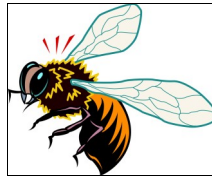


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## Support AFL-CIO General Board's Call On Donald Trump To Resign Or Be Removed From Office

*Statement issued by the Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Executive Board on January 11, 2021*

The Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Executive Board calls on our delegates, affiliated unions and their members, and all elected officials representing the citizens of Beaver and Lawrence Counties, to support the AFL-CIO General Board's January 8<sup>th</sup> call on Donald Trump to resign or be removed from office. The call reads as follows:

"The deadly storming of the U.S. Capitol by a mob looking to overturn the results of a free and fair election, encouraged and inspired by President Donald Trump, was one of the greatest attacks on our democracy in American history. And the fact that trespassers were allowed to roam the halls of Congress without consequence is one of the latest examples of

why we must tear down the systems and abiders of white supremacy.

Trump is an affront to every union member, and a clear and present danger to our nation and our republic. He should resign or be removed from office at once, whether through impeachment or the 25<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

This is not a statement America's labor movement makes lightly. It is not driven by politics or ideology, but rather by the fundamental belief that the preservation of our democracy is essential-though never guaranteed. Hate and insurrection have no place in America.

*[The AFL-CIO General Board is made up of all members of the federation's Executive Council and the principal officer of each affiliated national or international union; the principal officer of each trade and industrial department; a repre-*

*sentative of each national constituency, allied retiree and young worker organizations recognized by the federation; a representative of each chartered national community affiliate; and regional representatives of the state, area and local central bodies selected by the Executive Council pursuant to a system promulgated by the council.]"*

We commend the prompt calls for resignation or removal issued by large numbers of labor organizations and elected officials. We ask others representing our jurisdiction to follow their lead. Now is not the time for silence.

Editor's note: The U.S. House of Representatives approved article of impeachment against President Trump on January 13<sup>th</sup>. The vote was 232 to 197. A trial before the U.S. Senate has not yet been scheduled.

# SOLIDARITY CALENDAR

\* The strikes of UAW Local 1311 at Langeloth Metallurgical Company in Langeloth (near Burgettstown, Washington County) and USW Local 1016-03 at the NLMK Pennsylvania plant in Farrell continue. Local 1311 has been on strike since September 9, 2019 and Local 1016-03 since August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The NW Pa. ALF's "Union Families Christmas Project" helped the strikers and their families during the Christmas holiday season. Rosann Barker, NW Pa. ALF Director, reports on its Facebook page: "Success is sweet especially when it brings smiles to the faces of children and warms the heart and lifts the spirits of our union brothers and sisters on strike in western Pennsylvania. Today [Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>] volunteers working at the USW 1016 Hall experienced that joy, which was made possible by organized labor, our friends and community organizations. There were more than 150 sponsors and donors to the 2020 NWPA ALF Union Families Christmas Project. Together we made Christmas a little brighter for these members. Countless hours of work by volunteers doing such things as making home-made lined

stockings out of American-made fabrics in 51 different colors and material combinations, making phone calls, hours of sorting gifts, stuffing those stockings, and preparing every detail to assure smooth operations at the drive-thru Christmas. The NWPA ALF wants to thank every volunteer, donor and sponsor that made this event possible and the UAW 1311 Christmas which will happen tomorrow [Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>]. We are proud to tell you that because of you we met and exceeded our goal of 3 gifts per child and a \$25 gift card for dinner for each member of each union. Again, we proved through Solidarity everything is possible! Thank you!"

\* AFT Pennsylvania has released a web-form for educators, staff, students, parents and community members to report non-compliance with the Pennsylvania Secretary of Health's November 24, 2020 Order Directing Public School Entities in Counties with Substantial Community Transmission to Attest to Health and Safety Protocols. For more information or to report non-compliance, visit <http://pa.aft.org/report-non-comply>.

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# President's Report

By Rick Galiano  
Labor Council President

\* \*The Labor Council's December Executive Board and Membership meetings were canceled because of the continuing pandemic. It appears that our Membership meeting will continue to be canceled at least for the next few months because of restrictions on indoor meetings. The Executive Board Officers will attempt to arrange virtual monthly Executive Board meetings on regularly scheduled dates and times by teleconference call.

\* The Pennsylvania municipal primary election will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The Pennsylvania

members that ran for state and local offices in communities across our Commonwealth. There is no better way to ensure that working people are represented than through the election of card-carrying union members. It's not enough to elect supporters of workers' rights, we must elect champions of workers' rights." Union members in Beaver and Lawrence Counties who intend to run in the May 18<sup>th</sup> primaries should notify the Labor Council as soon as possible so that we can make their candidacies known to our members. The Labor Council has the authority to endorse candidates for local offices, but, because of the pandemic, we may not be able to arrange the necessary interviews and membership endorsement votes.

