A Better Philadelphia for ALL in 2024!

We are working to build a coalition of workers for tomorrow. It's time that we bring back the middle class and bring dignity and respect back to the American workforce. It's time for equity, equality, and justice in our lives, in our families, and in our communities. We are done with trickle-down economics and with wealthy CEO employment packages. Our fight is your fight. To stand together, we must understand the needs of all workers, union and non-union, in our communities. But we can't do that without the tools of tomorrow.

At AFSCME District Council 47 we have been modernizing and bringing systems online to usher us into the future of organized labor. Now with the regular collection of worker data, we can run live system dashboards and databases. Worker and supporter database integration allows us to reach you at home, work, or while you are out living your life. Keeping a finger on the pulse of issues that affect workers and working families is easier than ever before. Calling for community action, when necessary, with the click of a button.

Whether it's with door knocking, phone calls, e-mails & texts, or holding rallies or strikes, our objective is to connect workers in Philadelphia with workers around the world. Collective power is undeniable. Workers give power to unions and make them strong voices for justice not only at work, but in everyday life. Growing our connection with the worker community, online & offline, has been a main focus of ours. We are now working together with more political, union, and community leaders than ever before, with a common goal of a better Philadelphia for all. Improving the lives of workers is our top priority and we can do that better by building stronger relationships with community partners and showing up when needed.

We are modernizing and streamlining our union operations. It is now easy for folks to join our union family electronically, with QR codes and texting, which reduces waste and saves trees. Standardizing our computer systems in the cloud allows us to collaborate together with our community partners outside of the traditional 9-to-5 office hours. Our large in-office meeting spaces have been transformed into hybrid smart-rooms, that allow union Locals and community partners to run meetings in these post-COVID times.

We remain growth focused and continue to organize workers, bringing the most workers into the Philadelphia AFSCME family in recent history... joining with workers at: Temple University, the Philadelphia Zoo, the University of Pennsylvania, the City of Philadelphia, the First Judicial District courts, numerous Philadelphia non-profits, and more. We introduced cultural workers to dignity and respect at work by starting unions at: Philadelphia Museum of Art, Penn Museum, and Philadelphia's Please Touch Museum. Holding a successful 19-day strike at the Philadelphia Museum of Art caught international attention... sparking a worldwide unionization push to bring equity and workplace protections to cultural workers. No longer is a career in the arts one of personal sacrifice for the greater good of the public.

In 2024 we look forward to the continued growth of our union family to better protect the lives of workers and their communities. Follow us, like us, and share our online content. Let's keep in touch and keep the labor movement moving forward.