



## DELEGATE PROFILE



### Joseph Brown

Name:

Local 12698 District 10

Local Number/USW District #:

Congoleum Industries, Inc., Local Union recording secretary and grievor.

Employer, Job Title:

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Vinyl flooring

Years as USW Member:

What does your local do or make?

Marcus Hook, PA.

Hometown:

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#### What is unusual about your hometown, place of work or job?

"My area has been hit with an unusually high rate of layoffs and factories closing."

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#### What does this year's theme, "The Power of Unity," mean to you? How has your local benefited from putting unity into action?

"The power of unity means making all of us cohesive, one group. One guy said it well on Monday. He said it is not District 10 does more work than District 4 or anything like that. Instead, we all do it together and become one."

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#### What issues will be important when your local's contract expires?

"Health insurance will be a big issue in the next contract. I think that is the same for everyone."

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#### What's your favorite alternative fact?

"Alternative fact, you mean my favorite lie? During the campaign Trump said he would finance his own campaign, and we found out that was not true after the fact."

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#### Who would you prefer to have dinner with: Sean Spicer, Betty White, Vladimir Putin, Drake, or Céline Dion? Why?

"I would have dinner with Celine Dion because I am a DJ, and her music sends a message to me about keeping my hopes up."

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#### What's the best thing about the convention so far?

"Best thing about the convention to me was the message that Rev. Barber put out. It just pulled me in. It was so true. That message was factual, and it is good to hear a message that gives you the facts. It is so much better than alternative facts."

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#### What things do you hope to do while you're here?

"I just want to get all the information I can to take back to keep our members informed."

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#### What in this convention will you put to work when you return home?

"I hope to take home the message that we have to keep fighting. We have to be involved in our political process. We can't be swayed by alternative facts. Everyone must do their homework."