

## 3315 Afscome Candidate Statement

Greetings Local 3315

I am Saran Crayton, and it is my hope to serve 3315, as an Executive -at- Large member. I've been a proud member of our local for approximately ten years and have served as a steward for two of those years.

So, why would I want to serve our local? It's quite simple, as the union, and the solidarity it holds, has done so much for me.

Shortly after joining our office, I received a layoff notice due to budget constraints. It was the worst thing to happen to me. I had just moved to Chicago, the prior year and the prospect of becoming unemployed left a bitter taste.

However, then stepped in our Local, who championed the commissioners and alderman to ensure money was found to save our jobs. I attended one of the Commissioner forums on the Public Defender's budget and saw the passionate speeches from members of our Local whom shared the necessity of proper funding for our office. I had experienced first- hand how that solidarity in action worked. Our jobs were spared.

A few years ago, history as it often does, repeated itself and more members found themselves with layoff notices. I again, attended one of the budgetary forums like many of our locals I was proud to speak as those who have done before me, on the necessity of funding our office in solidarity with our newest members.

Throughout the years, there have been many changes throughout the office, and I've seen our local raise and fight for those issues that are most pertinent to the benefit of all our members.

Those who know me, know that I have no qualms with taking a stand when necessary, and with your confidence and benefit of your vote, I will continue to do so for the benefit of all of our Local.

In Solidarity,

Saran Crayton

Candidate Executive at Large Board Member

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