January 8, 2020

USW District 4 Local Union Presidents, Recording Secretaries and Rapid Response Coordinators:

We are excited to announce the very first 2020 District 4 Rapid Response and Legislative Conference. It will be held from March 9 – 12, 2020, in Albany, NY at the Hilton Albany Hotel, 40 Lodge St., Albany, NY 12207

Every time we walk into our workplaces or negotiate a contract, laws and policies impact us. Elected officials are making decisions on these issues every day. The question is -- will those decisions benefit us or do us harm?

Getting involved in Rapid Response and our union’s legislative work brings our perspective to the table. By attending the conference, locals will gain knowledge on the key issues of today, learn how to share those issues with your broader membership, and build skills to help your local engage in actions that boost our union’s power to impact government decisions – whether that’s in Washington, in your state, or even your local community.

We encourage every local to take part. We all have a stake. Rapid Response Coordinators and Team Members along with Local leadership are strongly encouraged to attend.

Schedule

**Registration** – Conference registration will take place on Monday, March 9, from 4:00-6:00 p.m., and on Tuesday, March 10, from 7:00-8:30 a.m.

**Monday, March 9 – Orientation** – A short conference orientation will begin at 6:00 p.m. for all delegates.

**Tuesday, March 10** – The conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday. General session and workshops will continue throughout the day.

**Wednesday, March 11 – Lobby Day & Closing Reception** – In the morning, we will head to the New York State Capital for a day of fighting for our agenda and meeting with elected officials. That evening is a special closing reception and dinner.

**Thursday, March 12 – Lobby Day Debrief** – We will wrap up the conference with a short debrief of our lobbying efforts at 8:00 a.m. before we adjourn at 10:00 a.m. and delegates travel home.
Registration

Please pre-register online, by mail, or by fax before February 17, 2020. Checks should be made payable to:  

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- **Online Registration** -- [http://usw.to/D4RRConference](http://usw.to/D4RRConference); or
- **Mail Registration** – $100 Mail the registration form and your check to: United Steelworkers District 4, Attn. Mary Quirk, 305 Cayuga Road, Suite 175, Cheektowaga, NY 14225; or
- **Fax Registration** – Fax the registration form to the USW District 4 at 716-565-1727, then mail checks to United Steelworkers District 4 at the address above.

Hotel Information

**Hotel** – A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hilton Albany in Albany, NY. Attendees should make their own hotel reservations by calling the hotel and referring to the conference code, 4USW. If you prefer to book online, a link is available below. The hotel will accept reservations until February 17, 2020. To ensure availability, please make your reservations as soon as possible.

The room rate is $145 a night plus tax. A credit card will be needed to reserve the room. If a reservation must be cancelled, please do so 72 hours before arrival or your card will be charged. Check-in is 4:00 p.m. and check-out is 11:00 a.m. Hotel parking is available at a discounted conference rate of $7 daily.

Booking Link:

Group Code: **4USW**

Please contact their Reservations Line at: 1-866-691-1183 and reference this code in order to book under the agreed-upon group rate.

Reservations can be made 24 hours a day!

Reservations will be accepted until the cut-off date of: 2/17/2020

In accordance with our established policy, the International Union will not be responsible for the cost of delegate(s) participation. Your local union must bear any expenses for attendance, including travel and hotel fees.

If you have any questions regarding the registration process or conference details, please contact District 4 Rapid Response Coordinator, Mark McDonald at 716-565-1720. We look forward to your local’s participation in what promises to be a very exciting conference.

In solidarity,

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Del Vitale
District 4 Director