

# SEIU C.O.P.E.

How much are we paying for the Committee  
on Political Education (COPE) activity in  
Washington D.C.?

## SEIU Constitution Amended in 2008

Proposal #317 that was approved.

Article XV, Sec 18a.

Duties of Local Unions

# SEIU Political and Action Program

Community on Political Education

**C.O.P.E.**

“Every U.S. Local Union shall contribute an annual amount equivalent to at least \$6.00 per member, per year.”

(This is in addition to the \$15 million per year for affiliation dues paid to SEIU International based in Washington D.C as reported since 2008 through 2018 on Local 1000's IRS submitted annual tax Form 990.)

SEIU International counts “per capita” (not just actual dues-paying members) persons.

Local 1000 has 96,000 represented members (per capita meaning per person) in 9 bargaining units.

96,000

x6.00

\$576,000 per year is due to  
SEIU COPE

Local 1000 has currently  
52,000 dues  
paying members.

If every dues paying member pays the voluntary  
\$6.00 per year, the total equals  
\$312,000.

# Article XV Sec 18a continues....

If a Local Union fails to meet its annual SEIU COPE fundraising obligation, it shall contribute an amount in local union funds (dues) equal to the deficiency plus 50%, .....



# What does this mean for Local 1000?

- A) All dues paying members are voluntarily contributing \$11.08 (\$576,160) per year or
- B) We are paying the difference plus 50% in penalty from our dues to send to Washington D.C.
- C) It should be noted that I, Richard Louis Brown do not voluntarily pay any money to COPE!

Let's assume every dues-paying member  
is actually contributing the voluntary  
\$6.00 per year.

$$52,000 \times \$6.00 = \$312,000$$

\$576,000 required COPE

-312,000 voluntary deduction

\$264,000 left uncollected

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x 50% Penalty

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\$132,000

Original amount owed to SEIU COPE  
\$576,000

New amount owed, with (50%)penalty

**\$312,000 voluntary deduction**  
**+ \$264,000 uncollected balance**  
**+ \$132,000 (50%) penalty**

**\$708,000 TOTAL per**  
**year to SEIU COPE**

Without the ability to see the internal financial documents for Local 1000 there is no way to tell, for sure, how much money Local 1000 actually sends to Washington D.C. for politics.

(Being able to see the internal finances along with the SEIU affiliation and COPE agreements for Local 1000 is another issue.)