



Alameda Labor Council, AFL-CIO

What does a Labor Council delegate do, and why should you want to be one?

Delegates are the connection between their union and labor's grassroots coordination of political and community organization. The Labor Council coordinates union political campaigns, endorsements, community outreach, policy and legislative initiatives, Delegates uphold a strong tradition of fighting for equality, justice and better conditions for working people in our communities.

Delegates are appointed *or* elected by their union to represent the union at Labor Council meetings and programs. In addition to attending monthly meetings, delegates can also serve on formal and informal committees at the Council. Here are 10 actions steps delegates can take to be effective for their union and the Council:

1. Delegates Meetings – Commit to attending the monthly Delegates' Meetings and to taking the message back to your union.
2. Inform your fellow union members of news and issues from the CLC. Share & distribute information, at meetings, in publications, person-to-person...wherever works best for your union!
3. Worksite – In coordination with your union, attend or hold worksite meetings on legislative, political or solidarity issues (such as strike or picket line support)
4. Volunteer – Help with projects like the Annual Labor Day Picnic, Political Action Awards Dinner, or organizing, contract and community campaigns
5. Street Heat – Join the Rapid Response team that turns out members for picket lines, actions, and rallies, with a goal of 1% participation from every union.
6. Actions - Attend at least 5 actions a year planned by the Action Council.
7. Political Campaigns – Participate in labor political campaigns, including endorsement interviews, phone banks and precinct walks. Help your union meet the goal of 3% mobilization for politics.
8. Gather signatures – When the CLC adopts a petition drive, work with my union to gather volunteers and signatures
9. Involve my union sisters and brothers to become more involved in events and activities listed above. Get my co-workers to join us on a particular picket line or event/activity.
10. Grow my own leadership abilities and learn new skills by participating in the labor movement.

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