EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

Both the Election Rules and the Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act (LMRDA) prohibit “contributions” to election campaigns by employers. Employers are not just MTA subsidiaries, bus companies and other entities which employ Local 100 members. “Employers” includes anyone who employs employees. This includes anyone from a sporting goods store owner to a company selling insurance. “Contributions” means anything of value, not just money. So, if someone who is an Employer donates masks which say “Vote for the Mike Quill Slate” that is a contribution to the Mike Quill Slate. If an Employer provides soda for a picnic, or covers the costs of a fundraising golf outing, that is a contribution.

The Election Rules make it clear that candidates should keep records about contributions of $99 or more. The Election Committee reserves the right to review those records, especially where candidates appear to be spending large sums of money. There are many vendors who would like to curry favor with candidates running in Local 100. It is a practice in a number of public sector elections not subject to the LMRDA. It is NOT a practice allowed in Local 100.

Please keep good records of contributions of $99 or more, and of any major expenditures.

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