U.S. Mail: Not for Sale rallies planned across country for Oct. 8

On Columbus Day (Monday, Oct. 8), NALC, the American Postal Workers Union (APWU), the National Rural Letter Carriers’ Association (NPMHU), and the National Letter Carriers’ Union of the United States (NALC) are collectively planning to hold rallies in each congressional district to demonstrate against any effort to privatize the Postal Service. The “Postal Service is Not for Sale” rallies resulted from increased grassroots interest from communities around the country that opposed privatization of the Postal Service. This past spring, the White House announced the formation of a postal task force to make recommendations for potential legislative and administrative actions by August. While the administration has not yet released the task force’s written report, the administration tipped its hand with actions taken by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). In June, OMB released a government-wide reorganization plan that called for the Postal Service to be privatized. Most notably, the plan called for restructuring the Postal Service before eventual privatization. This more prompted Congress to act, with the introduction of H.R. 993, a bipartisan measure of the House of Representatives that would prohibit the privatization of the Postal Service.

“NALC is proud to join our brothers and sisters from APWU, NPMHU and NRLCA in a show of solidarity on Oct. 8 to call for federal funds to save the Postal Service,” NALC President Fredric Rolando said. “These rallies will only be the beginning. NALC encourages letter carriers and their friends and families to participate in these rallies. For more information or to find an event near you, visit nalc.org.

What to do if you do not receive an NALC ballot

If you are eligible to vote and do not receive a ballot by Friday, Sept. 21, or if you have spoiled your ballot or receive an NALC ballot by the original ballot and a duplicate ballot, only the duplicate ballot will be counted. If you cast your ballot by the original ballot and a duplicate ballot, only the duplicate ballot will be counted. If you cast your ballot by the original ballot and a duplicate ballot, only the duplicate ballot will be counted. If you cast your ballot by the original ballot and a duplicate ballot, only the duplicate ballot will be counted.

Ballots must be received by 9 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 4, to be counted. The counting of ballots will begin that day.

The bulletins for the election of national officers for NALC have been mailed.

On Aug. 28, the Senate confirmed the nominations of David Williams (D) and Robert Duncan (D) to serve as members of the U.S. Postal Service’s Board of Governors, each for one term.

D. Williams was confirmed to serve for the remainder of a seven-year term that expired Dec. 8, 2019. Williams has a long history of government service. He joined the Senate Service after a tour of military duty in Vietnam, and then served as part of the U.S. Signal Corps during Operation Stalemate. Following his work on President Ronald Reagan’s Commission on Organized Crime, he led the Office of Special Investigations at the General Accounting Office (GAO). He co-founded the government-wide reorganization plan that called for the Postal Service to be privatized. Most notably, the plan called for restructuring the Postal Service before eventual privatization. This more prompted Congress to act, with the introduction of H.R. 993, a bipartisan measure of the House of Representatives that would prohibit the privatization of the Postal Service.

To be eligible to vote, a person must be a regular member of NALC and in good standing as of June 1, 2018. National business agents (NBAs) will be elected by the members in their respective regions. For many years, President Barack Obama appointed Blohm to serve as the assistant to the president on manufacturing and at additional mailing offices. Branch officers are instructed to immediately contact NALC at 202-393-4695 to request a duplicate, replacement ballot. If you cast your original ballot and a duplicate ballot, only the duplicate ballot will be counted.

The deadline for branch officers to contact NALC is 4 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, Sept. 24.

On Sept. 6, the White House formally sent the nominations of Ron Bloom (D) and Roman Martinez IV (R) to the Senate for consideration.

Bloom, who will be nominated for the remainder of a seven-year term expiring Dec. 8, 2020, began his career as an investment banker and union consultant before serving as the special assistant to the president of the United Steelworkers of America. Bloom earned a master’s degree from the University of Michigan in his work in public administration. Bloom also worked for Warner Bros. and served as the assistant to the president on manufacturing policy in 2009, where he helped rescue the auto industry during the Great Recession. In 2011, he returned to investment banking, where he worked for Citigroup as the head of its government affairs department. At time of his nomination, he advised NALC on postal issues and appeared before both a national union session and a national convention. Bloom is currently managing partner and founder of Bloom Asset Management, where he helps manage the firm’s private equity investments.

Martinez will be nominated for the remainder of a seven-year term expiring Dec. 8, 2019. He began his career as an investment banker in 1975 at Rudnove & Co., and he was appointed as the Federal Reserve Board beginning in 1986, leading the Federal Reserve Board’s examinations of banks and thrifts. Martinez later worked as a managing director of investment banking until his retirement in 2012. Since 2013, he has served as the board of directors for several different companies and has been involved in various Republican political campaigns.

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