

## Day on the Hill Registration is Open

AFSCME Council 5's annual Day on the Hill is our biggest and most powerful event of the year.

**Day on the Hill 2019 will take place on Tuesday, March 26.**

We'll begin the day by gathering at the St. Paul RiverCentre in the morning to brush up on our lobbying skills and hear from some of Minnesota's top elected officials. Then we'll have lunch and head over to the State Capitol for a solidarity rally in the rotunda. After that, we'll split into groups and talk to our legislators about the issues and policies that matter most to working Minnesotans like us.

### REGISTRATION DETAILS

Registration for DOTH 2019 is open through **Thursday, March 21**. To register online, simply visit our website and click on the big green "Day on the Hill" button. You can also download a printable PDF form to register by mail. Just click on the "Day on the Hill 2019" tab at the top of the page.

A \$20 per person payment to AFSCME Council 5 is required. Please make checks, money orders or cashier's checks payable to: **AFSCME COUNCIL 5**.

### IMPORTANT NOTE:

Your local can use treasury dollars for any aspect of AFSCME Day on the Hill. "Local Pay" is preferred. If your local is covering the registration for your attendees, please let us know you are "Local Pay." Your local will only be billed for those who attend. If you do not want to be invoiced after the event, please send check, money order or cashier's check only, along with the registration form. Please do not send cash by mail. We can NOT accept Credit Card payments.

Make sure to attend your local union meetings so you don't miss any DOTH details as we get closer to the big day.

## ACTION ALERT

Vote for Stu Lourey for State Senate in District 11 on February 5!

**Polls are open until 8:00 p.m. Just go to [www.mnvotes.org](http://www.mnvotes.org) to find out where you vote.**

Stu has earned our support with a clear commitment to fighting for things like quality public schools in every community, accessible and affordable health care, fair and safe workplaces and economic security for working families and retirees.

Republicans currently have a one-seat majority in the Minnesota Senate, so it's extremely important that we elect Stu, a strong AFSCME champion, to represent us in the district.

It's crucial for AFSCME members to get to the polls so we can WIN for working Minnesotans on **Tuesday, February 5!**



AFSCME Retirees Judy Atkins and Gloria Alt, both active members of AFSCME Retirees United, rally in the Capitol rotunda with fellow AFSCME members holding "It's About Freedom" placards at Day on the Hill 2018.

## Local Ratifies Contract

Local 495, City of Columbia Heights, ratified a three-year contract that includes increased employer contributions towards insurance premiums and health savings accounts through 2021, plus wage increases totaling 3 percent for each year of the contract. The local also successfully incorporated the addition of a new floating holiday that can be used on either Good Friday or EID Al-Fidha.

## Council 5 Holds Annual Presidents Meeting

On January 19, AFSCME Council 5 local union presidents, vice presidents and local leaders gathered in Oakdale to participate in the planning of our union's future. The leaders heard from Council 5 Executive Board members and learned about our new initiatives to build an even stronger and more inclusive organizational culture within our union.

Attend your next local union membership meeting to learn about the goals we're setting for the future of our union, and how you can get involved in making that vision a reality, so we can continue making progress and building power for working Minnesotans.

## Web Trainings Available for Locals

Did you know that AFSCME provides free websites for all of our local unions?

## Legislative Update

*The 2019 Minnesota legislative session is just getting started, but the action is heating up!*

**Paid Family Leave:** As members of the Minnesotans for Paid Family Leave coalition, we're excited to stand with Sen. Susan Kent and Rep. Laurie Halverson, who are authoring a bill to make sure every working Minnesotan has the ability to take time off when they're sick, unsafe, or need to care for their loved ones. At a press conference Tuesday, working Minnesotans joined the bill's authors and House Speaker Melissa Hortman in outlining the details of the bill and illustrating how its passage will improve lives and strengthen our communities across the state. We're proud to support paid family leave legislation that includes provisions for survivors of domestic violence.

**Private Prisons:** A bill to reopen the mothballed private prison in Appleton was introduced Tuesday. AFSCME has long opposed human incarceration for profit and will continue to fight back against any efforts to allow for-profit prison corporations to operate in our state. We're committed to passing legislation this year to ban private prisons in Minnesota.

Running your own website is a great way to keep local members up to date and involved, but it can be intimidating. That's why we offer one-on-one or small group trainings to help locals get their sites up and running, along with ongoing assistance with site administration.

Contact Trisha Harms at **651-287-0558** or email **Trisha.Harms@afscmemn.org** to get started.

## Get in on the Action

Action Update comes out every two weeks for locals and activists. Download a copy at **www.afscmemn.org**. Email **Trisha.Harms@afscmemn.org** with news and events you'd like shared in our next update.

### Mark Your Calendars

Event	Date	Place/details
State Negotiations Assembly	January 25, 2019	Minneapolis Marriott Delta Hotel
Senate District 11 General Election	February 5, 2019	Find your polling place at <a href="http://mnvotes.org">mnvotes.org</a>
Missing & Murdered Indigenous Peoples March	February 14, 2019	Minneapolis American Indian Center
AFSCME Corrections Lobbying Day	February 26, 2019	Minnesota State Capitol
AFSCME Day on the Hill	March 26, 2019	State Capitol, St. Paul