

*build. We are grateful to you for reaching out and making clear that you stand behind carpenters' demands for better wages and fully-funded benefits."*

and

*"We hope that you will use your elected position to make further efforts, in coordination with us, to support our strike action. We urge other elected representatives to follow your example."*

As a rank-and-file union member myself, and as a thrice-elected workers' representative, I am proud to stand with union carpenters. I take home only \$40,000, and the rest of my \$140,000 City Council salary after taxes goes into a solidarity fund for workers' movements. I pledge to donate \$10,000 from this solidarity fund to your strike fund if the carpenters' union sets one up, and I urge labor and community organizations, and progressive elected officials, to contribute as well. I would also be happy to meet with you and your membership to talk about how we can help build further support for the strike.

Just since the COVID crisis began, American billionaires have become nearly two trillion dollars richer. And the bosses have raked in trillions more over the last decade, while workers fell behind. But when workers fight and win, it inspires workers everywhere. As the fighting Teamsters in 1934 said, "All workers to the unions - All unions to the struggle!"

Solidarity!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kshama Sawant', with a stylized, cursive script.

Kshama Sawant  
Seattle City Councilmember