

# For Your Information

Recently a flyer was posted within PFD that attacked the AFSCME organization for allegedly donating funds for political campaign purposes. The union suspects the flyer originated from somebody who has an interest in busting the union because the purpose of the flyer was to obviously divide and conquer the union members. The flyer had a copy of a derogatory newspaper article about AFSCME and a hand written statement "*What your dues pay for*" beneath the article. A copy of the flyer is taped on the doors of the union office for your review. The union thanks who ever posted the flyer because now we are seizing this opportunity to clear up the misunderstandings, wives tails, assumptions, rumors, etc. regarding political campaign donations and AFSCME union dues.

## **Facts about AFSCME and campaign finance:**

1. *Since the campaign finance reform law of 2002, also known as the "McCain-Feingold Act", union dues can not be used to help finance political campaigns.*
2. *AFSCME's "PEOPLE Committee" (Public Emloyees Organized to Promote Legislative Equality) is a committee that was created for the purpose of being AFSCME's vehicle to have a direct impact on the political process. Since, by law, union dues cannot be used to fund political campaigns (for federal and many state offices), voluntary member contributions to the PEOPLE fund are used to help elect pro-worker candidates and pass pro-worker legislation.*
3. *Union members may voluntarily donate funds to the PEOPLE committee by signing a PEOPLE check-off card. Those interested in becoming a PEOPLE Committee supporter/donator contact a union officer/steward or call 523-3400 union office, leave message if necessary and we will give you a PEOPLE committee dues check-off card.*

**"This message brought to you only by the union"**