

## Leroy McKnight

### BIO - Overview

Chair – TEAM Workin 4 A Livin Caucus – A National UAW Caucus  
Weekly “Moderator” – Workin 4 A Livin – BlogTalkRadio.com  
Past Weekly Guest – UAW Factory Whistle Radio Show.  
Past Chair Ingham County Democrats (Two Terms)  
Past CAP Coordinator UAW Region 1-C  
Past Recording Secretary UAW Local 1753 (Three Terms)  
Past Cap Chair UAW Local 1753 (Three Terms)  
Past Member UAW Locals 652, 598 & 659  
Distinguished GM Retiree Local 1753  
Champion of Retired Auto Worker Healthcare (VEBA)  
UAW Activist 1969-Present  
General Motors Classifications:  
Order Selector Driver GMSPO Lansing (1988-2000) UAW Local 1753  
Assembler/Press Operator/Paint Sprayer BOC Lansing (1984-1988) UAW Local 652  
Assembler [Frame Line] @ GM Truck & Bus Flint (1984-1984) UAW Local 598  
Paint Sprayer @ Oldsmobile Lansing (1983-1984) UAW Local 652  
Welder Hand and Arc @ Chev-Flt-Mfg (1972-1983) UAW Local 659  
Press Operator/Product Handler/Assembler/Repairman @ Chev-Flt-Mfg (1969-1972 – Military Interrupted) UAW Local 659  
1969- Hired GM Chev-Flt-Mfg - In very building where "1936/37 Flint Sit Down" began - UAW Pioneer Hall Local 659: Second day of work told by "Sit-Downer"; "People died right here on this sidewalk so you could work here today, and don't you ever forget it!"  
US Army - Sergeant (1969 - 1972)

### Previously Featured On:

CNBC Squawk Box (Multiple times in attempts to stop dismantling of Auto-Retiree Health Care.)  
CNN Neal Cavuto  
CNN Numerous news clips over the years.  
TV 6 Lansing  
TV 10 Lansing (Sept 27, 2011 Instrumental In Partial Reinstatement of Retiree Dental and Vision.)  
TV 47 Lansing  
TV 27 Youngstown  
WKAR Michigan State University Radio (One-hour debate with Fred Stackable - Cesar Chavez Street 1994)  
WITL Radio Lansing, Michigan  
Money Tracks (90 minute PBS Documentary)  
Business Week Magazine (February 13, 2006)  
Detroit News  
Detroit Free Press  
Peoria Times Courier - Full Front Page Supporting Abandoned UAW Local 364 "Conn-Selmer" Strikers. (Full Thanks and attribution to Brother Rob Wilson who invited me.)  
Elkhart Truth (Full Front Page Supporting Abandoned UAW Local 364 "Conn-Selmer" Strikers)  
Lansing State Journal  
Flint Journal  
Toledo Blade  
Youngstown Vindicator  
Plus, Numerous Associated Press Articles Syndicated To Over 200 AP Newspapers worldwide.

### **Areas Of Expertise:**

Stock Control and Accounting Specialist [US Military 3 years]  
Welder Hand and Arc [Chevrolet Flint Manufacturing/O'Henry Fence 11 years total]  
Technical Analysis of Financial Markets [Intern for "Mgr of Thompson-McKinnen" 6 years]  
Democratic Party – Policies, Procedures and Administration [Elected Party Chair 4 years]  
UAW/Union – Policies, Procedures and Administration [Elected Executive Board Member 3 terms]  
Fundamentals of US Law [Intern at the Warren Foundation Legal Clinic for 3 years]  
Internet Website Building & SEO Certificate [NPC Online Classes 5 years]

### **Worthy of Note:**

Chair Local Union 1753 By-Law Committee (3 Terms)  
Local Union 1753 Building Committee (3 Terms – during which building was totally renovated.)  
Functioned as President Local Union 1753 numerous times during absences.  
Functioned on Local Union Bargaining Committee numerous times during absences.  
Chair Special Trial Committee – Hearing for Local Union.  
Author of GM/UAW Appeal (Local, IEB and PRB steps) to prevent voting by those not in GM pension plan.  
Author of over 200 articles published in UAW local union and region wide official press.  
Author of numerous Constitutional Convention Resolutions.  
Author of numerous Bargaining Convention Resolutions.  
The sole retiree of 1,000,000 affected "Detroit 3" retirees/dependents to initiate legal action to prevent retiree health care (VEBA) reductions.  
Lead Intervening Plaintiff in the General Motors, Ford and Chrysler VEBA Health Care.  
During the VEBA Health Care trial became one of two men cheered - during "open session" of U.S. Federal Court - in the history of the United States.  
Lead Plaintiff in McKnight v General Motors a Pension Discrimination Case.  
Author PRB Appeals: PRB Cases # 1753 and Case # 1772 and assisted in writing PRB Case # 1757.  
During leadership tenure improved Dem/Rep ratio in Ingham County from 8Dem-5Rep to 12Dem-1Rep.  
During leadership tenure elected the first African-American Prosecutor in the entire state of Michigan.  
During leadership tenure elected the first African-American Female as County Commission Chair in the entire state of Michigan.  
During leadership Ingham County was top selling county for Michigan Democratic Party Memberships in 1997 & 1998 – Statewide.  
Top individual seller of Michigan Democratic Party Memberships in 1997 and 1998 - Statewide.  
Member Democratic 8th Congressional Committee [1993 - 1998]  
Member Democratic State Central Committee [1993 - 1998]  
Lansing, Michigan Economic Development Committee – developed new masterplan. [1994]  
Executive Committee and spokesperson for Retain Cesar Chavez Street in Lansing, Michigan (1994).  
Assisted OPEIU Pres Joe Marutiak in successfully organizing the Ingham Medical Greenlawn Campus nurses (1994)  
"Instrumental" in the approval of the "Mid Michigan Water Authority" saving 155 Board of Water and Light [IBEW] jobs (1995).  
"Instrumental" in ending the mistreatment of Union Stage Hands at the Lansing Entertainment District. (1996)  
Managed Art Luna's House Rep Campaign (1994) lost with 32k+ votes - a full 1k more than adjacent winning Dem districts.  
Managed Sue Eby's Lansing City Clerk Campaign (1993), Defeated the "Incumbent Clerk".  
First Annual "Keynote" Speaker – Frances E. Cleaves May Day/Labor Day Tribute 2008 [Flint, MI]  
First Annual "Closing" Speaker – Michigan Capital Labor Day Tribute 2017 [Lansing, MI]  
Coined the term "Powellist" as someone aligned with the tenets of the "Powell Memorandum". (June 2013)  
Current Treasurer: "Residents For A Better Meridian" Political Action Committee