

Michigan Public Employees, SEIU Local 517M

POLICY #7

POLICY: ELECTION SERVICES PROVIDED BY SEIU Local 517M

In furtherance of the Union 's commitment to provide for a fair and impartial election process and its obligation to protect the privacy of its members, the following policy is hereby adopted:

1. No Union membership list, in part or in whole, shall be released to any group, individuals or to any member of the Union for any purpose other than to existing SEIU Local 517M Executive Officers, and SEIU Local 517M Executive Board Members for official Union business only.
2. A candidate whose name appears on the ballot as prepared by the SEIU Local 517M Election/Tally Committee, may request to mail election-related material to a Union member's home address or emailed to a Union member's home email address.
3. Any such request shall be:
 - a. in writing,
 - b. addressed to the Staff Liaison of the Election/Tally Committee in care of the Union office,
 - c. include the actual material to be sent, and
 - d. received at least fifteen (15) calendar days for mail or five (5) calendar days for email before the requested distribution date.
4. The Election/Tally Committee, or its Chairperson, shall determine whether the material requested to be sent is bona fide election-related.
5. If it is determined to be election-related, the Union shall mail the material to the membership or email the membership at their home email address. The Union reserves the right to have large bulk mailings processed by a mailing service.
6. Any such mailings shall be done in blocks of members only, that is, either by the appropriate Chapter or Department, or the Union as a whole.
7. The candidate shall provide, in advance, the cost of printing and/or sufficient paper, envelopes and postage for the mailing at his or her own expense.
8. Any unfavorable determination by the Election/Tally Committee, or its Chairperson, pursuant to #4 above, shall be subject to the Internal Complaint Procedure.
9. The candidate profile information included with the election ballot shall include the candidate's name, current work position, work history, SEIU Local 517M or other experience that qualifies the candidate for the elected position.
10. No campaign statements shall be included in the candidate profile information included with the election ballot.
11. The Election/Tally Committee shall meet prior to a general election to review and set the election process calendar.

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