# *Elect* ***Stacey Robinson*** *FOR PRESIDENT*

Dear Friends,

I am so excited and pumped to share with you that I am running to be your next President.

I am a proud member of CUPE Local 716 where I have served as your 1st Vice President for the last five years and have been an employee with the Richmond School District for over twenty-two years. My passion has always been as an activist for human rights and by serving on your Local's Executive team it has given me the perfect platform to carry your voice with me and put you, and your concerns, at the forefront. Whether it be a Health & Safety issue, fighting racism in the workplace, creating a more inclusive space for our LGBTQ+ community, or empowering our marginalized and precarious workers, I am there. You are not alone – my focus is always on the member.

I believe we have a positive and cohesive working relationship with the Senior District staff and I will continue to sustain and build on this relationship by representing our members to their fullest potential. The relationship with the employer needs to be a respectful and positive one, where meaningful and productive discussion takes place. One of my most recent achievements, that I have fought hard for, was establishing the Relief Trainer positions for the Business Assistants and the Senior Administrative Assistants. I believe that all employees deserve the right to proper training and support which will give them the necessary tools and skills to perform at their highest potential. I will continue to advocate and uphold the health, safety, and dignity of all workers.

While serving as the Local's Treasurer shortly after the 2014 strike, with much hard work and prudent spending, I was able to overhaul the finances and brought the bank balance back from a near deficit position.

I continue to be involved in many committees as your Union Representative such as: District SOGI Committee, District BAWG (Budget Advisory Working Group); Grievance Committee; Bargaining/Negotiating (2 Terms); District Convention Committee; District Health & Safety; Education Committee; District Job-Evaluation Committee.

We are all a team of hardworking and dedicated people, who are passionate about our jobs. There will always be challenges ahead, but we will face them together as a strong, dedicated membership. And, as always, I will be there alongside you, representing, advocating, and protecting your rights.

I'd like to take this time to thank my nominator. I would also like to thank Ian for his mentorship and faith over the years, which in turn, has given me the confidence to run as your President. I fervently hope to continue to demonstrate my passion and commitment to you, our members. Let's talk and have a conversation - I would love to hear what you have to say. I'm available anytime - 604-272-7919.