

# GROUNDPOWER SLATE

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# ABILIO VILLAVERDE

## FOR PRESIDENT

**B**ROTHERS AND SISTERS, I'm asking for your support in being your new TWU Local 555 President. I'm currently serving my third term as the District 8 Representative which I have held since 2016. I was hired in 2006 at the LAS station. I then transferred to DEN after my first year. At DEN I held the following positions: Elected Ramp Representative, Alternate District 8 Representative, and a DEN Alternate Ramp Representative. My father and son also worked here in DEN with me. My son moved on to the CLE Ramp and my dad to TPA Operations where he recently retired. In addition to fulfilling my responsibilities as the District 8 Representative, I have been expanding my involvement to include other voluntary programs. I volunteer for these programs because I believe in the fight that they represent to our labor movement. Those positions include:

TWU Cope Committee State Chair CO/HI  
Hawaii Airport Labor Council member  
Hawaii Afl-Cio Cope Committee member  
Denver Airport Labor Council Co-Chair  
Denver Area Labor Federation Treasurer  
Denver Mayor Mike Johnston DIA Transition Team member



I have consistently organized multiple events for membership, from family picnics to our first NFL Madden Tournament. Organizing these have made me realize the importance of unity and solidarity, which I will continue to promote within our local. One of the other projects that I've brought to our Local is the Station Representative of the Quarter Program, which recognizes our hard-working local representatives. I have also created a program which recognizes and honors our Retirees. That program was then handed off to the Retiree Committee, which has maintained its existence since. I will continue to push for these types of programs and events throughout the system.

In 2016, when I first ran for District 8 Representative, I stated that our membership should see our leaders consistently, and not only when a problem arises. Since then, I have worked tirelessly to maintain that statement within District 8. Although my District has almost doubled in size since that time, I have still made it a priority to visit all of these stations once per quarter. The only exception being the Hawaii stations, which I visit three times per year. This measure of involvement and communication is something that I believe in, and will continue to practice.

The membership should have access to their Executive Union Leadership, which is something I will focus on when elected. This will begin by publishing the station visit report once per quarter, so every member can

ensure that cities are being visited. I intend to bring back the board meeting summary and make it available to membership, along with monthly “State of our Union” videos. These programs will make sure that every member will be able to stay informed, and know what their elected board is working on. It shouldn’t be a secret what your board is doing and not just during negotiations.

The people who have honored me by joining our Groundpower Slate are just as passionate about the change that is needed. I’m confident that together, we will accomplish this change to provide the best for our Local and to bring the power back to the ground. Vote for the change that is needed.

We are 555!

In Solidarity,  
**Abilio Villaverde - DEN**

