

Vote to Elect

Dave Thomas

President CAW Local 707

Brothers and Sisters: I would like to thank everyone for their overwhelming support in the first round of elections. The number of people that turned out to vote was one of the strongest turnouts we have seen in a long time. It has been an interesting campaign to say the least. Everywhere I went throughout my campaign the same message was sent loud and clear.

We are not happy with the current president leading our union and it is time for a change.

Approximately 64% of the people that voted in the first election voted for change to elect a new president. The two other candidates that ran in the election for president have since pledged their support behind me as they also realize the local must go in a new direction.

As I stated in my last set of leaflets we can no longer bargain under a “White Flag” It is time to send a clear message to the corporation that “we have no more blood to give”. Fords market share continues to climb, shares are the highest they have been in years, and the economy continues to grow. We did what we felt was necessary at the time in 2009 to solidify product and re-investment in Oakville. I believe it is time for Ford to repay some of the sacrifices we gave to improve the company’s viability.

My opponent has “hung his hat”, on his new position as Chairperson of Ford Council stating he can use his new position to benefit 707. In reality the chairperson bargains for all locals not just 707. He also fails to mention that he has held the Vice Chairperson’s position since 2007 and what benefit have you the membership gained from that position?

My credentials speak for themselves:

Elected Steward 1993

Elected Committeeperson 1999-2004

Plant Chairperson 2004 (Elected by In-Plant)

Elected Trustee 2005 to present

Elected CAW/Ford Bargaining 2008

CAW Council Delegate 2005

Overall I have more trade union experience than my opponent, I have the ability to bring the leadership back together to work with one another, as the current president has failed to do.

My pledge to you the membership as I stated throughout my campaign will be to vastly improve communication and visibility. When we approach bargaining in 2012 I will be prepared to lead the bargaining team in the challenge to respond to the memberships needs. We will not bargain anymore of our premium jobs away and we will fight to regain the sacrifices we have lost.

On June 9th together we can make a difference

Vote to elect Dave Thomas president and we can restore local 707 back to the greatest local in the CAW

In Solidarity

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