

2010 Part-time Political Organizer

Purpose:

The 2010 Political Organizer position provides an opportunity for SEIU members to assume part-time responsibility on the Gubernatorial General Election campaign. This is a temporary position beginning as early as July 2010 and ending as late as November 2010.

This is an hourly position.

Primary Responsibilities: (Any one position may not include all of the specific duties and responsibilities listed. Examples provide a general summary of the work required and should not be treated as a total and complete list of expected duties to be performed by employees in the classification.)

- Deliver an appropriate message with specific talking points for canvassing and phone banking that is appropriate to the audience and is consistent with the Red Team or Blue Team message
- Participate in staff meetings
- Participate in door-to-door canvasses and phone banks
- Knock on doors and participate in phone banks to talk to voters for purposes of persuasion or for GOTV

Skills Required:

- Good listening and communication skills
- Ability to work independently and to think on your feet
- Good judgment in dealing with potential voters
- Good judgment in interacting and communicating with political and community leaders and others
- Willingness to work hard
- Ability to walk long hours and distances in varying climates
- Willingness and ability to take direction and function well within a team structure
- Willingness to work, when assigned, in a coalition of other progressive allies outside of organized labor
- Be able to communicate effectively and respectfully in diverse communities
- Knowledge and/or experience in working with community based organizations (including neighborhood, religious, and civic organizations) and willingness to do outreach to community groups and leaders.
- Willingness to learn new skills and keep current on the news and issues that affect the campaign
- Willing to be trained in canvassing technology
- Bi-lingual in Spanish useful, but not required

Other Qualifications:

- A valid and clean driving record (may make exceptions in some cases depending upon the needs of the campaign and the assignment)
- Ability to commit to a part-time schedule of between 5 and 20 hours per week (with the specific number of hours to be agreed to in advance).
- Completion of an application that is endorsed by the President of the member's Local Union and submission of a one paragraph statement describing why they should be selected to be on the 2010 team
- Is energized by political involvement
- Must be registered to vote, if eligible.

Working Conditions:

- Irregular hours, including evenings, weekends and occasional holidays and frequent outdoor work in varying weather.

Direction

2010 Part-time Political Organizers work under the overall direction of the State Campaign Direction and report to their "Team Leader" on their assignments.