

Dear Fellow Members of BCGEU Local 601,

I am reaching out to you today in the hopes that you will support my election as Chairperson of the Executive Committee of Local 601.

2020 was an exceptional and difficult year filled with challenges we could never have predicted. Regardless of where or what you do for work, every member of Local 601 was called upon to tackle ever-changing circumstances head-on day after day. And we did it. Together.

I am a firm believer that what makes us strong as workers and as a union is our commitment to supporting each other under the most difficult of circumstances. Our solidarity is our strength.

As Local Chair, I would work to build on and strengthen these relationships of solidarity by prioritizing work at the local level that ensures your union is there to support you when you need it. I will also prioritize increasing your confidence in our union by making sure you feel empowered to take an active part in building our strength in the workplace.

If elected, I intend to be your representative. My role will be to help members build a local that reflects their concerns, hopes, and ideas. Because the union is the membership.

I believe I am well-qualified to serve as Local Chair. My specific experience includes:

- Three years of service on the Local 601 Executive Committee as a Member-at-Large
- Four years of work as a shop steward, during which I have been proud to assist more than 200 members in a variety of situations
- Two years service on the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee at my worksite, of which I was elected Employee Co-Chair in October.
- Years of experience as a union organizer before joining the BC Public Service and BCGEU in November of 2015.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my candidacy. I would be honoured to have your support.

Solidarity forever,

Jeremy

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