

Local Motion

March 2012

A list of Oregon and Southwest Washington workplaces deciding whether to be union-represented – as reported by the National Labor Relations Board and the Oregon Employment Relations Board.

Voting in union elections

Date	Workplace (Location) Union	Yes	No
3/6	OCDC non-professionals (Wilsonville) Laborers Local 320 DECERT	3	6
3/6	OCDC professionals (Wilsonville) Laborers Local 320 DECERT	39	34

Unionizing by majority sign-up

Date	Workplace (Location) Union	Number of workers in unit
3/13	University of Oregon faculty (Eugene) AFT/AAUP	1912
3/26	Klamath County DA's Office (Myrtle Creek) Klamath County DA's Association	8

Requesting a union election

Workplace (Location) Union	Number of workers in unit
OCDC (Oregon Child Development Coalition) (Gresham) Laborers Local 320 DECERT	55
Allied Waste of Lake Oswego shop employees (Sherwood) Teamsters Local 305	6
Allied Waste of Portland shop employees (Portland) Teamsters Local 305	2
Rural Metro Corporation paramedics (Eugene) Teamsters Local 206	17
Central Pre-Mix of Oregon (Hermiston) Teamsters Local 839	9
Service Steel (and Areotek Staffing) (Portland) Sheet Metal Local 16	172

LEGEND

- : workers will be union-represented
- : workers will be on their own
- DECERT** : A decertification election occurs when some union-represented workers declare that the union no longer has majority support. A 'yes' vote is a vote for the union.

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balance has grown: The current balance is enough to pay for nine months internal service expenditures — without any additional revenues. And the fund balance is unrestricted, Donahue found, meaning it's available for any

legal purpose.

Local 483 is proposing it be tapped to avoid debilitating maintenance cuts in Parks and Transportation. Will council listen?

Time is short. Adams will present his final budget May 15, and City Council will vote on it June 21. Lay-offs would then take place before July 1, the start of the fiscal year.

Occupy TriMet — and fire the general manager — ATU says

An April rally inspired by Occupy Boston is also the kickoff of a local union petition drive

Portland-headquartered Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 757 teamed up with Occupy Portland and the community transit justice group OPAL April 4 for an "Occupy TriMet" rally, in which about 80 people took part in a peaceful assembly at Pioneer Courthouse Square.

Local 757 also declared April 4 to be the kickoff of a signature campaign on a petition to Gov. John Kitzhaber — asking him to direct the TriMet Board of Directors to replace TriMet general manager Neil McFarlane. Local 757 holds McFarlane responsible for imposing a wage freeze and health insurance cost sharing on members, over the union's objection. The wage freeze has been struck down by the state Employment Relations Board as unlawful because it was not agreed to by union members or by an arbitrator. A separate charge contesting the health insurance changes is still pending.

Local 757 is also arguing that TriMet can save money by bringing in-house its contracted-out transit service for elderly and disabled riders, known as TriMet Lift; TriMet disputes that, and says it would cost more to do the



At an April 4 rally, Deb Ritenour of Occupy Portland calls for the TriMet Board to be publicly elected.

work in-house.

The Occupy TriMet event was planned in response to a call by Occupy Boston for a national day of action in defense of public transportation. April 4 — the anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., was chosen to underscore the cause King devoted himself to in later years — prioritizing human needs over war spending.

All over the United States, local transit districts are cutting service and raising fares. But TriMet management has chosen to argue publicly that the cuts and fare increases are made necessary in part because of "unsustainable" employee pay and benefits — and because "union leadership has refused to consider reasonable changes."

Local 757 Vice President Sam Schwarz described the petition as a public vote of "no confidence" in McFarlane.



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