

Jessica,

I hope your trip went well. I want to start out by apologizing for my limited participation with Dem Party Central Committee during 2017., We had an extremely busy year at UFCW Local 135, which included negotiating two major contracts with CVS and Food 4 Less, both taking more than five months from start to finish. 2018 at the UFCW will be even more challenging. We have four major contracts that are expiring during the year, with Rite Aid, Kaiser, Viejas Casino, and Spreckles Sugar. I will be negotiating all four of these contracts. While I have always been involved with other community groups and organizations, as you and I have discussed for months, my number one priority and dedication is to represent our 13,000 UFCW Local 135 members. Knowing that I will not have the time to be an active participant at Central Committee, I think it's only fair that Member Lori Kern selects another alternate to replace me. You can feel free to remove my name from the alternate list. Of course, it goes without saying that our Union will continue to assist the party in whatever you need, so we can elect good Democrats and move the progressive agenda forward.

Thank You,
Mickey