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ery employers that are unionized and pay higher wages and benefits. Portland-based Local 114 represents bakery workers at Franz, Kroger, Safeway and Bimbo/Oroweat, as well as bakery department workers at local grocery stores. At Franz, bakers make \$25.18 an hour plus benefits under the union contract; at Grand Central, bakers top out at \$18.37 an hour.

Will Grand Central fight the union campaign? Calls and emails from the Labor Press went unreturned. The company goes to great effort to tout itself as an ethical enterprise, and last year paid to become a “Certified B Corporation” a designation that supposedly commits it to use its profits to make a positive impact for its employees, communities, and the environment.

But the company didn’t roll out the welcome mat in previous

attempts by workers to exercise their rights. In 2013, Grand Central reinstated cafe worker Ryan Wisnor to settle an NLRB charge that it had fired him for complaining about safety, wages, and staffing on behalf of co-workers. Later, when Wisnor and coworkers at the same location began a campaign to join Laborers Local 483, Grand Central closed the cafe months ahead of schedule. Co-owner Piper Davis told the Labor Press at the time that the closure was unrelated to the union campaign. But none of the cafe’s

laid off workers were rehired at other locations. Wisnor went on to get a job enforcing labor laws at the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI).

Now, Grand Central has another chance to make good on its brand-claim of being a business as a force for good — by recognizing the union, or standing aside while workers make that decision on their own.

At press time, the company had declined to voluntarily recognize the union, and a union election is scheduled for Dec. 12.

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States, a lot of corporations see unions as the enemy. Then there’s the big increase in service sector employment. Beauty parlors and nail salons and restaurants are generally harder to unionize. A fourth reason is that unions have too often been asleep at the wheel and done far too little unionizing.

**Why have Democratic politicians been such fair weather friends, and Republicans ever more dedicated enemies?** Republicans have been very focused on trying to cripple unions, as we saw with Scott walker in Wisconsin with all these anti-union-fee

laws, which are unfortunately called “right-to-work” laws. And Democrats have increasingly seen themselves as the party of lawyers and doctors and engineers and Hollywood and Wall Street. In this insane political system we have where politicians have to chase after donors, there are huge incentives to focus more on Wall Street hedge fund managers than steel workers in Pittsburgh or Walmart workers who make \$27,000 a year.

**What do you think holds the most promise for restoring the power of organized labor to**

**improve conditions for working people?** A few years ago a lot of people were saying labor

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really seems dead in the water. And then out of nowhere in early 2018 came the West Virginia teachers strike, which was huge, and then the Oklahoma teacher strike, and Arizona, and LA. And all of a sudden labor is on the front page and leading the TV news, and people are feeling excited about labor. Success begets more success. I think the teacher strike help lead to the big Stop and Shop strike in New England. And the teachers strikes really

opened peoples eyes. What’s great about the teacher strikes is they weren’t just about raising teacher pay but about helping improve education. Bargaining for the common good I think is really important. Unions see that they’re not as strong as they once were. It’s good for them to develop partnerships with community groups and environmentalists. And we seen that with the Fight for 15 too: It’s like, “We’re not the unions of old that cared only about helping our members. We are unions that are trying to lift up all of society.” I think that’s really helping open peoples’ eyes about the opportunity unions present and how they can lift millions of workers and overall communities.

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