

WORKER POWER

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FOR PRESIDENT

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FEDERATION
OF LABOUR**



Dear friends,

I'm writing to announce my candidacy for President of the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour. After more than 25 years in the labour movement, I'm ready to take this next step, and I hope to earn your support.

Like many of you, my journey started on the job. I became a member of UFCW Local 1400 in 2002 while working at Saskatoon Credit Union, later Affinity Credit Union. As a rank-and-file activist, I learned that strong unions are built by workers who step up for each other. I served as a Shop Steward, Recording Secretary, Co-Chief Shop Steward, Unit Chair, and bargaining committee member before joining the staff of UFCW Local 1400 in 2016.

Today, I am proud to serve as Secretary-Treasurer of UFCW Local 1400, representing more than 6,000 workers across Saskatchewan. Since 2024, I have also had the privilege of serving as Secretary-Treasurer of the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour alongside President Lori Johb. Working with Lori and our affiliates has strengthened my belief that the SFL is at its best when we organize, educate, and stand together in solidarity. I want to thank Lori for her leadership and wish her all the best in a well-earned retirement.

Over the past two years, we've made real progress. We've strengthened the Federation through an operational review focused on building worker power, expanding activist education, bringing affiliates together, and creating a more focused and effective SFL. We've organized successful lobbying efforts for card-check certification and anti-scab legislation, supported affiliates through difficult rounds of bargaining, advocated for stronger workplace health and safety laws, and ensured the Federation has a voice in important legal challenges affecting workers' rights.

One of the initiatives I'm most proud of is our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation. We are moving forward with a Reconciliation Action Plan that will help ensure the SFL continues building respectful relationships with Indigenous communities while examining our own policies and practices.

But our work is far from finished.

Working people in Saskatchewan continue to face attacks on their rights, difficult bargaining, rising costs, and political efforts to divide our movement. Our answer must be solidarity. We need to spend more time listening to workers on shop floors and in workplaces across the province, helping affiliates organize, expanding education opportunities, supporting local campaigns, and showing non-union workers that there is strength in joining the labour movement.

I believe the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour should be a grassroots organization that reflects the voices of working people—not just at convention, but every day. The Federation exists to help affiliates succeed, to build solidarity across sectors, and to fight for better workplaces and stronger communities.

Throughout my career, whether as a frontline worker, union activist, elected leader, or labour representative, I've never forgotten where I came from. I know the value of showing up, listening, and standing shoulder to shoulder with workers when it matters most.

It would be an honour to serve as your next President of the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour. Together, we can continue building a stronger, more united labour movement that fights for every worker in Saskatchewan.

I respectfully ask for your support.

In solidarity,

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