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RE: 2021 Civic Election Endorsement

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Dear Sisters and brothers,

Back in September 2019, I was humbled to be asked by the Edmonton & District Labour Council to consider running as the labour candidate in the 2021 Edmonton civic election for Ward Sspomitapi (previously Ward 12), the community I have called home for the past 17 years. After discussing the matter with my family and co-workers, I first announced my official intentions to offer my candidacy at our local general membership meeting last fall. Now that the campaign cycle is ramping up, I am formally asking for the honor to be endorsed and supported by our local so that I can be a strong voice on city council for the working people of my ward.

This past year has brought unprecedented challenges to our city. Between the pandemic and economic downturn, our members, and other front-line workers, never faltered to provide essential services to Edmontonians when they needed it most. Through lockdowns and shutdowns, we persevered. Despite these efforts, our city is flirting with the idea of privatization. To build a better Edmonton, we need councillors beholden to the workers of their communities that can skillfully advocate from a workers' perspective.

Having served as a postal worker for 20 years, including my last four years as the Health and Safety Officer for our local, I deeply understand the challenges that public employees are facing right now. The 2021 Edmonton Civic election will be a conversation about what we want our city to look like. I feel that people who champion public services should have a strong voice in that conversation to insist the services Edmontonians rely on are strengthened, not weakened. For these reasons, I humbly request your support of my campaign.

In Solidarity,

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