

Clay, Anderson, re-elected to lead United Food and Commercial Workers

Dan Clay and Jeff Anderson were re-elected president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, of United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 555. The Tigard-based union is the largest private sector union in the state with over 23,000 members.

In mail-in ballots counted Sept. 7, Clay gathered 75 percent of the vote against chal-

lenger Rex Dominguez. Anderson captured 74 percent of the vote against challenger Debbie Reed.

Clay and Anderson are serving their fourth term in office,



Dan Clay



Jeff Anderson

having run as a slate since 2008, when they were first elected.

Clay, 40, has worked for UFCW Local 555

since May 2000. He started in a temporary position as a membership coordinator before moving on to jobs as an organizer and union representative.

Anderson, 59, has been a member of the union for 41 years. He started in the grocery industry at age 14 in Dallas, Oregon. He joined the union at age 18 after taking a job at a

Fred Meyer store in Salem. The union hired him as an organizer in 1986. Since then he has worked in nearly every department of the local, including organizing director, director of legislative and committee affairs, and assistant director of collective bargaining.

Terms of office are three years.

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Trumka says hope of working with Trump has faded

When Donald Trump moved into the White House in January, AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka hoped that labor leaders like himself could find common ground with the new president. Seven months later, Trumka says there is little hope left.

“I think a significant amount of the optimism has faded away, because we haven’t seen an infrastructure bill, we haven’t seen the renewal of manufacturing, we haven’t seen the things that we were hopeful about that we could work with him on,” Trumka said Aug. 30 at a breakfast hosted by the Christian Science Monitor.

“After the election, they reached out and we reached out. We talked. What I said to them is that we will judge you by what you do. If you do things good for working people, we will support them. If you do things bad for working people, we will oppose you.”

Trumka said the White House has done little that his union federation would approve of so far.

“You had two factions in the White House. You had one that actually had some of the policies that we would have supported on trade, on infrastructure, but [they] turned out to be racist,” Trumka said.

“On the other hand, you had people who weren’t racist, but they were Wall Streeters,” Trumka said. “And the Wall Streeters have come to dominate the Administration, and moved his agenda back to everything that I think they fought against in the election.”

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