Call to the
National Joint Council

Taking Democracy Back!

Las Vegas, Nevada – June 16-19, 2019

To: All NOLSW local unit officers and members
From: Pam Smith, NOLSW President
Date: March 18, 2019

The National Joint Council (NJC) will be held at the Luxor hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, from Sunday, June 16, through Wednesday, June 19, 2019. Every eighteen months, the NJC brings together NOLSW members from around the country to strengthen our union by developing skills in workshops, learning about important topics, debating union issues, and HAVING FUN!

We have exciting plans for this NJC that include plenary sessions addressing important topics that impact NOLSW members and the clients we serve, including health care for all and climate change. Access to quality healthcare is a fundamental right that impacts not only our negotiations with management, but the lives of everyone living in this country. We will explore solutions to the broken health care system in this country that treats quality healthcare as a privilege for the few while leaving many of us behind.

While climate change affects all of us, the effects are already felt most urgently by low-income persons. We’ve witnessed first-hand the devastation that has been caused by natural disasters in this country that are directly related to climate change from the unprecedented flooding and destruction caused by hurricanes in Puerto Rico, Texas, Florida and North Carolina to the utter terror and desolation caused by the uncontrolled wildfires in California. Only by Taking Democracy Back can we begin to address these and other important issues facing us today.

While the challenges facing us are massive and daunting, we know that together we are unstoppable. Progressive-minded people everywhere have taken to the streets with unprecedented activism. The 2018 mid-term elections showed us the hope and opportunity that exists for a transformed government that truly represents all people. People who had never held public office, including NOLSW members, ran for and now occupy seats in local, state, and national government. At the NJC, we will hear from current and former NOLSW members who have taken on the challenge of working to create a government that serves all people.

I hope you can join us at the NJC this June where we will be celebrating our victories, learning how we can continue to make a difference, and seeing that together we can continue

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UNIT REPRESENTATION AT THE NATIONAL JOINT COUNCIL

Under NOLSW Bylaws, each unit is entitled to send two (2) Representatives to the National Joint Council (NJC), one of whom is the unit Chairperson. Units may send Additional Representatives if they so choose. All Representatives, other than the Unit Chairperson, must be elected by the membership. Election shall be by a majority of those votes cast and contested elections shall be conducted by secret ballot.

Each Unit may send as many Additional Representatives as they wish, but all Representatives must be elected. Subsidized and Additional Representatives have voting rights, as determined by their delegation, up to the total amount of votes provided in the Bylaws of NOLSW, UAW Local 2320. Units are encouraged to send as many representatives as possible.

Subsidized Representatives: NOLSW will subsidize one Representative from each unit. The registration fee for the subsidized representative is $150 which includes NJC materials, some meals during the NJC and travel costs. The unit is responsible for paying for the hotel and other incidental expenses. Subsidized unit representatives must use the union designated travel agent to purchase airline tickets.

Additional Representatives: The registration fee is $350 which includes NJC materials and some meals during the NJC. The unit is responsible for the travel costs, hotel and other incidental expenses. Additional Representatives may use the union designated travel agent to purchase airline tickets, but must provide their own method of payment or designate on the registration form that the airline tickets and/or registration fees may be deducted from unit’s Centrally Maintained Account. Authorization to deduct fees from the CMA must be signed by the Unit Chairperson.

Guests: The registration fee for guests is $350 per adult or $150 for children ages 7-18 (children under the age of 7 are free) which includes some meals during the NJC. The guest is responsible for their own travel costs, hotel and other incidental expenses during the NJC. Family of representatives, who do not wish to register for the entire NJC but want to attend the banquet only, may purchase banquet tickets for $115 per adult or $65 per child ages 7-18 in advance. Guests may use the union designated travel agent to purchase airline tickets, but must provide their own method of payment.

Hotel Costs: NOLSW has negotiated a reduced rate at the Luxor Hotel for NJC 2018 for representatives and guests. The daily rate will be $55 per night and a $30 per night resort fee plus 13.38% tax. The resort fee includes Internet, use of the fitness center and other hotel amenities. The total cost of a three night stay from Sunday to Wednesday is estimated to be $288.60. All representatives must stay at the Luxor Hotel. Unit representatives will not be reimbursed for charges at any other hotel.

Registration: Attached is a Registration form that each Representative (Subsidized or Additional) and guest must fill out and have signed by the Unit chairperson. Registration fees must be paid at the time the form is submitted unless the unit requests them to be deducted from their Unit’s Centrally Maintained Account. Upon receipt of the completed registration form and payment, the union administrators will email each registrant instructions and procedures for contacting the union travel agent and making hotel reservations.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 26, 2019
AIRLINE RESERVATION DEADLINE IS MAY 3, 2019
HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE IS MAY 3, 2019