

Active and retired workers: Vote at Local 600 Tues. April 20

Elect candidates who said “Vote No!” in October!

In October, most UAW officials said “Vote Yes”--or they were silent. But Ford workers voted No. *For the first time in history*, a Big 3 national contract was rejected. Use this election to keep up pressure!!

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◆ **Local 600’s excellent Labor Day shirt** said: **“The labor movement, FIGHTING FOR ALL WORKERS.”**

But concessions hurt all workers, especially new-hires. Many working people see autoworkers as a “special interest” or leaders in a race for more concessions. Workers join fighting unions, not concessions unions. “Union Yes!” must mean “Union Fight Back!” This leaflet is about what we need to do at the Convention and beyond.

◆ **Ford is doing well**. Salaried regained theirs! Get ours back! And stop the layoff threats that terrorize us!

◆ **Look for alliances** against concessions with other locals at the Convention.

◆ **Subcontracting, outsourcing, health and safety**: At least the threat of a strike to enforce the contract. Lack of machinery is no excuse for outsourcing: Buy it! And Ford’s budget is no excuse for safety compromises.

◆ **Contracts published on the internet** two weeks before ratification votes.

◆ **UAW transparency** Unit and local Presidents’ calendars or “logs” on-line for members to review. Give members copies of all management answers at each grievance step. Post grievance lists by category.

◆ **Local 600 should lead a march from Local 600 to Ford World HQ**. Restore cuts in active workers’ pay and benefits. Negotiate more Ford money to VEBA. Politically pressure the VEBA Board to reverse co-pay increases and restore principally-supported dependents’ rights.

◆ **We support** Convention resolutions posted at <http://home.igc.org/~600alert/> Vote for them at meetings!

-- Rebuilding a fighting union--on the occasion of the UAW’s 75th anniversary

-- “One member - one vote” for International Officers (passed at Chicago UAW Local 551).

-- Defend the “right to a job”.

-- Fighting for All Workers—international solidarity.

-- Single payer health care, HR 676, not government insurance policies for private insurance companies.

-- Convert closed plants to green jobs.

-- Unite UAW, Steelworkers (USW) and CAW (Canada).

◆ **Unite with GM and Chrysler workers**—if they are below us, pressure stays on us.

◆ **Union Yes!** Restore unions’ fighting reputation. Organize the unorganized including “foreign” transplants.

◆ **International solidarity**—union alliances to bring up wages, so US wages aren’t undermined. In fighting against NAFTA, we had more friends internationally than in Washington DC.

◆ **Attend Labor Notes Conference**, Dearborn Hyatt, auto sessions Apr. 24, 4 pm, www.labornotes.org. Also check out www.soldiersofsolidarity.com, www.autoworkercaravan.org, www.factoryrat.com

Our political points of reference include: ◆ Re-launch historic UAW proposals like “30 for 40” to create jobs. ◆ Support pro-labor and pro-civil rights candidates independent of the Republicans and Democrats. ◆ The Local 600 Executive Board opposed the start of the Iraq war: read that statement at <http://home.igc.org/~600alert/>