

Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers



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Brothers and Sisters,

As the upcoming NALC election approaches, it is important for every member to take the time to become informed about the candidates on the ballot. Our vote is an opportunity to have a voice in the direction and future of our union, and that responsibility should not be taken lightly. Rather than relying solely on rumors, social media posts, or what someone else tells us, members should learn about each candidate's experience, priorities, positions, and record. Taking the time to research and ask questions helps ensure that each member can make a decision based on facts and information.

Being informed also means looking beyond personalities and campaign slogans and considering the issues that directly affect letter carriers. Members should understand where candidates stand on matters such as wages, working conditions, workplace rights, contract enforcement, retirement, and the future of the Postal Service. No candidate will agree with every member on every issue, but understanding the differences allows each individual to decide which priorities matter most to them. An informed membership strengthens the democratic process within the union.

Just as important as making an informed choice is remembering the importance of unity after the election. Union strength comes from members standing together, even when they may have disagreed during an election. We can debate ideas, question decisions, and hold our elected leaders accountable while still recognizing that we share many of the same goals as fellow letter

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carriers. Division can make it harder for members to work together on the challenges that affect everyone, while unity gives the membership a stronger collective voice.

Ultimately, the NALC belongs to its members, and every member has a role in shaping its future. Take the time to learn about the candidates, examine the issues, participate in the election, and encourage your fellow members to do the same. Once the votes are counted, regardless of individual choices, we should remember that we are all part of the same union and face many of the same challenges. An informed membership and a united membership are both essential to maintaining a strong collective voice for letter carriers.

In Solidarity,

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