

# METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT of GREATER CHICAGO RESOLUTION

SPONSORED *by the* BOARD of COMMISSIONERS CONGRATULATING

## GENIE KASTRUP *on being* SELECTED *to* SERVE *as the* PRESIDENT *of the* SEIU LOCAL 1

**WHEREAS**, the Service Employees International Union was founded in Chicago in 1921 as the Builders Service Employees International Union. Unlike many union organizations formed during this era, the Builders Service Employees International Union was fully integrated, permitting membership by black Americans, women, and immigrants; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1968, the name of the union was officially changed to the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) in a move toward inclusivity and to represent the membership more clearly; and

**WHEREAS**, Local 1 is recognized as the precursor entity to the SEIU. Formed in Chicago in 1904 by residential maintenance workers, Local 1 currently represents 50,000 members throughout Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 3, 2022, Genie Kastrup was chosen by the board of the SEIU to serve as the President of Local 1, effective immediately. Ms. Kastrup replaced former President Tom Balanoff, who retired on March 3rd. She will serve as President for the remainder of his term, which ends in September of 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Kastrup has been an officer of Local 1 for fifteen years, serving in numerous capacities during that time. Most recently, she served as the Executive Vice President, the first woman elected to the position following the union's reorganization. Prior to that, she served as Vice President (prior to the reorganization) and Chief of Staff; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Kastrup has also served as a member of the SEIU International's Division Labor Board and the SEIU International's Together We Rise/Futures Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Kastrup will be the first woman to serve as the President of Local 1 in the union's 100 year history; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to joining the Local 1 in a leadership capacity, Ms. Kastrup worked for the SEIU Illinois State Council for 10 years. She also worked with the SEIU in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, Genie Kastrup has an established career as a labor advocate, a worker's rights activist, and political strategist. Her work on behalf of the SEIU Local 1 demonstrates her dedication and unyielding perseverance to the working class; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, on behalf of ourselves and our staff, do hereby congratulate Genie Kastrup on being selected to serve as the President of the Service Employees International Union Local 1; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution be spread upon the permanent Record of Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and that a copy of same, suitably engrossed, be presented to Genie Kastrup.



DATED THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY of MARCH, 2022.

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