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To all IAM members,

The **Executive Board of IAM Local Lodge 2198** in Houston, Texas, with almost 3,000 total IAM members, writes this letter to express our strong endorsement of Sister **Ian Anderman** for IAM Grand Lodge General Secretary Treasurer (GST). We urge all IAM members to vote for Sister Anderman on April 24, 2021 because we must restore integrity to the GST's office.

Before the current Local Lodge 2198 Executive Board was installed in 2018, IAM Local Lodge 2198 was in very bad shape. The previous Executive Board of 2198, led by the current GST Dora Cervantes' sister, did not pay the federal taxes for our lodge, misappropriated IAM members' dues and defrauded IAM members by paying themselves salaries and approving expenses in violation of local lodge bylaws and the IAM Constitution. Currently, the Department of Labor is investigating the fraud and criminal charges may be forthcoming. All the previous officers are barred from ever holding an IAM office ever again.

The real injustice in this sad story is that the current Grand Lodge GST, Dora Cervantes, tried her best to sweep under the rug the defrauding of IAM members. If she had her way, her sister would still be Local Lodge 2198 President and IAM members' dues would still be fraudulently used for paying illegal salaries, reimbursing for illegal expenses and taxes being dodged.

GST Cervantes also stood by and did nothing when she knew that over 3,000 District 141 workers were not paying dues. She offered absolutely no assistance to District 141. District 141 did the hard work and rectified the situation without any help from the GST.

IAM Local Lodge 2198 is now one of the most stable and financially sound locals in North America. This is due, in large part, to Sister Ian Anderman's help and guidance to our local lodge.

The current Local Lodge 2198 Executive Board writes this letter with a heavy heart as Local Lodge 2198 is GST Cervantes' home local. We cannot, however, in good faith support GST Cervantes because she attempted to cover up the defrauding of IAM members, our brothers and sisters.

Sister Anderman demonstrated integrity every step of the way. We must restore integrity to the Grand Lodge GST's office and that is why **Local Lodge 2198 has endorsed Sister Ian Anderman and encourage all IAM members to vote for her on April 24, 2021** for IAM General Secretary Treasurer.

In Solidarity,



Tony Colina, President LL2198



Marcus Carrillo, Secretary-Treasurer LL2198



Albert Harmason, Recording Secretary LL2198



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