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Unity, Leadership, Integrity, Understanding, Resolve, Commitment

Greg Rizzuto

Council 20 First Officer Candidate

Fellow Detroit pilots,

Please allow me to introduce myself, list my qualifications and share a few thoughts for your consideration. My name is Greg Rizzuto and I would like to be your DTW Council 20 First Officer Representative.

During my 13 years at Northwest Airlines and now at Delta I have been a DTW Council 20 pilot. I was hired in March of 1996 and have flown the DC-9, the A320 and am currently a copilot on the A330. I have ridden the roller coaster ride that has defined our careers, as we have all lived through B-scales, vacation cancellations, snap backs, strike/lockouts, September 11th, bankruptcy and now our transitioning into the largest airline and MEC in the world.

During these stressful and at times contentious situations, I have remained impressed with the resilience of the Detroit pilots, the willingness to stand up for what they believe, the fairness toward difficult situations and the aspiration for unity; fueling my desire for union service.

I began serving our pilots in 2007 through committee work; appointed Vice Chairman of the Strategic Preparedness Strike Committee and later, that year, serving as Chairman. In 2008, I accepted a full time ALPA position as your Communications Chairman; participating as a member of the merger team that interfaced with Delta management and Delta ALPA.

I have supported our pilot group during difficult times, through volunteerism and a passion for the industry we service; therefore, I would like to ask for your support as your Council 20 First Officer Representative.

As your representative, I would continue to value open and honest communication; believing that debate can create progress and the democratic process can construct positive initiatives for our pilots. I will continue to present the views of my constituents while maintaining the dignity and honor that our Detroit base is known for.

The merger between our two great airlines is in the final stages. We have an opportunity to rebuild our careers and recreate our union into a powerful, honorable and united group that will lead all of us into the future; therefore, I believe that we must concentrate on the commonalities of our pilot groups while learning from our differences. I will be a representative that is willing to listen, befriend, honestly communicate and work toward unifying our pilot group and our purpose. Unity is not just a word but an action and a feeling that is derived from mutual respect and empathy. I have the desire and experience to serve this pilot group. Please allow me the honor of being your DTW Council 20 First Officer Representative.

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Greg Rizzuto