



Protocol for Union Endorsements of Bernie Sanders for President

Labor for Bernie
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We Need Bernie-- and Bernie Needs Us

Bernie Sanders would be the most pro-worker president in US history. His platform leaves behind tinkering around the edges and unequivocally puts workers and unions at the center of how we fix a broken economy and political system. His campaign is a huge opportunity for the labor movement to move politics in our direction. Just as he stands for us, we need to stand for him, individually as union members and collectively as unions, by endorsing his candidacy and working to help him win the primary and general elections.

We Ask Union Leaders to Support Labor for Bernie

We've created the organization Labor for Bernie to do that. Therefore, we ask each union that endorses Bernie Sanders for President to:

1. Contact all of their members to let them know why they have endorsed Bernie, explaining why he is the best candidate for president for their union, their profession, and for the entire labor movement and working class. This should take the form of at least a mailer, but could also include in-person political education meetings, member-to-member phone-banking and canvassing, and other activities.
2. Donate institutionally to support Labor for Bernie in its ongoing efforts to build the independent campaign for Bernie in the labor movement.
Suggested donation: for local unions, \$500-\$1000; for national unions with fewer than 100,000 members, \$5,000; for unions with 100,000-1,000,000, \$20,000; for larger unions, \$40,000.
3. Encourage individual members to also donate to Labor for Bernie when they are contacting them about the Bernie endorsement.

This support will allow Labor for Bernie to continue to organize and win other union endorsements and to win the election.

We Invite Union Leaders to the Labor for Bernie National Board

We invite the presidents of unions that do endorse Bernie Sanders, inform their members that they have, and donate institutionally to Labor for Bernie to:

1. Have a seat on the National Board of Labor for Bernie, either for themselves or their designates, and help to set the direction and strategy of Labor for Bernie; and
2. Be listed on Labor for Bernie letterhead, materials, and website as National Board Members.