



# What is AFSCME PEOPLE?

**WFSE Legislative & Political Action**



# **MISSION STATEMENT LEGISLATIVE & POLITICAL ACTION PROGRAM**

**The purpose of the Legislative & Political Action Program of the Washington Federation of State Employees/AFSCME is to promote the legislative goals of our union at the state and national level and to provide support for the legislative goals of the Washington State Labor Council and the national AFL-CIO.**



## **WHAT IS AFSCME PEOPLE?**

There is no workforce in the state of Washington that has more at stake in decisions made by the Legislature than state employees like us. The state legislature decides our wages, healthcare, pensions, job security, and working conditions.

In Olympia, special interest groups spend millions of dollars every year working with politicians to try and cut our wages and benefits, outsource public services, and take away our freedom to join together to negotiate better conditions. AFSCME PEOPLE is how we fight back. It stands for Public Employees Organized to Promote Legislative Equality. It's our union's Political Action Committee, funded entirely by union members' voluntary contributions.

## **JOIN AFSCME PEOPLE TODAY!**

As individuals we are powerless against moneyed special interests and their agenda. But when we join together through PEOPLE, we have real power that can counter their attacks on our wages and benefits and further improve the lives of public service workers and working families.

PEOPLE is the only way we will adequately fund our political action efforts to make sure special interest-backed politicians can't break us. Political action means registering voters, getting on phones, knocking on doors and building the state's most vibrant member lobbying program. It means rallying, campaigning and making sure that all working families get a fair shot. It means electing candidates who care about public services and the people who provide them. And it means holding the politicians accountable that don't.

## **HOW DO I BECOME A PEOPLE MVP?**

You can become a PEOPLE MVP by giving \$5 a paycheck (and you get a cool union PEOPLE jacket). Just sign a PEOPLE card authorizing your employer to deduct a specific amount of money as your voluntary PEOPLE contribution – money that will be invested in keeping state employee families like you strong.



## WHY PEOPLE?

Politics shapes our jobs whether we work in nursing homes or health clinics, on the highways, in airports, or in schools and colleges. Laws and policies enacted at the state and federal level affect our paychecks and how and where we work. Gains made at the bargaining table result from relationships we've forged with our political allies and AFSCME-supported elected officials.

You say politics doesn't matter? Last November, AFSCME and union-led GOTV efforts changed the balance of power in this country. In election after election, we have replaced pro-business state and federal politicians with elected officials who vote right on issues important to workers. We helped elect or re-elect worker-friendly governors in Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Wisconsin and elsewhere. We defeated public service cuts in Maine and led community coalitions that saw minimum wage increases in Arizona, Colorado, Missouri, Montana, Nevada and Ohio.

These victories, ignited by thousands of members who contribute to AFSCME PEOPLE, our union's political action committee, show what we can do when we have the right tools and enough resources.

Federal election laws restrict how we can use treasury funds, meaning we cannot rely on dues to run our important political activities. It is the voluntary contributions from members to AFSCME PEOPLE that enable us to support and elect pro-worker candidates. Let's face it: Big business is always a big spender for their candidates. Without our members' voluntary contributions, pro-worker candidates face incredible odds of getting elected.

AFSCME delegates and leaders got the connection between politics and what we win at the bargaining table when they overwhelmingly voted for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Initiative. Now called Power to Win, it is AFSCME's bold plan to boost our political power with a union-wide commitment to increase PEOPLE MVP participation to 25% over a 5 year period ending in 2011.

No other group of workers in this country is tethered to politics as we are. The stakes are high – our wages, pensions and working conditions play out in a political arena at all levels of government. Let's keep the momentum we have garnered since last November and make the commitment to PEOPLE. Sign your payroll deduction card, or make that contribution today. Contributing forty cents a day to AFSCME PEOPLE may seem like a small step but, collectively, thousands of members doing the same will help us keep those victories coming and strengthen us for the future.

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ORGANIZED TO PROMOTE LEGISLATIVE EQUALITY  
AFSCME'S FEDERAL PAC**





## PEOPLE ACTIVITIES AT CONVENTION

The PEOPLE booth will be located right across from the entrance to the Convention floor. Stop by and pick up some of the new PEOPLE merchandise that's for sale. We accept cash, checks and credit cards. Be sure to check out the silent auction throughout the convention: there is always something exciting to bid on!

**If you're already a PEOPLE member, stop by the PEOPLE booth and pick up your ribbon.** Not a PEOPLE member? No problem. Sign up at the PEOPLE booth, receive your ribbon and spin our PEOPLE prize wheel.

