

Standing in Solidarity! Vote for Ray Curry for President, Chuck Browning for Vice President and Lauren Farrell for Region 9 Director

Greetings!

I am proud to stand with all of our active and retired members in the run-off election who are supporting our President, Ray Curry; our Vice President Chuck Browning; and, in Region 9, our candidate for Director, Lauren Farrell. They are all qualified, they know the issues and they are presently doing the work of our union for all of us. It is my honor to support them as we move our UAW forward in confronting the problems of today and the issues of the future.

Being President of the UAW is a major job and it requires knowledge, skill, experience, credibility, dedication and hard work. It also requires developing relationships with our Local Union leadership, membership and Retirees. It means determination at the bargaining table and if need be, on the picket line. It demands working with all of organized labor in the U.S. and around the world for the betterment of our active and retired members. And, it's about having relationships inside the White House and Congress, as well as the State Houses. In the year and a half that President Curry has held the position of President he has achieved all of this and more.

As Secretary-Treasurer, Ray Curry worked with then-President Rory Gamble, and they stopped corruption dead in its tracks. As President, Ray Curry continued to build on that foundation to ensure corruption would never rear its ugly head in our union again. You may hear rhetoric to the contrary but that is simply political hyperbole and not grounded in facts.

President Curry's job is leading our union right now. He is putting the needs of UAW membership first as he fights daily to settle strikes, negotiate contracts, organize workers and strategically plan to secure jobs for the future. He is fighting to protect Social Security and Medicare and to make sure the interests of UAW members are at the table whether he is talking to the US President or a state governor. Unlike other candidates who have a desk job where they aren't missed if they are away, President Curry has the daily responsibility to lead our union. I respect that he continues to lead our union and that he campaigns on his time off. He is giving outstanding leadership in all sectors of our UAW and he is doing a great job.

When you cast your ballot, remember that the Special Convention on Collective Bargaining will occur in March which will set the bargaining agenda for our union for the next four years. President Curry has done the preparation work for the Convention and he is ready to take the podium and chair the debate on the resolutions. And, he's ready and prepared for upcoming negotiations.

I would ask you to join me in voting for Ray Curry for President and Chuck Browning for Vice President. To our membership in Region 9, please vote for Lauren Farrell for Director.

It's our UAW. It's our VOTE. Thank you for your consideration!

Fraternally and sincerely,

Ron Gettelfinger
President Emeritus
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