows: Akron-6 (consisting of 2 at Eastwood, 2 at Springside, 2 at Wilbeth), Ashtabula-1, Canton-2, Cleveland-8 (consisting of 2 at E. 55th, 2 at Eastern, 2 at Northeast, 2 at Western), Lima-2, New Philadelphia/Marietta-2, N. Canton-1, Youngstown-2.

The District Representatives shall be members of the Local Union Executive Committee.

All District Representative elections scheduled for 2020 will be for a one (1) year term. Beginning with the 2021 elections, the term for all District Representatives will be three (3) years.

ARTICLE X, Nominations, Elections and Voting

Section 1. Any member is eligible for office unless excluded by these By-Laws, the National Constitution, or by Federal laws.

Section 2. All nominations for Officers of this Local Union shall be made in open meetings. Voting shall be conducted by secret ballot either by mail or in person voting as determined by the Executive Board. When voting is conducted in-person, the Executive President shall appoint no less than two (2) members to receive and count the ballots at each voting location. The Election Committee shall count the ballots when voting is conducted by mail. There shall be no write in candidates or voting by proxy.

Section 3. Candidates for any office in this Local Union must have been a member in good standing for at least two (2) years prior to nomination for election. However, if a District of this Local Union has not been in existence the time herein required, a candidate must be in continuous good standing for at least one-half of the period of time since the District has been established by the Local Union.

Section 6. The District Representative(s) shall be nominated and elected from the membership of their respective Districts, except for those positions in the Cleveland, Akron Districts named in Article IV, Section 1 of these By-Laws which shall be nominated and elected from the membership of their respective Local Shops.

Nominations for District Representatives are to be made at the regular February meeting of each District in the year offices are to be filled. In accordance with the Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, as amended, notification of nominations and pending elections shall be posted and mailed to each member's last known home address at least fifteen (15) calendar days prior to said meeting and/or election. District Representatives shall be elected in March, on a date which shall be no less than twenty-five (25) calendar days after nominations have been taken. Voting shall be conducted by secret ballot either by mail or in-person as determined by the Executive Board.



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DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE POSITIONS FOR WHICH NOMINATIONS ARE TO BE HELD

The following District Representative positions which are currently held (to the extent applicable) by the individuals listed below are up for election.

AKRON DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES (3)

Michael North	Springside	1 Year Term
J. J. Popio	Wilbeth	1 Year Term
Kristi Grossholz	Eastwood	1 Year Term

ASHTABULA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES (1)

Nate Nelson	Ashtabula Dist.	1 Year Term
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CANTON DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES (1)

Steve Sombati	Canton Dist.	1 Year Term
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CLEVELAND DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES (4)

Maura Burkett	East 55 th	1 Year Term
Jim DeNigris	Eastern	1 Year Term
Eric Schiavoni	Northeast	1 Year Term
Scott Demko	Western	1 Year Term

NEW PHILADELPHIA - MARIETTA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES (1)

Andy Newsome	Dover/NP-Marietta	1 Year Term
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YOUNGSTOWN DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES (1)

Randy Ruiz	Youngstown Dist.	1 Year Term
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DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS OF ALL DISTRICT MEETINGS WHERE NOMINATIONS WILL BE HELD

Nominations for District Representatives will be taken for the Districts with their respective dates, times and locations as listed below.

AKRON

Meeting held on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 6:00 PM
USW Local 2 (Rubber Workers) Hall, 501 Kelly Ave., Akron, Ohio

ASHTABULA

Meeting held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 4:15 PM
Clay Street Grill, 2092 State Route 45, Austinburg, Ohio 44010

CANTON

Meeting held on Tuesday, February 25th, 2020 at 7:00 PM
Michael D's, 1411 Whipple Ave. NW, Canton, Ohio

CLEVELAND

Meeting held on Thursday, February 20th, 2020 at 7:00 PM
Laborers Local 310 (front building) 3250 Euclid Ave. Cleveland, OH 44115

NEW PHILADELPHIA – MARIETTA

Meeting held on Thursday, February 13th, 2020 at 7:00 PM
Cambridge Eagles, 1930 E. Wheeling Ave., Cambridge, OH 43725

YOUNGSTOWN

Meeting held on Wednesday, February 19th, 2020 at 4:30 PM
Amen Corner, 20 W. Main St. SE, Girard, Ohio

**No nominations will be held in the Lima or North Canton Districts as there are no current vacancies.*