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TO: Council and Local Officers and Executive Board Members

FROM: Greg Devereux, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Candidate Mailings for Elections

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We have received requests for mailing lists from potential candidates for Local, Council International Union offices. The AFSCME International Constitutions spells out clearly what we can and cannot do in regard to elections. Appendix D, section 1, subsections A-C reads as follows:

***Appendix D - Elections Code (2018)***

***Section 1. General provisions.***

- A. No funds or other resources of the Federation or of any subordinate body, and no funds or resources of any employer, shall be used to support the candidacy of any member for any elective office within the Federation or any subordinate body.*
- B. No publication sponsored by or supported by the Federation or any subordinate body shall endorse or support any candidate for elective office within the Federation or any subordinate body.*
- C. Any nominee or announced candidate for elective office shall have the right once prior to the election to have mailed, through the union office but at private expense, campaign literature. In a local union election, such literature may be mailed to each member in good standing. In an International Union or council election, such literature may be mailed to each affiliated subordinate body and/or to each member in good standing.*

In accordance with the above, the candidate must prepare the literature for mailing and submit it in hardcopy to Council no less than 5 business days before desired mailing date. The candidate will clearly indicate the membership group to which they wish the literature mailed. The council will estimate the full cost of mailing the candidate literature including but not limited to materials, printing, addressing, first class postage, handling, and bindery in accordance with the current WFSE Printing and Mailing Costs. The candidate will provide payment for the estimated cost at the time of submission of literature to be mailed. Any additional cost or refund will be collected or refunded after mailing. The candidates are not entitled to mailing lists for their own uses.

If you have any questions regarding candidate mailings by WFSE, please contact the Director of Administration.

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