

# UNITED for JUSTICE



Ohio • Summer 2011

## Gearing Up to Win in 2012

*SEIU Local 1's Major Contracts Expire in 2012... In All Seven Local 1 States*

IT'S TIME to raise standards in our contracts and protect the gains we've already won. Together, we can win the wages and benefits we need to support our families.

YOU have the power to make your union stronger. If all members commit to get involved and speak out, we will have a strong foundation going into 2012.

### RALLY ON SEPTEMBER 28:

- Cincinnati: Queen City Tower at Noon (301 East 4th Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202)
- Cleveland: 200 Public Square at 4:00 pm.
- Columbus: Details Coming Soon.

### Stand Together & Stay Connected.

- Next Member Meeting: September 10  
Call your union office for details!
- Sign Up for Our Email List: [SEIU1.ORG](http://SEIU1.ORG)
- Find Us on Facebook:  
[Facebook.com/SEIULocal1](http://Facebook.com/SEIULocal1)

## New Stewards Stepping Up

CLEVELAND MEMBERS are getting involved by becoming stewards for the first time. New stewards like **Eric King**, **Jennifer Metz** and **Rodney Kirby** are taking leadership roles at their work sites. And long-time leaders like **Sandra Ellington** help out by being mentors.

Stewards **Sandra Ellington & Eric King** (pictured) urge fellow Local 1 members to help out. And in Columbus, **Brian Smith**, **Claude Smith** and **John Padgett** received certificates of completion for the SEIU Local 1 Leadership course on July 23.



*Interested in becoming a leader in your workplace? Call your union office today! •*

## Protect Our Hard Earned Wages & Benefits

WHEN WESTERN & Southern got \$77 million in public money to build the Queen City Tower, they promised to hire a responsible janitorial contractor.

But Western & Southern chose EMS. EMS workers have no guaranteed wage and benefit standards, no process for resolving workplace issues, and no voice on the job.

If EMS provides janitorial services for Cincinnati's newest and biggest downtown office building, it will threaten the gains we worked so hard to make.

**Get Involved: Contact your steward or union office. •**

## Local 1 Asks Congress: Where are the jobs?

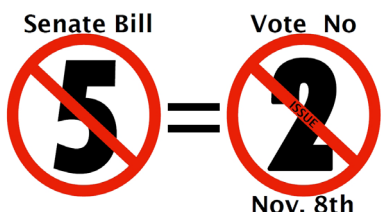


Three LOCAL 1 members demand good jobs in Ohio: **John Padgett**, **Claude Smith**, and **Kevin Daniels**.

SEIU LOCAL 1 joined with the community to confront Rep. Steve Stivers at OSU on August 15. Members and allies gathered at a jobs fair hosted by the Congressman to support those looking for jobs and to call out Rep. Stivers on his shameful voting record on jobs bills.

**Local 1 Member Kevin Daniels was there to make his voice heard. "Republicans need to be willing to work with Democrats to create jobs. Politicians fighting each other isn't helping anyone get back to work."**

The week before, hundreds of Ohioans gathered outside of Speaker John Boehner's office in West Chester to demand that he take action to create jobs. Unfortunately, when protestors asked to schedule a meeting with the Speaker, his office responded by locking the doors. •



This November, Ohio voters will decide whether to repeal SB 5, a law that severely limits the collective bargaining rights of state workers. Make your voice heard. Vote NO for Issue 2 on November 8!

SEIU Local 1 members are also working on municipal elections in Columbus and Cincinnati. Contact your union office to get involved. •