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Unity, Leadership, Integrity, Understanding, Resolve, Commitment

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Council 20 FO Candidate

Fellow Detroit Pilots,

The race for council 20 is well under way. I am happy to see so many candidates stepping up, willing to serve this pilot group. I would ask that everyone take the time to research the candidates and then send in your nomination ballots followed by participating in the election process. Council 20 has had a long history of volunteerism. When I needed volunteers for an SPSC function, informational picketing or pilots to represent NWA ALPA at a Board of Directors meeting, it would always be the Detroit pilots that would step up and volunteer. I believe this is due to the fact that you have been kept in the loop with honest and timely communication from your council. This will not end if I am elected.

In the spirit of honest communication, a question arose concerning my resignation as your Communications Chairman on September 29, 2008. Simply stated, I had a moral and ethical disagreement with the NWA MEC Chairman. I could no longer support the methods or direction in which he was leading our union. I have added the text of my resignation letter to my website, listed below, which will be up this week. In my ALPA office in MSP, I displayed this quote which I truly believe, "There is never a wrong time to do the right thing", MLK Jr.

The future of this airline and the advancement of your career are in the hands of our elected leadership. The decisions that are made at the MEC level will determine, not only, your career path but will affect you long after you have retired. This is why it is imperative that we put into place representatives that are capable of looking past their differences and are able to work together for the betterment of the entire membership and the profession. I have seen up close an MEC that was incapable of working together. **The opportunity that we have been given is a chance to start over, a chance to reinvent ourselves, a chance to change our ways, a chance to form a truly democratic union.**

I have the experience and the desire to work towards these lofty goals, striving for a better tomorrow for all Delta Pilots. If you are looking for a representative that is willing to lie, manipulate members or play party politics then I am not your man. If you are looking for a representative who has never believed in segregating ourselves into groups such as red, green, blue, north or south then I am your man. We are all Delta pilots with differing back grounds but in the end we are one. Be proud of your heritage, we can use our diversity to help grow and strengthen our association. Unity, honesty and equality will lead the way for a successful DALPA. The path taken by our MEC during the next few years will determine not only your future but more importantly, the largest pilot group in the world will be setting the standard for our entire industry.

Please allow me the chance to represent the council 20 pilots. I have set up a website for you to peruse at your leisure (www.rizz20cobra.com). You can also email me at rizz20cobra@gmail.com if you would like to ask me any questions. Thank you for taking the time to read my correspondence and I hope that each one of you and your families are well.

Gratefully,

Greg Rizzuto