

PROTEC17 backs Starbucks Workers United!

PROTEC17, a union of over 9,000 public employees in Washington state and Oregon, is proud to stand alongside Starbucks Workers United (SBWU) as they make organizing history. We strongly support the new wave of unionization led by workers in both the public and private sectors. They, along with our existing unions, are rebuilding a labor movement that is fighting to raise standards and expand rights for all workers, and to challenge the power of corporate and political elites.

That's why we fully support Starbucks workers everywhere who are organizing and petitioning for union recognition so they can bargain good pay, benefits, safe staffing levels, and rights on the job. We are proud of the Starbucks workers at stores in Seattle, WA and Eugene, OR who have petitioned for union recognition, and want to let you know that PROTEC17 members in your communities support your efforts to win union recognition and a good contract.

The company's union-busting mentality is unacceptable. It is shameful that Starbucks executives have resorted to a relentless campaign of mandatory anti-union meetings, harassing texts, and attempts to divide and intimidate workers. They are doing that, of course, because they know that as a union you'll have power and a voice.

When workers organize into our union, in places like the City of Seattle, they enjoy the basic democratic rights that every worker deserves to have: the right to talk about the union without harassment, intimidation, or threats from the employer. The right to have a voice in decisions that impact their jobs and their life. Starbucks workers deserve the same basic rights. That is why we call on Starbucks executives to sign on to [the Fair Elections Principles](#) that SBWU has proposed. We also urge Seattle City Council to lend their support as well, and adopt the resolution to support Starbucks workers and their rights to form an union.

We stand in solidarity with Starbucks Workers United, and with all workers organizing for dignity, respect, and rights!