

Explanation of Primacy:

AFSME Local 189, which represents City of Portland and Port of Portland employees, is one of several Oregon AFSCME (aka, Council 75) affiliate Locals whose members live and work in the greater Portland metropolitan region. Because our members are employees of the City of Portland in addition to being community members, they are doubly-impacted by decisions made by Portland's elected leaders. For that reason, among Oregon AFSCME affiliate locals, Local 189 has primacy (comparable to “the right of first refusal”) in races for elected office in Portland city government. These include races for Portland City Counselor, Mayor, and Auditor. Local 189 also has primacy, among AFSCME Locals, on Portland city ballot measures that pertain Portland City Code and/or to the operation of city government

Local 189 does not have primacy in county, metro, state or national elections. Where Local 189 does not have primacy, the candidate/campaign should reach out to the AFSCME Local which does have primacy (this will be the Local whose members work for the jurisdictional entity where the election is being held). Our Local cannot endorse a candidate in a race in which our Local does not have primacy unless the Local which does have primacy has endorsed *that candidate* or unless that Local has chosen to make no endorsements in that race. For state-wide elections, Oregon AFSCME has primacy in state-wide elections (AFSCME-represented state employees have multiple channels for engagement in that process). AFSCME does not always make endorsements in national elections. When they do, the endorsement processes and decisions are the purview and responsibility of AFSCME International. AFSCME Local 189 has no direct role or influence in those decisions.