

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 569
Committee on Political Education
Check-Off Authorization

I hereby authorize the company to deduct from my pay the sum of \$00.10 each hour worked and to forward that amount to International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 569 Committee on Political Education. This authorization is signed voluntarily and not out of any fear of reprisal and on the understanding that the IBEW will use the money to make political contributions and expenditures connected with federal, state and local elections. This voluntary authorization may be revoked at any time by notifying the company and IBEW Local 569 in writing. Contributions or gifts to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 569 Committee on Political Education are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

Date: _____ Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number: _____

Signature of Employee: _____

Name (Print): _____

Do you want to help strengthen our union by volunteering for Local 569 political actions?

How would you like to Volunteer? You can choose more than one.

- Phone Banking (often, we call only our members)
- Precinct Walking and Getting Out the Vote (GOTV)
- Direct Mail (writing the letters)
- Attending Advocacy Meetings
- Getting members to sign up for COPE
- Social Media Outreach (Keep web presence up to date and fresh)
- Community Outreach (Attend meetings of community partners/organizations)
- Other _____

Please print and mail the completed signed form to:

**IBEW Local 569
Attn: Gretchen Newsom
4545 Viewridge Ave., Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92123**

For questions about COPE or the IBEW Local 569 Legislative Committee, please contact Political Director Gretchen Newsom at 858-569-8900 x 110 or gnewsom@ibew569.org.



COPE – Committee on Political Education

Strengthens our Union and Helps Elect Pro-Worker Candidates

WHAT IS COPE?

COPE helps us secure our future by making investments in candidates and causes who share our values. COPE is one of the tools we have to make a difference in politics.

IBEW Local 569 members strengthen our union by volunteering to fill out a COPE card. The COPE card authorizes your employer to make a 10 cent-an-hour deduction from your check to go toward political education. For just 10 cents an hour worked, you can ensure that you're doing your part to build political power for our Local and help elect candidates that support workers and our families.

WHY IS COPE IMPORTANT?

IBEW 569 is powerful because our members are powerful. We are known for being at the cutting-edge of technology in the electrical industry and we are respected for our activism and civic engagement. Attributed partially to our political power, in recent years we have negotiated contracts that have improved our wages and working conditions.

Unfortunately, the political process is often dominated by corporate interests, whose goal is to undercut and destroy what working families and unions have fought for: the 40-hour work week, prevailing wages, secure retirement, public education, job safety, and our fundamental right to organize into unions.

We need to protect what we have and make political investments to ensure the creation of future jobs with prevailing wages and excellent benefits!

DOING YOUR PART TO STRENGTHEN OUR UNION

It's no surprise that the political system in the U.S. is centered around money. Even local school board candidates need tens of thousands of dollars to win elections against opponents whose corporate backers have unlimited financial resources.

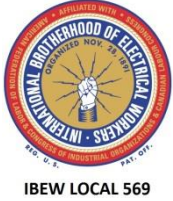
We will never match corporations dollar for dollar in the political process, but in combination with our strong record of getting out and voting for union-endorsed candidates, COPE is a tool for us to build our political power, strengthen our labor movement, and win elections.

IBEW Local 569 members decide when and how our COPE money will be spent. Sometimes we donate directly to a candidate's campaign to help make sure they have what they need to win. Sometimes we send mailers or make phone calls to make sure that the issues we care about remain in the political spotlight, and that the candidates -- who support working families -- get elected to office.

Your participation in COPE is vital to winning our constant battle to protect worker benefits, grow our labor movement, and secure new high-quality, good-paying jobs for you and our Union's members!

SIGN UP FOR COPE TODAY!

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STEPS in the IBEW Local 569 COPE Process *Investing in Candidates and Causes that are Aligned with Workers*

1. IBEW LOCAL 569 MEMBERS STRENGTHEN OUR UNION BY VOLUNTARILY FILLING OUT A BLUE COPE CARD OR BY PRINTING AND COMPLETING THE ONLINE FORM AND MAILING IT TO THE UNION HALL.

The COPE card authorizes your employer to make a 10 cent-an-hour deduction from your check to go toward political education and investment.

Deductions are only made for the hours you worked – if you're unemployed and not working, contributions to COPE will not be made.

For just 10 cents an hour worked, you can make sure that you're doing your part to build political power for our Local and elect candidates that support workers.

2. COPE MONEY IS SENT TO IBEW LOCAL 569.

Your employer will deduct 10 cents for each hour worked and forward that amount to IBEW Local 569's COPE. This contribution amounts to just \$4/week - less than a large Starbucks latte!

3. IBEW 569 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE DECIDES HOW TO INVEST COPE FUNDS.

The IBEW 569 Legislative Committee is comprised of working IBEW 569 members. These members set political goals and lead the local in reaching those goals. The Legislative Committee meets monthly on the 4th Thursday at 4:00pm at our Union Hall.

In addition to running voter registration, member political education and tracking important legislation, our Legislative Committee decides how we spend COPE money. This Committee votes on which candidates and issues to support.

4. IBEW 569 CANDIDATES WIN ELECTIONS.

In combination with our volunteering and educational outreach, COPE gives us additional leverage to win elections.

We win elections through our solidarity and because of your support and COPE contribution!

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