

Building Our Union On Day One!



Member Outreach Packet



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WHO ARE WE?

International Level

- Formed in 1932, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) is the most powerful union representing 1.6 million public and private workers.
- AFSCME International Union (IU), based in Washington, D.C., coordinates actions on national policy issues such as retirement security/pensions, outsourcing, healthcare and workplace safety.
- AFSCME has 3,400 Local Unions in 46 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.



I AM A MAN

AFSCME



The 1968
AFSCME SANITATION STRIKE
Memphis, Tennessee

Local Level

- District Council 36 (Southern California Chapter) represents over 60 autonomous locals totaling over 25,000 workers.
- Each autonomous Local Union affiliate writes its own constitution, oversees its own treasury, and elects its own officers and stewards.
- Each local has its own union representative to enforce and negotiate a contract.
- Everything is decided through a protected democratic process.

WHAT WE DO

- Collective Bargaining**
- Member Representation**
- Communications**
- Job Health and Safety Assistance**
- Leadership Training and Ongoing Education**
- Legal Counsel**
- Legislative Lobbying**
- Internal Organizing & Membership Engagement Strategies**
- Political Action**
- Public Relations/Media**
- Research**
- Education**
- Administrative support**

WHAT WE FIGHT FOR

- Collective Bargaining Rights**
- Employment Security**
- Job Classification Standards**
- Employer Health/Vision/Dental Plans**
- A Living Wage**
- Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)**
- Better Working Conditions**
- Overtime Pay**
- Paid Vacation**
- Pensions**
- Anti-Discrimination**
- Holidays Off**
- Labor Management Committees**

THE UNION DIFFERENCE

UNION JOB

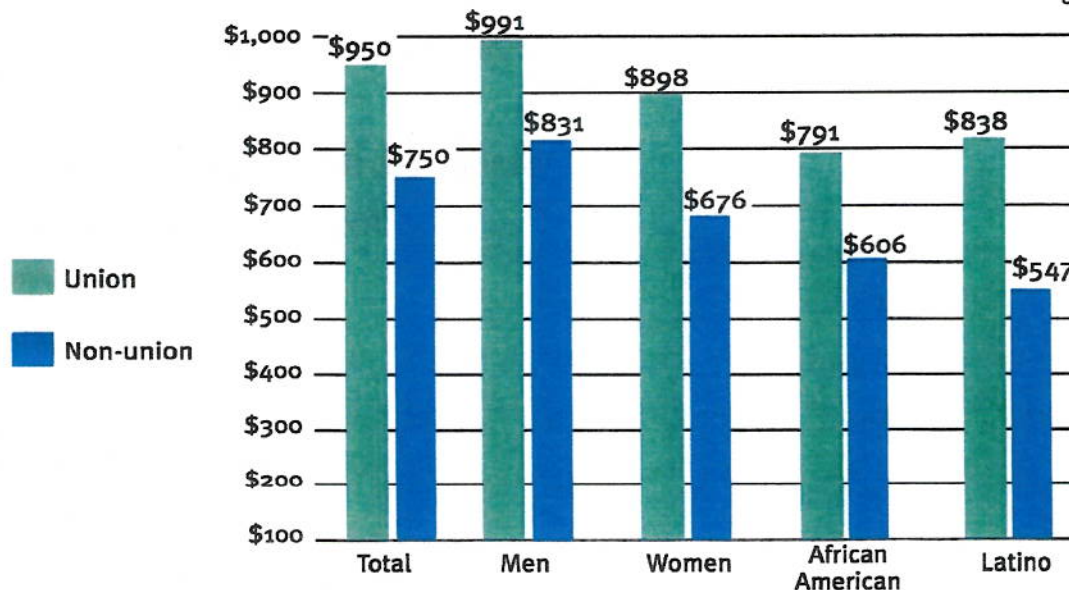
- 1** Wages, benefits and working conditions are protected by a legal contract.
- 2** A contract spells out how much each worker earns.
- 3** Unions negotiate raises for everyone. Members vote on the contract, and if they feel it's unfair, they may vote it down.
- 4** If you are unfairly disciplined, unions provide due process to protect against unscrupulous supervisors.
- 5** If you don't like something at work, you can work together with your union to change it.