**All PEOPLE MVP's are invited to our MVP High Rollers Casino Night at the hotel on Saturday at 8:00 pm.** Join us for a night full of fun! When you enter the casino, you'll receive two drink tickets and a ticket worth \$30,000 in casino money. You can cash in your casino money immediately for a raffle ticket and be entered into a drawing, or you can try your luck at one of the tables and cash in your winnings for more raffle tickets! This year we're giving away some great prizes – gift certificates, an Apple smart watch and more. Casino night is always a big event at Convention, **but you have to be a PEOPLE MVP to get in on the fun!**

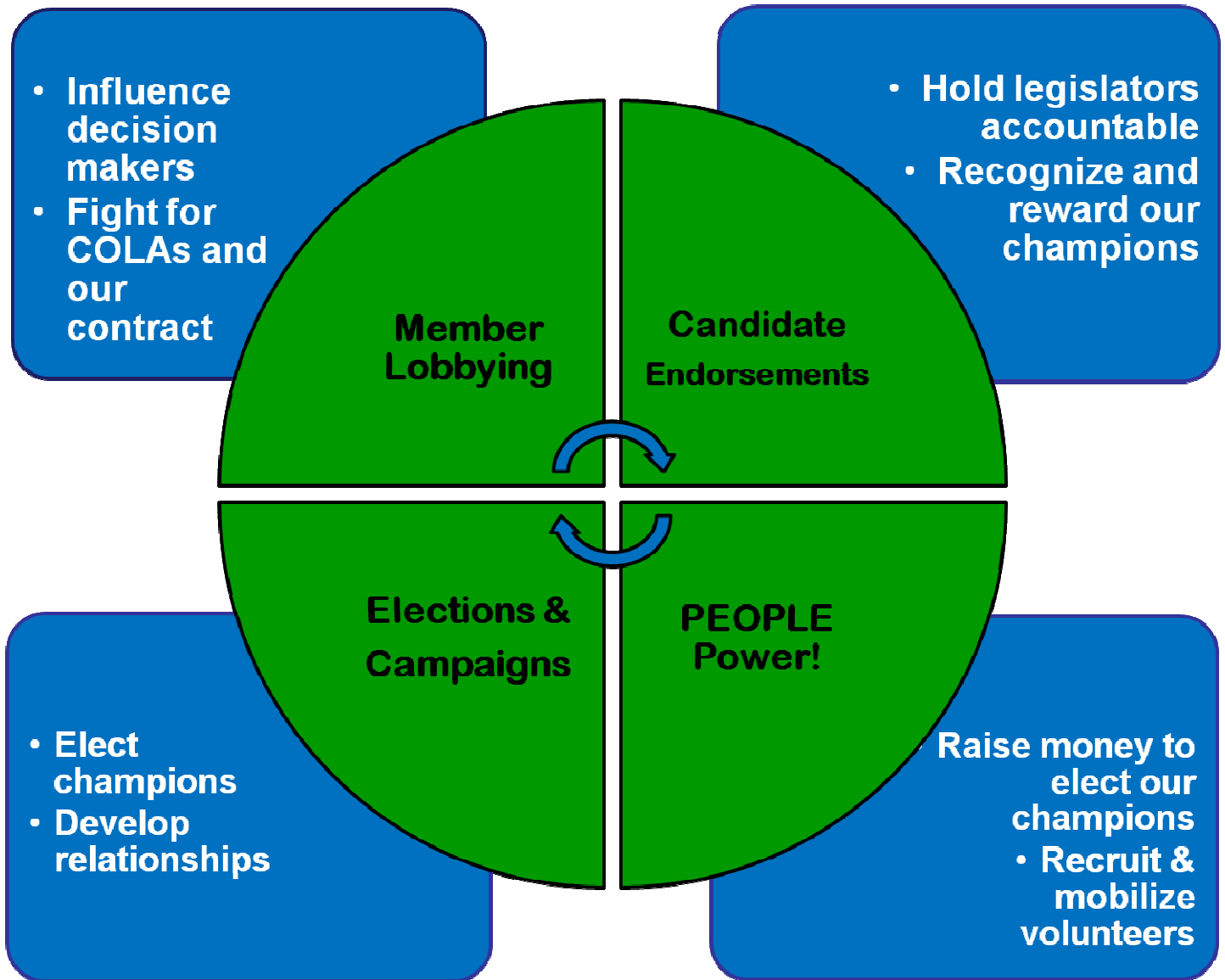
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With PEOPLE, we have built, hands-down, the best member lobby program in the state. Because of PEOPLE, we can continue to build the power we need to move legislators to fully fund our contracts and the critical services we provide for the public. Come election time, PEOPLE will help us hold unfriendly legislators accountable and help us elect *new* decision-makers who *believe in* public service and have the *conviction* to support fair pay and benefits for state employees and our families.

## BECOME A PEOPLE MVP!

For only \$5.00 a paycheck, you can become a PEOPLE MVP and earn rewards. As an MVP, for every dollar you contribute, you earn a rewards point. Over time, you can use those points to select incentives from a variety of exclusive items in an online catalogue full of union-made merchandise.



## The BIG Circle of Legislative and Political Action



# Authorization Form Voluntary Payroll Deduction

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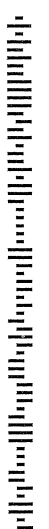
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**It means electing candidates who care about public services and the people who provide them.**



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