



## Local candidates, local decisions, local results

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Dear members,

Local government elections are happening right now, and these elections have a huge impact on your everyday life.

The vast majority of CUPE members in British Columbia work in municipalities, regional districts, school districts, or an employer directly tied to local government funding. These workplaces, and our members who work there, deliver the public services and education our families rely on every day in the communities we call home.

Local elections aren't about partisan politics; they are about the candidates who are best suited to improve our communities. But this can make it harder to figure out where to place your vote because it is not always clear where a candidate stands on important issues.

Through local labour councils, union members work together to review candidates on behalf of all working people. Labour council representatives—drawn from our own locals and other unions—sit through countless interviews, meet with candidates, and ask the hard questions. Together, they decide democratically who to recommend in the local elections, volunteering their time to help make deciding who to vote for a bit easier for all of us.

To further help CUPE members, CUPE BC has created a helpful website. You can enter your address, and it will match you to your correct municipality, school district, and regional district, and this includes unique structures like the Vancouver Parks Board and Islands Trust! You can choose to opt in-to future communications (or not), download a PDF of the labour endorsed candidate list for your community, and even set a calendar reminder to vote!

[Look up endorsed candidates here!](#)

**IMPORTANT:** The last day to vote is Saturday, October 17, 2026.

This is about you, your family and your community, and what makes sense locally. CUPE members across the province are committing to vote for their local labour endorsed candidates, and we encourage you to join them.

Thanks for voting local!

In solidarity,

**Karen Ranalletta**  
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