



# AFSCME LOCAL 2187

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES—AFL-CIO

May 16, 2019

*Robert Coyle*  
President

TO: AFSCME Local 2187 Membership

*April Gigetts*  
Vice President

RE: Ethelind Baylor Endorsement Issue

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*David Mora*  
Secretary-Treasurer

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

*Tammy Murphy*  
Recording Secretary

Many of you have asked about our decision not to support one of our own members, Ethelind Baylor, in her race for City Council At-Large, especially as we have withheld our endorsement despite a different decision by the District Council and the International Union.

*Michael P. Bonetti*  
Union Agent

Our decision not to endorse Ethelind Baylor wasn't complicated. Our rationale was quite simple. **We won't support Ethelind because she has never supported us.**

*Executive Board:*  
*Adam Feldman*

*Mike Gardner*  
*John Gossard*

As a correctional officer, she fought against even joining our Local. She has called the police on her fellow union members – our executive committee – who were simply holding an appropriately-scheduled meeting. And as District Council's Legislative Director, she has failed time and time again to alert our Local's leadership to critical legislation pending before City Council...this is what we pay her for!

*Yolande Hunte*  
*Byron James*

*Jesse Jordan*  
*Timothy Pelletier*  
*David Wilson*

Where was she when Council considered legislation to create new positions within the Mayor's office...**positions that could have been civil service positions**, adding members to our bargaining units and strengthened the union?

*Trustees:*

*Joseph Barr*

Where was she when Council reduced the interest rate on DROP, **costing nearly every one of us approximately \$7,000?**

*Michael Gilligan*

And where was she when Republican Councilmember David Oh leveled unfounded allegations at our brothers and sisters at DHS? Our Local was **only able to rebut these allegations because the DHS Commissioner asked our leadership for help.**

In each of these situations, Ethelind, Fred Wright's hand-picked Legislative Director, was AWOL.

The question we should all be asking ourselves is, **"If Ethelind hasn't advocated for us *before* Council, how can we expect her to advocate for us *on* Council?"**

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We believe that past results are the best indicator of future performance, and Ethelind's results have been disastrous. She has undermined us, our Local and our Union, and we believe she would continue to do so as a member of the City Council.

There are a number of well-qualified, pro-Labor candidates running for City Council who have supported us in the past.

**These are the City Council At-large candidates who were endorsed at the District Council 47 Delegate Assembly on March 28, 2019.**

- #56 – Helen Gym
- #71 – Isaiah Thomas
- #78 – Derek Green
- #80 – Justin DiBeradinis

Voting for just these four candidates, increases our chance for a strong, pro-labor City Council.

In Solidarity,



Bob Coyle  
President

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