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SEIU Local 73 Endorses Brandon Johnson for Chicago Mayor

CHICAGO, IL – SEIU Local 73 has endorsed Brandon Johnson for Mayor of the City of Chicago. SEIU Local 73 represents nearly 16,000 frontline, essential workers in Chicago.

“We are proud to endorse Brandon Johnson for Mayor. We believe Brandon is the progressive candidate who will unite a multi-racial working-class coalition to unify Chicago into a city that works for all people,” said Dian Palmer, President of SEIU Local 73. “Brandon has always been there championing our members’ fight for a fair contract. At UIC, CPS, and Cook County, Brandon stood up for us, and that’s why we’re standing up for him.”

“The SEIU Local 73 voice, and labor, matters because not only are these frontline workers, but they are also Black and Brown women, and heads of households and communities all across our city, who have led fights against injustice and for clean, safe schools and fully funded public services. Their collective work to transform Chicago for the better is an inspiration, and I am honored and humbled to receive their endorsement,” said Brandon Johnson.

“Our members are the lifeblood of Chicago. From the crossing guards who keep children safe every day to the aviation security officers keeping travelers safe at O’Hare and Midway,” said Palmer. “Local 73 members understand they are a political force who will make the difference in this election. The same way Brandon Johnson will be the difference for Chicago.”

“As a union member, I joined my Cook County colleagues in an historic 18-day strike last year for a fair contract. Brandon Johnson was there, standing up for us and working as a Cook County Commissioner to help us win our contract. I’m here today to help Brandon Johnson become the next mayor of Chicago!” said Eugenia Harris, Population Health Coordinator, Stroger Hospital.

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SEIU Local 73 represents more than 31,000 workers, primarily in public service and publicly funded positions in school districts, municipalities, social service agencies, and many other job classifications in Illinois and Indiana. We are dedicated to improving the lives of workers and their families.