September 12, 2016

To: All UAW Local Unions

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This past year has been an exciting period in the history of the 75-year partnership between labor and United Way. Over the past six months, hundreds of labor and United Way leaders across the county engaged in conversations about how to reimagine and strengthen our relationship and work more closely with community partners to address the root causes of social and economic inequality in our communities. The parties emerged from this process with ideas for creative new ways to collaborate and a renewed commitment to our partnership.

At a time when far too many families are struggling to make ends meet, children aren’t receiving the education they need to succeed, and not everyone has access to quality, affordable healthcare, partnerships with organizations such as the United Way increase our ability to make meaningful improvements in the lives of workers and their families.

For this reason, the UAW proudly endorses and supports the United Way’s 2016 campaign and asks you to do the same. I also encourage you to express your support for United Way through social media and spread the word about our Union’s critical support of the United Way’s community programs.

In solidarity,

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