



AFSCME COUNCIL 5 GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE SCREENING

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AFSCME Council 5 is excited to screen for Governor, and we're looking for a candidate who shares our values and has a plan to win.

Members have an exclusive opportunity to view the gubernatorial screening, live from our workplaces and homes. Council 5 will live stream the screening on **April 19 from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.** To give everyone equal access, in-person viewing is not being offered.

During the screening, the Executive Board will meet and interview DFL candidates Erin Murphy, Rebecca Otto and Tim Walz. Each candidate will answer questions and give a closing argument.

Please help shape the questions the Executive Board asks them. RSVP and make suggestions at www.facebook.com/events/392264447914211/.

On the day of the live screening, just log into your MemberLink account at www.afscmemn.org. You'll find a private link to the broadcast there.

Don't have a MemberLink login yet? Signing up takes about a minute. Go to www.afscmemn.org. Look for the MemberLink tab on the top right. Click on the box that says "sign up now" and follow the prompts.

Please sign up before **April 19** to avoid the rush.

If you need help, call the Member Action Center at 651-450-4990.

State Contract Q&A

If you're a Minnesota state public worker and have questions about your contract, check out these FAQ: www.afscmemn.org/story/state-contract-approval-what-you-need-know.

You'll find answers to commonly asked questions such as when raises, contract language changes and new health care provisions go into effect.

You'll also find summaries of all the important changes for each contract including the multi-unit, Unit 8 (corrections) and Unit 25 (radio communications).

Invest in the Work We Do

We're proud our cities and counties get high marks for livability. That happens because we do the work that makes people want to live and raise a family here in Minnesota.

But it's hard to keep delivering world-class services when GOP majorities in the House and Senate give tax cuts to corporate CEOs and the wealthiest 1 percent, instead of investing in our state. They're making workers do more – and work harder – with less. At the same time, they're trying to take away our freedom to get ahead by passing laws to rig the rules against us and silence our voices.

Fortunately, our state has a budget surplus, thanks to Gov. Dayton's work to invest in a better Minnesota for all of us, not just a select few. We're asking the Legislature to work with him and invest in the great work we do, instead of trying to take away our rights. We need ongoing, permanent funding for Local Government Aid/County Program Aid, and for the state to invest in construction projects to make public facilities safer.

Text INVEST to 237263 to be connected to your state legislators, or call your senator at **1-888-833-9154** and your representative at **1-888-440-2111**.

ASK YOUR LEGISLATORS TO:

- Support Gov. Dayton's budget to reinvest in the work we do and in the communities where we live.
- Oppose tax breaks for billionaires and big businesses who are trying to rig the rules against working people.

Honoring AFSCME's Civil Rights History

Students, labor activists and community members gathered April 4 to mark the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination.

AFSCME Council 5 co-sponsored a screening of "At the River I Stand" with the U of M's College Democrats and Congressman Keith Ellison. The documentary details the momentous two months between the start of the Memphis Sanitation Workers' Strike and King's murder.

Sanitation workers walked off the job in 1968 after two of their fellow workers were crushed to death by a malfunctioning garbage truck. The 1,300 striking sanitation workers carried signs boldly proclaiming "I AM A MAN" as they fought for recognition of their AFSCME union. King came to lend support in Memphis, where he was murdered.

The strike proved that civil rights and workers' rights are the same thing. www.afscmemn.org/story/afscme-students-honor-mlk-call-vote-activism.

Also on Wednesday, Council 5 members marched with thousands in Memphis from AFSCME Local 1733 – the sanitation workers' local – to the Mason Temple where King made his last speech. The "Mountaintop Conference" was part of AFSCME's "I AM 2018"

campaign with the Church of God in Christ to advance labor, civil, economic and human rights.

Locals Approve Contracts

Local 2512 (Chris Jensen Health & Rehabilitation Center) approved a two-year contract with a 2 percent raise across the board plus steps, an added 1 percent longevity step at year 25, plus a \$1 differential for the morning cook.

Local 3558 (YWCA Duluth) ratified a two-year contract with a 2 percent raise the first year and a wage reopener the second. It provides for New Member Orientation, and for workers and management to create a vacation policy.

Bowl to Support Labor

The Eighth Annual Labor Bowl to help union members and their families is **Thursday, May 3**. It supports the Saint Paul Labor Studies and Resource Center, which connects union members to community resources and provides services like strike and layoff training to locals. The Labor Bowl is at Sun Ray Lanes, 2245 Hudson Road, Saint Paul.

You can help out by gathering pledges and bowling with your fellow union members, family and friends. If you're not a bowler, you can make a tax-deductible donation to LSRC, 2018 Labor Bowl, Attn: Laura, 353 W. 7th St., Suite 201, Saint Paul 55102.

To schedule a time to bowl, call Laura at 651-222-3787, ext. 117, by **April 23**.

Scholarship Deadlines Near

Want to make college or continuing education a little less expensive? Check out these labor scholarships for union members and our families.

The Minnesota AFL-CIO awards \$500 for continuing education and \$1,000 to college-bound high school seniors. www.mnafcio.org/about/scholarships-awards. The deadline is **April 30**.

AFSCME Council 5 offers scholarships for high school seniors and for members continuing their education. www.afscmemn.org/scholarships. The application deadline is **May 11**.

The Nellie Stone Johnson Scholarship awards up to \$1,200 a year for part-time students and \$2,500 a year for full-time students at technical or community colleges, and undergraduate and graduate programs. The scholarships for minority students are renewable. Learn more at www.nelliestone.org/scholarship-program. The deadline is **June 1**.

Get in on the Action

Action Update comes out twice a month for locals and activists. Download a copy to post at www.afscmemn.org. Share news by emailing Lynette.Kalsnes@afscmemn.org.

Mark Your Calendars

Event	Date	Place/details
Corrections Lobby Day	April 18	State Capitol
SEPC Annual Conference	April 27	DoubleTree Bloomington hotel
AFSCME Council 5 Scholarships	May 11 deadline	www.afscmemn.org/scholarships