NON-UNION JOB

- 1** Management can change wages, benefits and working conditions unilaterally.
- 2** No one knows how much anyone else earns. Disparate treatment/favoritism exists.
- 3** If you want a raise you must plead your case to a supervisor or manager
- 4** If you are unfairly disciplined, you are on your own (at-will employee). You are subject solely to policy.
- 5** If you don't like something at work, you are at the mercy of management.

Union Members Earn More

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, January 2014
Union Members – 2013





The Benefits of Solidarity

These benefits are available only to AFSCME members.

Auto & Home Insurance

Save on the cost of insuring your vehicle and home through the AFSCME Advantage auto and home insurance program.

Car & Truck Rentals

Save up to 25% on car rentals with Avis, Budget, Dollar, Hertz, Payless Car Rental, and Thrifty. Get discounts of 20% on truck rentals at Budget Truck.

Entertainment Discount

Save on movie tickets, theaters, dining, & at 50 theme parks. Download the mobile app to conveniently access savings through your smartphone, including local shopping & dining discounts.

Health

From dental, vision & hearing discounts to savings on prescriptions, AFSCME Advantage has you covered.

HotelStorm

Book a hotel with your AFSCME member discount & instantly save up to 55% on over 400,000 hotels worldwide.

Legal Service

Free & discounted legal assistance.

Life & Supplemental Insurance

Members can choose from a wide range of term life insurance protection with competitive group rates.

Mortgage Program

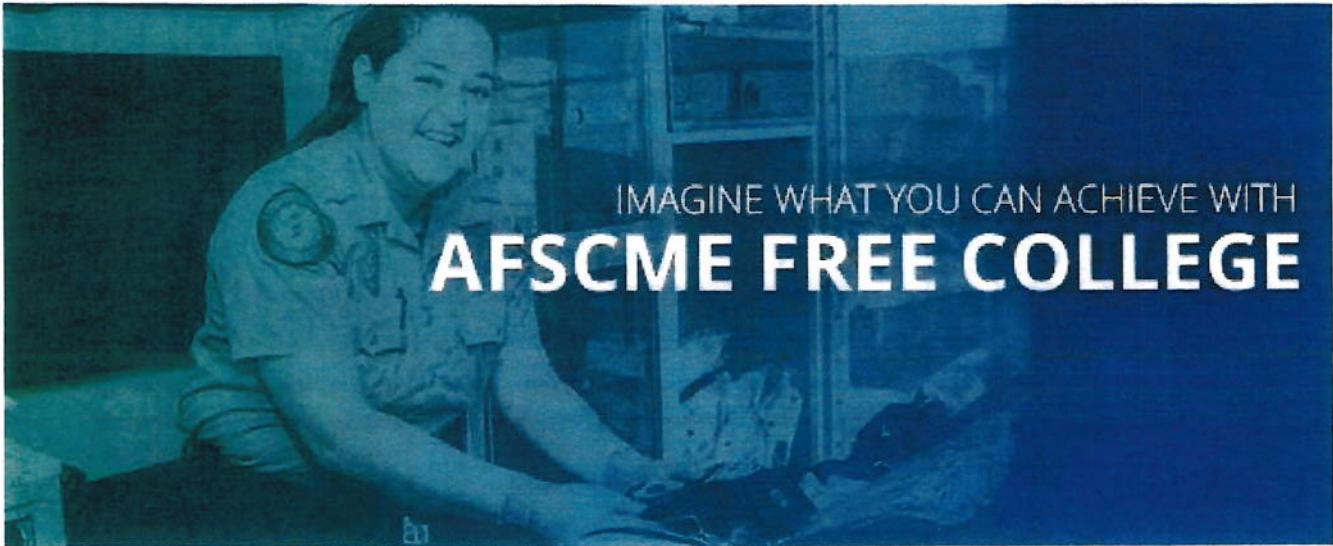
Members have access to a mortgage program that's specially designed for working families, complete with valuable protections you won't find anywhere else. Program is also available to your children & parents.

