



# Political Activities

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## MARCHES & RALLIES

### Support Politicians & Issues

#### Rallies For Political Parties

##### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

NERC - Attended the Democratic Unity Rally and Campaign Kick-off in Hartford, Connecticut

#### Pre-Debate Rallies

#### Rallies for Politicians

##### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

MRC - Attended a gathering for Gretchen Whitmer running for Michigan Governor

NERC - Attend Mayor of New Haven, Toni Harp, re-election campaign kick-off

#### Marches To Highlight Workers Issues

##### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

STLKCRC - Attended Working People "Day of Action" Rally in St. Louis, Missouri

NERC - Participated in the Day of Action event that Local 339 hosted at the Lynn City Hall

MULTIPLE - Attended May Day rallies throughout the US and Canada to highlight workers issues

#### Marches To Highlight Women's Issues

##### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

NCSRC - Participated in Apprentice Day on the Hill event

MULTIPLE - Attended annual Women's marches throughout the US and Canada to highlight equal rights, equal pay, and Union issues

MULTIPLE - Attended marches throughout the US and Canada on International Women's Day to highlight women's issues

#### Labor/Labour Parades And Rallies

##### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

MULTIPLE - Attended Labor/Labour Day marches throughout the US and Canada to highlight workers issues

STLKCRC - Joined US Senator Claire McCaskill at the Labor Rally at the Missouri State Capitol

### Protest Politicians & Issues

#### Rallies To Protest Anti-Labor Candidates

##### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

NCRC - Rally in Sacramento against anti-labor assemblywomen

## Rallies To Protest Legislation Affecting Specific Workers

### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

CDCO - Protest/Picket of the “back to work” legislation of the Canadian Postal workers

BCRC - City Council BC Federation of Labour March on Vancouver



## Rallies To Protest Actions Of Anti-Union Companies

### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

NERC - Rally to protest the Champagne company's actions to undermine industry standards

## Rallies To Protest Companies That Take Actions To Negatively Impact Workers

### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

KMLRC - Protest the closing of power plants in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

NERC - Turned out to a community meeting in Roxbury to fight a developer who typically uses Callahan Construction, a non-union GC who regularly has wage theft and tax and insurance fraud on their projects



## Rallies To Protest “Right To Work” Issues

### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

STLKCRC - Rally at Missouri State Capitol

## Rallies To Protest Tax Fraud Issues

### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

MULTIPLE - Marches throughout the US and Canada to protest Tax Fraud committed by unscrupulous companies





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## PROJECTS & CAUSES

### Support “Pet” Projects Of Politicians

#### Projects To Help Constituents

##### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

CSRC - Helped congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee with her “Beat the Heat” program

STLKCRC - Moved a historic fireplace from the original Missouri Governor’s Mansion to a new location







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## SIB MEETINGS

### Invite Politicians & Political Allies

#### Political Representatives

##### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

PNWRC - Had Speaker of the House Tina Kotek as a guest speaker at a SIB meeting

Invited assemblywoman speaking at SIB program graduations



#### Political Candidates

##### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

Interview political candidates on Union issues



#### Union Advocates

##### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

PNWRC - Had a guest speaker from Defend Oregon talk about upcoming ballot measures at SIB meeting

#### UBC Members

##### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

Invited area Council member to speak at SIB meeting



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## PUBLIC MEETINGS WITH POLITICIANS/LEGISLATIVE GROUPS

### Participate At UBC & Other Venues

#### Meetings Hosted by Council Training And Political Departments

##### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

NCSRC - Coordinated with the Political Department to host a meeting that included Tom Walz-candidate for Minnesota Governor and US Representative Betty McCollum

NERC - Caitryn Collins-Busor helped get the word out about the Day of Action event at the Northern New England Carpenters Training Center in Manchester, New Hampshire whose attendees included Mayors and State leaders were invited

NCSRC - Hosted the newly elected Mayors of Minneapolis and St Paul, Minnesota

CSRC - Met with Lupe Valdez, candidate for Governor in Austin Texas at building Trades meeting

#### City Council Meetings

##### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

NERC - Testified at Boston City Hall on a proposed ordinance to increase compliance with the Boston Residents Jobs Policy

NERC - Worked to pass a Housing Development Investment Projects Ordinance that impacted the hiring of contractors with wage theft violations

#### Planning Commission Meetings

##### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

NERC - Attended several Boston neighborhood planning/zoning meetings to speak out against projects whose developers have a history of using contractors that engage in wage theft and tax and insurance fraud.

