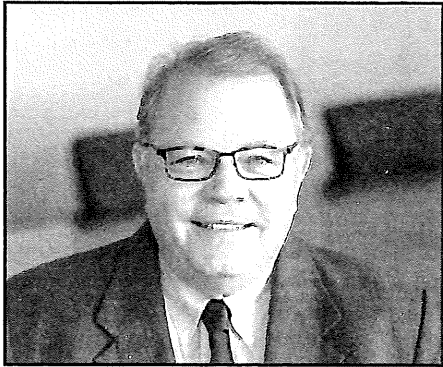


A LETTER FROM JOHN B. BOYD: THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW



"All I know is that first, you've got to get mad... I want you to get up now, get out of your chairs, open the window, stick your head out, and shout 'I'm mad as hell and am not going to take this anymore.'" Scene from the movie, Network, 1976.

Ask yourself these two questions:

Are you tired of financially supporting losing political candidates at all levels of government?

Are you tired of political parties pushing agendas which do not protect and improve your access to good jobs, decent wages, adequate health insurance, and a pension for when you retire?

If you answered yes to those two questions, are you willing to do something about it?

The leadership of the Greater Kansas City Building & Construction Trades Council and the Kansas City AFL-CIO, Alise Martiny and Duke Dujakovich, have met recently with leaders of organizations which support labor and equal access to justice in our courts for everyone. From those meetings, a simple notion was identified...

Let's begin by electing our own.

From the large number of active and retired union members, there are natural born leaders and ones who can be assisted in developing those skills but who have never run for any political office. Who are they?

Rather than political party's telling us who is the candidate, why can't we grow our own?

School Boards, Fire Districts, city councils and aldermen, county commissioners, mayors, and legislators—all are elected. In our neighborhoods, you know who they are. They influence wages, public contracts, labor union relations.

This is where you come in. You can suggest the name to your local union leadership who will send it on to Duke or Alise.

Which co-worker's opinion do you value?

Who in your home community is popular with your neighbors and friends?

You don't have to recruit, just nominate. Pass the word. To win, we must identify those who support your ability to succeed to provide for your family. This is about finding the best people to become political leaders irrespective of party affiliation. You organized to defeat Right to Work. That was not about a party, it was about an attack on your ability to prosper.

You did it before, now let's do it again.

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GM PLANTS HIT BY CHIP S



GM said it plans to resume building Chev time in nearly nine months at the Fair reopened in Kansas.

The General Motors Co. Fairfax Assembly & Stamping plant in Kansas City, Kansas, is scheduled to resume work on the Chevrolet Malibu on Monday, Nov. 1. The plant has a local workforce of 2,102, and restarted first-shift work on the Cadillac XT4 on Sept. 20.

In early February GM idled the Fairfax plant because of a worldwide shortage of semiconductors used in auto manufacturing. The issue also caused slowdowns at Ford Motor Co.'s Kansas City Assembly Plant. Production on the Transit van at the plant stopped for a short period earlier this month.

As a result of the production shutdown, GM sold just 269 Malibus in the U.S. in the third quarter, 99 percent less than in the same period a year earlier.

The challenges in obtaining the chips have resulted in numerous shutdowns of auto plants over the past year, including Ford's and GM's Kansas City operations, and disrupted elec-

AFT LOCAL 691 SECURES NEW CONTRACT FOR PARAPROFESSIONALS & SCHOOL-R



under Jason M. Roberts, President of KCFT&SRP Local 691, was approved unanimously by both the KCFT&SRP and by the Kansas City Public Schools' School

tional benefits, workplace improvements, and protections. The contract is also President Roberts' first contract as head of Local 691.