

**United States of America** National Labor Relations Board



# NOTICE OF ELECTION

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO EMPLOYEES VOTING BY U.S. MAIL**

PURPOSE OF ELECTION: This election is to determine the representative, if any, desired by the eligible employees for purposes of collective bargaining with their employer. (See VOTING UNIT in this Notice of Election for description of eligible employees.) A majority of the valid ballots cast will determine the results of the election. Only one valid representation election may be held in a 12-month period.

SECRET BALLOT: The election will be by secret ballot carried out through the U.S. mail under the supervision of the Regional Director of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). A sample of the official ballot is shown on the next page of this Notice. Voters will be allowed to vote without interference, restraint, or coercion. Employees eligible to vote will receive in the mail Instructions to Employees Voting by United States Mail, a ballot, a blue envelope, and a yellow self-addressed envelope needing no postage.

ELIGIBILITY RULES: Employees eligible to vote are those described under the VOTING UNIT on the next page and include employees who did not work during the designated payroll period because they were ill or on vacation or temporarily laid off. Employees who have quit or been discharged for cause since the designated payroll period and who have not been rehired or reinstated prior to the date of this election are not eligible to vote.

CHALLENGE OF VOTERS: An agent of the Board or an authorized observer may question the eligibility of a voter. Such challenge must be made at the time the ballots are counted.

AUTHORIZED OBSERVERS: Each party may designate an equal number of observers, this number to be determined by the NLRB. These observers (a) act as checkers at the counting of ballots; (b) assist in identifying voters; (c) challenge voters and ballots; and (d) otherwise assist the NLRB.

### METHOD AND DATE OF ELECTION

The election will be conducted by United States mail. The mail ballots will be mailed to employees employed in the appropriate collective-bargaining unit. At 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 20, 2017, ballots will be mailed to voters from the National Labor Relations Board, Region 05, BANK OF AMERICA CENTER, TOWER II, 100 S. CHARLES STREET, STE 600, BALTIMORE, MD 21201. Voters must sign the outside of the envelope in which the ballot is returned. Any ballot received in an envelope that is not signed will be automatically void.

Those employees who believe that they are eligible to vote and did not receive a ballot in the mail by Monday, March 27, 2017, should communicate immediately with the National Labor Relations Board by either calling the Baltimore Regional Office at (410)962-2822 or our national toll-free line at 1-866-667-NLRB (1-866-667-6572).

All ballots will be commingled and counted at the National Labor Relations Board, Region 05 Washington Resident Office located at 1015 Half Street SE, Washington, DC 20570-0001, on Monday, April 10, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. In order to be valid and counted, the returned ballots must be received in the Washington Resident Office prior to the counting of the ballots.

WARNING: This is the only official notice of this election and must not be defaced by anyone. Any markings that you may see on any sample ballot or anywhere on this notice have been made by someone other than the National Labor Relations Board, and have not been put there by the National Labor Relations Board. The National Labor Relations Board is an agency of the United States Government, and does not endorse any choice in the election. Page 1 of 3



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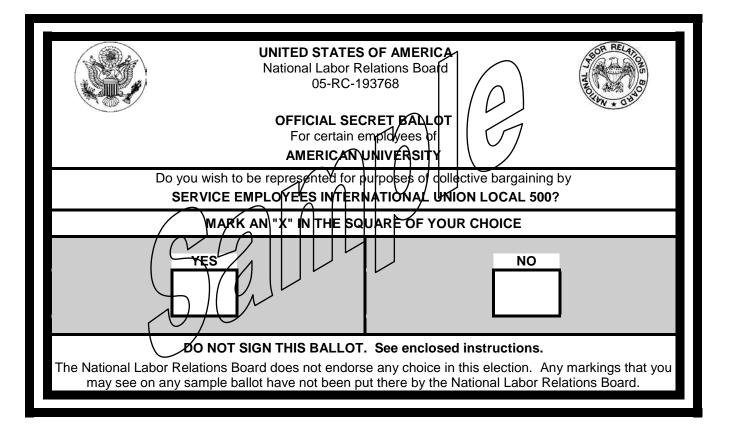
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VOTING UNIT – For Certain Employees of American University

EMPLOYEES ELIGIBLE TO VOTE: All Doctoral and Masters students in American University departments employed at the University's campus in Washington, D.C., who are working toward degrees offered by American University, and who are employed by American University and supervised by faculty to provide instructional or research services in undergraduate or graduate-level courses or labs, including, but not limited to Teaching Assistants, Research Assistants, Graduate Assistants, Laboratory Assistants, Teaching Apprentices, Dean's Fellows, Instructors, Graders, Preceptors, Section Leaders, and Tutors.

Those eligible to vote in the election are all students who fall within the definition of the appropriate unit described above who were employed by the University and enrolled in the University's Spring 2017 semester.

EMPLOYEES NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE: Any full-time or regular part-time American University employees and faculty, students who are working in grant funded positions where the University does not control their wages, adjunct faculty who are included in the bargaining unit certified in NLRB Case Number 05-RC-070027, managers, quards and supervisors as defined by the National Labor Relations Act.



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### **RIGHTS OF EMPLOYEES - FEDERAL LAW GIVES YOU THE RIGHT TO:**

- Form, join, or assist a union
- Choose representatives to bargain with your employer on your behalf
- Act together with other employees for your benefit and protection
- Choose not to engage in any of these protected activities •
- In a State where such agreements are permitted, the Union and Employer may enter into a lawful unionsecurity agreement requiring employees to pay periodic dues and initiation fees. Nonmembers who inform the Union that they object to the use of their payments for nonrepresentational purposes may be required to pay only their share of the Union's costs of representational activities (such as collective bargaining, contract administration, and grievance adjustment).

### It is the responsibility of the National Labor Relations Board to protect employees in the exercise of these rights.

The Board wants all eligible voters to be fully informed about their rights under Federal law and wants both Employers and Unions to know what is expected of them when it holds an election.

If agents of either Unions or Employers interfere with your right to a free, fair, and honest election the election can be set aside by the Board. When appropriate, the Board provides other remedies, such as reinstatement for employees fired for exercising their rights, including backpay from the party responsible for their discharge.

#### The following are examples of conduct that interfere with the rights of employees and may result in setting aside of the election:

- Threatening loss of jobs or benefits by an Employer or a Union
- Promising or granting promotions, pay raises, or other benefits, to influence an employee's vote by a • party capable of carrying out such promises
- An Employer firing employees to discourage or encourage union activity or a Union causing them to be fired to encourage union activity
- Making campaign speeches to assembled groups of employees on company time, where attendance is mandatory, within the 24-hour period before the polls for the election first open or the mail ballots are dispatched in a mail ballot election
- Incitement by either an Employer or a Union of racial or religious prejudice by inflammatory appeals
- Threatening physical force or violence to employees by a Union or an Employer to influence their votes

#### The National Labor Relations Board protects your right to a free choice.

Improper conduct will not be permitted. All parties are expected to cooperate fully with this Agency in maintaining basic principles of a fair election as required by law.

Anyone with a question about the election may contact the NLRB Office at (410)962-2822 or visit the NLRB website www.nlrb.gov for assistance.

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