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Presidential debate drives Teamster action to influence election

Aug. 2, 2019 | The Teamsters continued its drive to getting 2020 presidential candidates focused on the needs of workers this week by having General President Jim Hoffa attend a Democratic Party debate and by holding separate events in South Carolina and New Hampshire where the union gathered insights on what issues matter most to its membership. Hoffa attended Wednesday night’s debate in Detroit in hopes of hearing from candidates where they stand on issues that matter most to Teamsters. And although several shared their thoughts on important issues such as trade and health care, there was a deafening silence when it came to an essential matter for this union – pensions. As Hoffa said on Fox Business’ “Mornings with Maria” show, “what are we going to do about retirement security, those who worked hard and played by the rules? Those are the type of kitchen table issues I would like to see these debates focused on, and I’m not hearing that.” ... Continued at Teamsters

Pensions. Trade. Labor rights. What issue do YOU care about?

Aug. 7, 2019 | Candidates care about our support. They know working people are going to shape the outcome of this election. That’s why the IBT is conducting a member survey nationwide to hear from each and every one of us. It doesn’t matter what your politics are or who you plan to vote for – the Union wants to hear from you. By completing this survey, you’re giving the Union the information it needs to go to the presidential candidates with clear demands for what any candidate – left, right, or center – needs to do if they want Teamster support.

Union stand in solidarity with UFCW, condemn Mississippi raids on workers

Aug. 9, 2019 | The Teamsters Union stands with the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) as it works to protect its members against U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids that are tearing families apart. Federal authorities raided two food processing plants represented by UFCW [Wednesday] and arrested scores of union members there. Hoffa calls for an end to policies hurting workers and families... Teamsters

Teamsters National Black Caucus celebrates 11th Annual Women’s Day

Aug. 16, 2019 | Teamster brothers and sisters filled the room, dressed in red to represent power, love and Teamster women on the 11th Annual Women’s Day at the Teamsters National Black Caucus Conference. This is a day strictly for the women. The women of the TNBC felt it necessary to celebrate women during the annual conference to pay homage to the women who came before them. It’s also a day to celebrate and educate themselves. “We want to make sure that you enjoy yourself, but most of all educate yourself,” said TNBC Chairman James ‘Curb’ Curbeam. “We want you to go back home and engage your members, counterparts, and communities because if we don’t talk about what we done here, it’s all for nothing...”Teamsters

Teamsters listening to candidates on the trail

Aug. 21, 2019 | Today, the Teamster Nation Blog kicks off a new weekly feature that will detail key issue responses from the 2020 presidential candidate field. It will highlight Teamster interactions with the candidates on the campaign trail, including answers to questions posed to them from union members and staff. We hope you find it useful. Teamster Nation Blog

Teamsters stands with AT&T workers on strike *

Aug. 27, 2019 | The Teamsters Union stands in solidarity with over 20,000 AT&T workers who went on strike over the weekend in nine states across the Southeast. The workers are striking over unfair labor practices committed by management during negotiations for a new contract. The strike involves technicians, customer service representatives and others who install, maintain and support AT&T’s residential and business telecommunications network in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South
Carolina, and Tennessee... Teamsters Photo: Reddit.com

8/28: Negotiators strike new deal, members return to work

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