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Fellow Members,

I'm Sid Solomon:

an Equity member since 2010, a candidate for Eastern Principal Councilor, and aware that **2 minutes is not enough time to talk about ANYTHING.**

So, obviously I urge you all to look me up online

on my Website, on Facebook, and on Twitter.

I'm easy to find.

#SIDforAEA

Many of you already know that I have lots of opinions, and have not been shy about discussing them with anyone willing to listen and to share their own. I feel strongly about the **99-Seat Plan**, the **Execution of Equity's Communications Strategy**, the **Transparency and Accountability of the Equity Council**, and about **Proportional Representation of the Membership by the Council**. It's this last point I'd like to address very quickly.

People in New York will know what I mean when I say that **I look like I belong on the 16th Floor in the Audition Center far more than on the 14th Floor in the Council Room.**

This is true for two reasons:

- 1. Our young membership is largely disengaged from and apathetic to union governance, and**
- 2. Councilors tend to skew towards being older and more successful.**

Now, I don't know if No. 1 leads to No. 2, or if No. 2 leads to No. 1, but **they are certainly connected.**

As I look out at the members of Council, I see a lot of Broadway credits, Production contracts, 1st National Tours; lots of members who are not too worried about getting enough health weeks for the year. **I don't begrudge anyone their success** (in fact, I aspire to it), **but it is certainly not representative of a majority of the members living in the Eastern Region**, nor those across the country.

My day-to-day experience as an actor – **having a day job (or three), waiting in lines at open calls, and scouring audition websites more than I care to admit** – is familiar to a sizeable portion of the members of this union, and **I don't believe they are adequately represented in this body.**

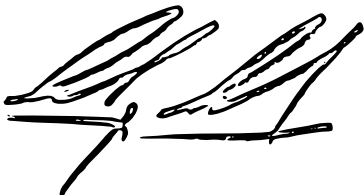
I would like to be a voice for them.

I ask for their vote.

And I ask for yours.

Finally, as I believe transparency and accountability are necessities in any democratic organization, **I strongly urge the members of this Council to heed the results of the 99-Seat Referendum**, and that **any and all Council deliberations and votes on any proposed changes be conducted as openly as possible**, with the votes of each Councilor being made available to the membership-at-large. **Earned or not, there is growing mistrust of this body.** Erring on the side of transparency will go a long way towards correcting it.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sid Solomon'. The signature is stylized with large, sweeping loops and a prominent horizontal stroke at the bottom.

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