#### Meetings At Local Union Hall

##### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

PNWRC - Attended Spokane, Washington “meet and greet” events at the Local Union hall for pro-labor candidates

#### Town Hall Meetings

#### Legislative District Meetings

#### Committee Hearings At State Capitol

#### Legislative Lunches At State Houses

##### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

NERC - Attended a legislative lunch at the Massachusetts State House on making child care more accessible for families who work non-standard hours like construction

## Roundtable Discussions

### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

NERC - Susan Schultz and Vanessa Salazar participated in roundtable with Delegate Jennifer Carroll Foy on tradeswomen issues

## Meetings With Policy Decision Makers

### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

NERC - Attended Access and Opportunity committee meetings with policy makers that have oversight on projects affecting women and people of color

NERC - Worked with City Councilors and the Mayor's office around revamping an ordinance that included a higher requirement for hiring women

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BCRC - Julie Sawatsky lobbied in Parliament on four main issues affecting Union workers

## Meetings With Provincial Governments

### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

CDCO - Deanna Wheeler and Katie Ross attended meetings with Director of Political Action Mike Yorke to help convince identified groups to not opt out of the collective agreements that are currently in place

## Meetings With Federal Ministers

### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

CDCO - Colleen Dignam joined Mike Yorke and Mark Lewis at a meeting with Federal Minister of Employment, Workforce and Labour, The Honourable Patty Hajdu, to discuss female participation in the trades



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## PUBLIC MEETINGS WITH NON-POLITICIANS

### Engage With Company Owners & Contractors

#### Practices On Hiring Policies

##### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

NERC - Worked with student groups, professors, and administrators to change contractor hiring policies involving women

### Engage With Communities

#### Community Boards

##### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

NYCDC - Tammy Rivera delivered a workshop where members learned how being involved with community boards provides opportunities to affect legislative decisions that affect area jobs





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## POLITICAL PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS

### Write Legislation & Articles

#### Union Supported Legislation

#### Articles About Legislative Issues

##### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

NERC - Contributed to article on childcare issues:

<https://npaper-wehaa.com/>

NERC - Contributed to article on efforts to affect

hiring policies at a woman's college: <https://www.gazettenet.com/women-construction-smith-college-event-15384659>

#### Articles About Political Campaigns



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## CONVENTIONS, CONFERENCES, SOCIAL EVENTS

### Attend UBC, State, & National Events

#### Conventions

##### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

NCRC - Participated in the California Democratic Convention

BCRC - Julie Sawatsky attended and participated as a Delegate in the BC Building Trades 47th Convention

#### Conferences

##### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

Attended Legislative Conferences

PNWRC - Attended Democratic party of Oregon Labor Caucus where Amber McCoy and Kadence Jimenez participated in a panel discussion

#### Tours/Visits

##### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

NERC - Visited Democratic headquarters in West Haven, Connecticut

#### Special Social Events

##### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

MRC - Represented women at the Michigan Democratic Party Legacy Dinner

PARC - Attended BBQs for the Leader of the Opposition (NDP)

NCRC - Participated in the League of Cities Conference Women's Dinner with elected officials

#### Special Labor Events

##### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

Attended Labor breakfast

#### Fundraisers

##### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

NERC - Anita Bruno attended fundraisers for two City Council Presidents: Sabina Matos and Maria Rivera

#### Campaign Launch Parties

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Attended Campaign launch party

#### Recognition Events

##### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

STLKCRC - Attend recognition dinner for Missouri Democrat Party



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## MATERIALS & MESSAGES

### Prepare & Showcase Materials

**Holding Signs**

**Bannering**

**Envelope Stuffing**

**Poll Action Picketing**

**Flyering**

**Leaf Letting**

**Placing Yard Signs For  
Political Candidates**



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## “GET OUT THE VOTE” CAMPAIGNS

### Encourage UBC Members To Vote

#### Use Social Media

##### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

KMLRC - Used the Hustle App to reach out to members and let them know ways to get involved in various political activities

#### Connect At Meetings

##### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

Promoted voter registration at SIB meetings

#### Connect Via Telephone

##### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

Made phone calls to Union members to ask if they were registered voters

Made phone calls to Union members to ask if they were going to vote

### Encourage the Public to Vote

#### Connect Via Telephone

##### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

Made cold calls to registered voters

#### Collaborate With Communities

##### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

Worked within individual communities to support candidates with door-knocking campaigns

#### Make Personal Contact

##### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

STLKCRC - Knocked on doors and phone banked with “We Are Missouri” to get a No vote On Prop A

NCSRC - Canvassed for Union-endorsed Candidates and ballot measures

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NCSRC - Participated in political precinct walks throughout the Regional Council area



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## UBC MEMBERS IN POLITICAL POSITIONS

### Support Members & Take-The-Leap Yourself

#### Support Members Running for External Political Positions

##### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

PNWRC - Supported a Brother from Local 70 who ran for House Representative of District 41

#### Support Members Running for UBC Political Positions

##### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

Encourage Sisters to run for Delegate or other political positions

#### Run For Delegate or Other UBC Political Positions

##### COUNCIL EXAMPLES

Go here to see the list of elected and appointed UBC members: <https://www.carpenters.org/activism/members-in-office/>