Motor Club

Union Plus Motor Club is a full-service motor club with emergency roadside assistance including towing, repairs & other assistance from thousands of service providers nationwide.

For a more complete guide to AFSCME discounts & savings visit:

www.afscme.org/members/advantage



IMAGINE WHAT YOU CAN ACHIEVE WITH
AFSCME FREE COLLEGE

AFSCME has partnered with Eastern Gateway Community College and Central State University to earn an online degree from an accredited school with no out-of-pocket expenses. A college degree can be your pathway to new opportunities, greater responsibility, and more earning power.



**EASTERN
GATEWAY
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE**

Earn an Associate's Degree in:

**Arts
Criminal Justice
Teacher Education
Accounting
Paralegal
Business Management**

OR



Earn a Bachelor's Degree in:

**Business Administration
Education**

Who is eligible?



AFSCME Members



Retired AFSCME Members



Family of AFSCME Members

Learn more at freecollege.afscme.org or call 888-590-9009

FORD & WALLACH

Your job is to get better. Our job is everything else.SM

Free legal advice to AFSCME members & their families

AFSCME members and their families are welcome to ask questions **FREE** of charge regarding work related injuries, return to work issues and coordination of benefits.

Scott Ford will be present at AFSCME District Council 36 every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month from 1:30-4:00 PM.

For more information call Ford & Wallach at (213) 380-3140 or visit www.FordWallach.com



The law firm of Ford & Wallach has a long standing relationship with the labor community and AFSCME. Ford & Wallach is the only law firm in Southern California with both attorneys and staff as union members.

AFSCME Volunteer Member Organizers

As a Volunteer Member Organizer (VMO) you can help your fellow public service workers protect their rights and build a real future for their families.



"I'm a VMO because our union is about empowering ourselves. When working people stand together, we win. What I didn't expect is how rewarding being a VMO would be"

- Robyn Frazier, AFSCME Local 3090

Why become a VMO?

Power



VMOs build our power at the bargaining table.

Skills



VMOs get training and learn skills that are valuable in everyday life.

Growth



VMOs help grow our union.

Unity



VMOs help us unite for fair pay, benefits and respect.

To find out more about becoming a VMO, contact AFSCME District Council 36 Organizing Director Ling Esangga at lesangga@afscme36.org or (213) 305-9627.

What is PEOPLE?

Public

Employees

Organized to

Promote

Legislative

Equality



Our **PEOPLE** program is dedicated to increasing AFSCME's political power by creating a fund to support pro-worker policies and holding elected officials accountable in supporting our workers.

PEOPLE is the resources we need to codify workers' rights, raise the ceiling legislatively for workers, elect candidates who fight for us and fight back against laws that hurt us working class.

PEOPLE = Your political voice.

Start contributing today!



Jacket comes with a \$4.17 contribution or more

The AFSCME Agenda

- ✓ Higher Wages
- ✓ Health Care
- ✓ Health & Safety
- ✓ Undocumented Rights
- ✓ LGBTQI Rights
- ✓ Medicare & Social Security
- ✓ Pension Security
- ✓ Privatization
- ✓ Outsourcing/Automation
- ✓ Retirement Security
- ✓ State & Local Funding
- ✓ Environmental Rights
- ✓ Wealth Redistribution
- ✓ Workers' Rights

Weingarten Rights

Know Your Rights

An employee may be represented by the union at an investigatory interview with his or her supervisor when the employee reasonably believes that the interview may lead to a disciplinary action.

When an investigatory interview occurs, the following rules apply:

Rule 1 - The employee must make a clear request for Union representation before or during the interview. The employee can't be punished for making this request.

Rule 2 - After the employee makes the request, the supervisor has 3 options. They must either:

1. Grant the request and delay the interview until the Union representative arrives and has a chance to consult privately with the employee; or
2. Deny the request and end the interview immediately; or
3. Give the employee a Choice of: 1) having the interview without representation or 2) ending the interview

Tear out the Weingarten Rights card (to the right) and carry it with you.

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Local#: _____
Phone#: _____
Email: _____

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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS