Political Activities

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Marches & Rallies

Support Politicians & Issues

Rallies For Political Parties

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

Pre-Debate Rallies

Rallies for Politicians

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

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

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

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

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

NERC - Worked with the City of Boston’s Boston Resident Jobs Policy office to plan for contractors event on meeting workforce goals

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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
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
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

Special Labor Events
COUNCIL EXAMPLES
Attended Labor breakfast

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

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

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

Campaign Launch Parties
COUNCIL EXAMPLES
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

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

Promoted voter registration at SIB meetings

Connect Via Telephone

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

Collaborate With Communities

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

Make Personal Contact

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

NCSRC - Canvassed for candidates and ballot measures that support working families

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

Encourage the Public to Vote

Connect Via Telephone

Made cold calls to registered voters
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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/