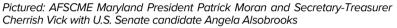


AFSCME IN ACTION

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MESSAGE FROM AFSCME MARYLAND PRES. PATRICK MORAN & SECRETARY-TREASURER CHERRISH VICK

Fighting Together & Winning Together

AFSCME family – we are deeply honored and grateful to be re-elected as your AFSCME Maryland Council 3 President and Secretary-Treasurer. From visiting worksites together to sign up new AFSCME members to sitting at bargaining tables to knocking on doors to attending local meetings and events and more, we love every opportunity we get to work together to grow our union and protect our workplace rights.

This past weekend's convention was an incredible time to reflect on everything we've accomplished and ready ourselves for the challenges that lie ahead. Since we've unified and become one strong AFSCME Maryland, we have won back over \$23 million in stolen wages, bargained our first ever system-wide contract for the University System of Maryland, and won record raises and strong contracts across the state. Now, it's up to each of us to continue winning and recommit to building our union, growing our membership, and strengthening our locals to take on anything management may throw our way.

Here's to another four years of fighting together and winning together.











Recapping Our 2024 AFSCME Maryland Biennial Convention

On Friday, October 25 and Saturday, October 26, nearly 200 AFSCME Maryland delegates gathered at the University of Maryland College Park for our first biennial convention as a unified council! We conducted important union business, elected a new Executive Board, participated in union-building workshops, and reviewed all we've accomplished in the past year. Our **newly elected Executive Board members** are:

President: Patrick Moran, Local 770

Secretary-Treasurer: Cherrish Vick, Local 112

Executive Vice Presidents:
Mildred Womble, Local 3655
Patrick Okafor, Local 1678
Anissa Pierce-Sessoms, Local 1081

Regional Vice Presidents

Dorian Johnson, Local 1427, Central Region Geron Mackall, Local 1885, Central Region Bill Chenowith, Local 3888, Central Region Debbie Michaels, Local 1459, Central Region Christine Duffy, Local 1081, Eastern Region Lori Ulrich, Local 2380, Southern Region Oluwadamilola Olaniyan, Local 1678, Southern Rgn. Marcus Wilson, Local 2898, Southern Region John Feeley, AFSCME Local 1772, Western Region Ginger Noble, AFSCME Local 354, Western Region Tony Sines, AFSCME Local 898, Western Region

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AFSCME Members in Action

- In early October, members who work within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Maryland Department of Health, Office of the Public Defender, and Department of Juvenile Services gathered for a press conference in Hagerstown to call for safe facilities and safe staffing.
- Local 434 celebrated its 60th anniversary this month!
 Congratulations on 60 years of worker power in Baltimore County
 Public Schools!
- Local 1678 held their first ever Immigrant Heritage Celebration, showcasing the diverse cultural traditions of their membership sharing food, cultural performances, and their heritage.
- On Indigenous People's Day, Local 1678 member Mae Akpabio delivered powerful words, announcing that AFSCME Maryland is ALL IN for Angela Alsobrooks! Mae reminds us of the importance of voting for candidates who will strengthen, not dismantle, our union and our collective power.
- Last week, **Local 3661** testified before members of the Maryland House and Senate about the leadership failures, understaffing, and health and safety violations that led to the tragic death of Agent Davis Martinez.
- Members of Local 1885 joined together with the Morgan State Student Government Association to call for a reinstatement of the 2nd housekeeping shift at Morgan State University and increased staffing to meet the needs of a rapidly growing campus.
- On October 9, Howard County Library Workers United showed up in a sea of green for their professional development day to demonstrate unity as they fight for their first contract

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Upcoming Events

Canvassing and Phone Banking
Now until Election Day!
Multiple locations across Maryland
afscmemd.org/VOTE

Election Day

Tuesday, November 5 Make a plan to vote at: <u>afscme.org/vote</u>

Safe Staffing, Safe Facilities Press Conference: Eastern Shore

Tuesday, November 12, 10 AM - 11 AM Unity Square - 100 Circle Ave. Salisbury, MD 21801

USM Stewards TrainingThurs., Nov. 14 - Fri., Nov. 15
Prince George's Room, Stamp

Financial Standards Training
Wednesday, November 20 (all day)
AFSCME Maryland Baltimore Office

Student Union Building at UMCP

Learn more at: afscmemd.org/ afscme-3/calendar-events

Executive Board, cont'd.

Unit Vice Presidents

Rhonda Porter, Local 1170, County Anthony Smith, Local 3389, County Debra Latson, Local 112, Dept. of Human Services

Denise Johnson, Local 3167, Dept. of Juvenile Services

Rownite Stevens, Local 3478, Division of Corrections

Saul Walker, Local 1072, Higher Ed. Bryan Epps, Local 434, K-12 Jenny Reese, Local 539, MD Dept. of Health

Wynton Johnson, Local 631, MD Dept. of Transportation

Wonderful Page-McGlown, Local 3655, Motor Vehicle Administration Dorothy Bryant, Local 44, Municipal Wendy Smith, Local 558, Municipal Rayneika Robinson, Local 3661, Parole and Probation

Timothy Walker, Local 3641, Other State Units and Private Enterprises

Trustees

Jeff Fiory, Local 1072, Higher Education Pat Davis, Local 3655, Motor Vehicle Administration