



United Way/Labor guests in Portland for a conference Aug. 15-17 were treated to a walking tour, where they heard about the city's rich labor history. One stop was at United Way of the Columbia-Willamette (left). United Way and Labor's Community Services Agency have worked in partnership for 42 years, making a positive impact for Oregonians in need. Below left, Be Marston of UNITE HERE provided a history of the union and the progress that Pride@Work has done in the community with LGBTQ rights. Holding the speaker is labor historian Jim Cook, a retired Letter Carrier who helped plan the tour. (Photos courtesy of Carlos Carvalho, CLC Labour Participation Department, United Way of the Lower Mainland, Burnaby, BC.)

Through the streets of downtown Portland

United Way'ers, labor partners from across the country enjoy 'Labor Walk'



United Way-Labor Partnership Conference attendees enjoyed a "Labor Walk" through the streets of downtown Portland Aug. 16. The conference was held at the Benson Hotel in Portland Aug. 15-17.

Nationally, the AFL-CIO and United Way have worked together for the past 76 years. In Portland, Labor's Community Service Agency and United Way of the Columbia-Willamette have worked together for the past 42 years.

The annual Labor Partnership Conference brings together labor

liaisons and leaders, and staff and leadership from United Way organizations across the country. This year's theme, "United We All Win," underscored the power of community, and the importance of continuing to foster the relationship between the labor movement and United Way. Oregon AFL-CIO President Tom Chamberlain participated in a special panel of labor leaders and United Way leaders, speaking about the importance of the partnership and how the work they do impacts our community.

United Way of the Columbia-Willamette was the catalyst for the Labor Walk. When Portland popped up on the schedule for a national conference, United Way approached Labor's Community Services Agency. Executive Director Eryn Byram then reached out to Jim Cook, who heads up the Northwest Oregon Labor Council's Labor History Committee, and is a vice president of the Pacific Northwest Labor History Association. Cook jumped on board immediately to help make it happen.

So, on the evening of Aug. 16 a bunch of unionists and United Way'ers marched 1.7 miles through downtown Portland, hearing about its labor history from special guest speakers.

Laborers endorse Hoyle

The Oregon and Southern Idaho District Council of Laborers, Laborers Locals 737, and Laborers Local 483 have endorsed Val Hoyle for Oregon labor commissioner in 2018. Incumbent Brad Avakian is not seeking re-election. Hoyle served for seven years in the Oregon House, where she compiled a strong labor voting record. Her grandfather was a founder of the Laborers Union local in New York.

CORRECTION:

The Northwest Labor Press inadvertently placed the wrong Labor Day ad for Sheet Metal Workers Local 16 in the Aug. 18, 2017 edition. Here is the ad that was supposed to run. The Northwest Labor Press apologizes for the error.

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