



Dear colleagues,

My name is Francisco Ortiz, a dedicated Flight Attendant, a devoted father, and a fervent advocate for human rights. Now, I would like to take this opportunity to ask for your support and to vote for myself in the coming elections for Local trustee.

For this reason, I will talk about past education and Union experience. So, before I started this amazing career with Air Canada, I earned a diploma in Hospitality Management at George Brown College and later, I also earned a diploma on Immigration from the Academy of Learning.

On various occasions, I had the honour to work with our Local. The most recent was on the Social Justice and Human Rights Committee. Previously when CUPE National disregarding the Union own value and beliefs made a statement undemanding democracy and supporting a regimen in Venezuela. As a human rights advocate and as a Venezuelan I could not allow CUPE's commit such an injustice. So, following the rules, I worked closely with CUPE 1871 whom represents staff at the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission and likewise participated as a guest speaker at two other locals (University of Toronto and York University)

When I got nominated to become a delegate to CUPE National Convention. An event with over 2000 delegates from all Canada. I managed to pass a resolution at the Airline Division conference asking CUPE National for a retraction on their position about Venezuela. During convention I run against the incumbent president of CUPE National becoming the first member of the Airline Division to run for that position.

Lastly, I would like to mention that I am a founding member and currently part of the directive of Our Venezuela. A non-profit organization dedicated to working with Human Rights. One of the biggest projects was giving free ESL lessons to Spanish speaking new immigrants in Canada as well individuals in Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia, US. Dedicating over 2000 hours.

