

COUNCIL 66 EXECUTIVE BOARD VOTE

Date:

RE: COUNCIL 66 RESOLUTION

WHEREAS:

AFSCME Council 66 was chartered for County, Municipal, and Special District employees in the State of New York on January 1, 1970, and for 55 years has provided outstanding representation to more than 8,400 members who work across New York State;

WHEREAS:

The members of AFSCME Council 66 wish to remain united in representing our collective interests through aggressive collective bargaining, strong member representation, and the continual improvement of the safety and working conditions of our members;

WHEREAS:

Our members recognize that there is strength in numbers, and we are facing unprecedented attacks—at the bargaining table from management, and in the legislative arena, both nationally and locally, from those seeking to cut the funding our jobs depend on;

WHEREAS: Council 35 has three (3) Locals within the City of Buffalo New York. Local 264 Local 2651 and Local 650.

WHEREAS:

AFSCME Council 66 members wish to maintain the highest level of service to our locals, and by joining together with the members of AFSCME District Council 35, we can become even stronger;

WHEREAS:

Local 2651 has historically had a seat on the District Council 35 Executive Board since 1975, and Council 66 agrees to amend its Constitution to allow for one Member-at-Large position specifically representing Local 2651;

WHEREAS:

Council 66 shall provide a Labor Relations Specialist (LRS) assigned to Locals 2651, 650, and 264 to ensure effective representation and support;

WHEREAS:

The unification of Council 35 with Council 66 will furthermore ensure that all locals formerly belonging to Council 35 shall receive the full range of services and representation provided to all Council 66 locals;

WHEREAS:

Upon ratification of the Council 35 unification with Council 66, all remaining funds of Council 35 shall revert to AFSCME Council 66 to be used for the benefit of the unified membership;

WHEREAS:

We support the local unions of District Council 35 becoming chartered under AFSCME Council 66, thereby affiliating directly with Council 66 and AFSCME International. This will strengthen our identity, voice, and structure, while ensuring all Council 66 locals grow AFSCME Strong through the continuous support and resources of both Council 66 and AFSCME International. Together we will build power and grow the union through AFSCME’s Strategic Priorities:

- External organizing to expand our ranks;
- Internal organizing to strengthen existing locals;
- Political and legislative action;
- Collective bargaining and direct action strategies;
- Effective communications and messaging;
- Coalition and ally building;
- Data collection, maintenance, and utilization; and
- Affiliate tracking and reporting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the AFSCME Council 66 President, with the assistance of the Executive Board, is directed and authorized to enter into an agreement with AFSCME International and AFSCME District Council 35 to unify District Council 35 with Council 66, provided that:

1. The AFSCME Council 66 Constitution shall be amended to provide for representation from members of City of Buffalo Locals 264, 650, and 2651;
2. Council 66 shall hold conferences and trainings to promote the interests and support the welfare of City of Buffalo members;
3. Council 66 shall ensure a dedicated Labor Relations Specialist and attorney support to Locals 2651, 650, and 264 at no additional costs.
4. Council 66 shall formally recognize the historic representation of Local 2651 on Council 35 executive board by providing a Member-at-Large position on the Council 66 Executive Board; and
5. The current Council 35 executive board and its delegates after the unification will assume the role of as an advisory board for the city of Buffalo and locals 2651,650 and 264. The advisors shall meet quarterly and report to Council 66 President on an as needed bases. The required expenses for the advisory board including delegates will remain in the Council 35’s operating account until the completion of the Executive Bords and delegates’ current term.
6. All remaining funds of Council 35 shall be reverted to AFSCME Council 66 following ratification and the constitutional convention and unification vote held by Council 66.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2025, by action of the AFSCME Council 66 Executive Board.

President, AFSCME Council 66

Respectfully
Rich Canazzi

YES NO ABSTAIN ABSENT

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