



## WE ORGANIZE WESTMINSTER COMMUNITY MEETING



Thursday November 12th  
6-8pm  
**Advent Lutheran  
Church**  
7979 Meade St.  
Westminster, CO 80030

Westminster is changing, but you have a voice in how it changes! - Do you have concerns about the future of your community? - Are you interested in engaging with your neighbors on issues that will directly affect you and your family?

When: Thursday November 12th 6-8pm

Where: Advent Lutheran Church 7979 Meade St. Westminster, CO80030

Food and Childcare provided

Questions? Contact Laurel Hayden lhayden@fresc.org (303) 518-1103

October 2015

- [Community Meeting](#)
- [Union Concession Win](#)
- [Open Enrollment](#)
- [AFSCME is Hiring](#)
- [Exec: Raise the Wage](#)

[Donate ONLINE today!](#)

You may also send checks to:

7760 W 38th Ave  
Wheat Ridge, CO 80033  
[\(303\) 936-0503](tel:3039360503)  
[www.fresc.org](http://www.fresc.org)



US ON [FACEBOOK](#)

## United Auto Workers Union Wins Concessions From Fiat Chrysler Automobiles



Fiat Chrysler CEO Sergio Marchionne (front, second from right) and United Auto Workers union President Dennis Williams (front, second from left) announce a tentative agreement during a news conference in Detroit Sept. 15, 2015. Reuters/Rebecca Cook

As of the end of October, tens of thousands of autoworkers have a future that is a little

more encouraging than it has been in recent years.

The United Auto Workers and Fiat Chrysler signed a contract to ensure higher wages and more benefits for over 30,000 hourly workers. UAW is expecting to have similar labor-friendly agreements at General Motors and Ford affecting over 140,000 workers.

“This really indicates a sharp turn for the UAW, from being a union on the defensive to a union returning to its historical role, ensuring that workers and their families are getting a good share of what companies produce,” says [Harley Shaiken](#), a labor relations expert in the auto industry and a University of California, Berkeley professor.

The UAW also announced recently that it has reached a tentative agreement with General Motors. The agreement details has not been disclosed but it is expected to be similar to Fiat Chrysler’s deal and it will affect over 50,000 workers.

About 935,000 people work in the U.S. auto manufacturing industry, according to the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#). This is a great step in the right direction but more still needs to be done for the other hundreds of thousands of nonunion workers so they can earn a fair wage.

[For Full Article »](#)



## Open Enrollment is Underway!

Open Enrollment to sign up for health insurance is officially underway! Open enrollment began on Sunday, and Coloradans have until January 31st to sign up for or renew health coverage for 2016. However, consumers will have to sign up for health insurance before December 15th to obtain coverage starting on January 1st and avoid a gap in coverage. When shopping through Connect for Health Colorado, consumers may be eligible for financial assistance to help cover the cost of their coverage.

[For More Info »](#)



## AFSCME Council 76 is Hiring!

Position: Administrative Assistant

Accepting Applications until November 10th

Under the direction of the executive director this position provides administrative and secretarial support for the executive director and the office. Duties are running the daily operations of the office, financial, coordination of meeting, training and conferences, special projects, and any other duties as assigned. Independent judgment is required to plan, prioritize and organize a diversified workload. This position will deal with confidential and sensitive information.

For more details contact:

Cheryl Hutchison, Executive Director AFSCME Council 76  
770 West Hampden Ave #215  
Englewood Co 80110  
303-355-6504  
[chutchison@afscmecolorado.org](mailto:chutchison@afscmecolorado.org)

**Message to my Fellow Execs:  
Raise the Wage**



Getty

Tony James, president and chief operating officer of Blackstone and a director of Costco Wholesale Corporation, sent a message to his fellow Execs: raising wages is good for business. There are three key reasons for his belief.

“First, it will accelerate growth of the economy. Second, it will increase labor productivity. And third, it will reduce government support payments and the pressure to raise taxes on business.”

When you raise wages you give more money to lower income people who also have a higher propensity to spend. Also raising wages federally would mean that business constraints would be uniformly applied and each business will have to try to increase price, productivity, or innovation. For businesses, higher wages means lower turnover, reduced training costs, and more committed employees.

“At a time of rising income inequality, let’s not just hope for prosperity to trickle down. Let’s put resources where they are needed most and lift the entire economy with them.”

[For More Info »](#)

---

#### Connect with Us



FRESC: Good Jobs Strong Communities  
7760 W 38th Ave Ste 200  
Wheat Ridge, CO 80033  
(303) 936-0503

[info@fresc.org](mailto:info@fresc.org)

[UNSUBSCRIBE](#)