\* Several statewide judicial elections will also be held this year. One seat in each of the Supreme Court, Superior Court and Commonwealth Court will be contested. Two Superior Court and three Commonwealth Court judges must stand for retention

elections. The recent efforts to judicially reverse the presidential election results with lawsuits filed in our statewide courts demonstrate the need to support labor friendly statewide judicial candidates. Candidacies for statewide offices cannot be endorsed by individual labor councils – they must be endorsed by the state AFL-CIO in accordance with its bylaws. However, individual labor council can recommend endorsement of candidates to the state AFL-CIO.

\* The Labor Council sends a delegation to the Martin Luther King Celebration Committee's MLK Birthday Celebration banquet each year. The banquet, and many other local MLK birthday celebrations, has been canceled this year because of the Covid-19 pandemic. The AFL-CIO's Dr. Martin Luther King J. Civil and Human Rights Conference, which is held each year to mark the MLK holiday, has not been canceled. It will be held virtually on January 15-16. The theme for will be "From Protest to Power: When We Fight We

Win." Contact your union's civil rights department if you are interested in attending.

\* I am wishing everyone a Happy New Year under the current trying circumstances.



Labor Council Executive Vice-President Dan Onuska (r) with State Rep. Rob Matzie at the Pa. AFL-CIO's 2019 Biennial Legislative Conference. Dan is a first term Midland Councilman. His candidacy was endorsed by the Labor Council.

AFL-CIO encourages union members to run for local offices. Hundreds of union members were elected to local offices in the 2019 Pennsylvania election cycle. After the general election, Secretary-Treasurer Frank Snyder stated: "We are proud of the thousand-plus union mem-

2021 PA Primary Election Important Dates	
First day to circulate and file nomination petitions ..	02/16
Last day to circulate and file nomination petitions ..	03/09
First day to circulate and file nomination papers ...	03/10
Last day for withdrawal by candidates who filed nomination petitions .....	03/24
Last day to register before the primary .....	05/03
Last day to apply for mail in/civilian absentee ballot	05/11
Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted mail in/Civilian absentee ballots .....	05/11
PRIMARY ELECTION .....	05/18

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[pa.aflcio.org/349](http://pa.aflcio.org/349)

## Calendar of Events

- 01/18 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday; Martin Luther King Birthday Celebration Committee Banquet canceled due to Covid-19 pandemic. See President's Report on Page 3 of this issue of the UNION BUG.
- 01/18 Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Executive Board and membership meetings; Please check with Executive Board for status of the meetings.
- 01/20 Presidential Inauguration: AFL-CIO endorsed candidate Joe Biden to be inaugurated as 46<sup>th</sup> U.S. president.
- 02/15 Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Executive Board and Membership meetings. Please check with Executive Board members for status of meetings.
- 02/16 First day to circulate and file Pa. municipal primary nomination petitions (see 2012 Pa. primary election schedule appearing on page 3 of this issue of the UNION BUG.

Calendar of Events submissions must be emailed to Jody Kohser, Calendar of Events Coordinator, at [jkohser@verizon.net](mailto:jkohser@verizon.net), by 6:00 p.m. on April 13th to be considered for publication in the April 2020 Issue of the **UNION BUG**.





# The (Ethical) Rush to the Super Bowl

Take heart, gridiron fanatics...the NFL playoffs have arrived and the Super Bowl is but a few short weeks away. We're looking at four exciting matchups this weekend and while playoff-watching parties figure to be smaller affairs due to the COVID-19 pandemic, everyone still needs to chow down. You have choices when you shop and we recommend always rushing toward the brews and bites listed below which are made by ethical companies who treat their workers well and give them a voice on the job.

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## Beer

Anchor Brewing Company (ILWU)  
 Bass (IAM)  
 Beck's (IAM)  
 Blue Moon (IUOE, IBT)  
 Budweiser (IAM, IUOE, IBT)  
 Coors (IBT)  
 Dundee (IBT)  
 Goose Island (IBT)  
 Hamm's (UAW, IAM, IBT)

Henry Weinhard's (IUOE, IBT)  
 Keystone (IAM, IUOE)  
 Kirin (IAM)  
 Land Shark Lager (IAM, IUOE, IBT)  
 Leinenkugel (UAW, IUOE, IBT)  
 Mad River (IAM, IBT)  
 Mendocino (IBT)  
 Michelob (IAM, IUOE, IBT)  
 Miller (UAW, IAM, IUOE, IBT)  
 Natural Ice (IAM, IUOE, IBT)  
 O'Doul's (IAM, IUOE, IBT)

Pabst (UAW)  
 Rolling Rock (IAM, IBT)  
 Schlitz (UAW)  
 Shock Top (IAM, IUOE, IBT)

## Soft Drinks

Barq's Root Beer (IBT)  
 Coke (IBT)  
 Dr. Pepper (UFCW, UAW)  
 Pepsi (IBT, UAW)  
 Sprite (IBT, UAW)

## Snacks

Act II Popcorn (UFCW)  
 Cheez-It (BCTGM)  
 Cheetos (BCTGM)  
 Chex Mixes (IBT)  
 Doritos (BCTGM, IBT)  
 Rold Gold Pretzels (BCTGM, IBT)  
 Slim Jim (UFCW, IBT)  
 Sun Chips (BCTGM, IBT)  
 Wheat Thins (BCTGM, IBT)

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