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Dear Council 82 Members, Staff, and Executive Board,

It is with deep sadness that I inform you of the passing of Richard “Dickie” Stevens, a Council 82 legend and valued friend. For many years, Dickie served as our Staff Director, earning the confidence and respect of our membership and staff through his unwavering passion, fierce advocacy, political acumen, and exceptional negotiation skills. He possessed a unique ability to energize and motivate others within the labor movement. Throughout his career, Dickie secured numerous victories, significantly improving the wages, working conditions, and overall quality of life for our members. His impact on our members' faith and belief in our Union was profound.

Each of us holds cherished memories of Dickie, whose dedication was deeply admired. He often used the phrase, "When they built you, brother, they broke the mold," a sentiment we can now wholeheartedly apply to him.

Godspeed, Dickie. May you bring your organizing spirit to Heaven.

Please keep the Stevens family in your thoughts and prayers. We will share details regarding memorial services as they become available.

In Solidarity,

Ron Walsh,

President, Council 82