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**Ceasar Mitchell Receives Mayoral Endorsement From
The United Food and Commercial Workers Union (UFCW), Local 1996**

*Southeast's largest private-sector union cites Mitchell's record of being a strong voice for
Atlanta's working families*

ATLANTA (August 7, 2017) – Today the [United Food and Commercial Workers Union](#) (UFCW) formally endorsed Ceasar Mitchell for Mayor of Atlanta. UFCW Local 1996 is the largest private-sector union in the southeastern United States, representing over 19,000 members in Georgia, South Carolina, Florida and Alabama, primarily in the retail and meatpacking, food processing, poultry and healthcare industries. UFCW members include major employers such as Kroger, Kaiser Permanente and Hormel, among others.

UFCW Local 1996 President Steve Lomax said, "We are endorsing City Council President Ceasar Mitchell because he understands the concerns of Atlanta's workers. During his sixteen years on city council, he has consistently represented the interests of working families. President Mitchell led the charge to increase the minimum wage to \$15 per hour for city employees, setting a standard for the region. He has proven himself to possess the experience and leadership abilities to make real change and boldly represent our membership at City Hall."

Lomax added, "Council President Mitchell has demonstrated his ability to bring labor and businesses together in the tough job of making Atlanta a city that works for all its people."

"Bridging the gap between labor and businesses is a tall order, but one in which I am prepared to fill on day one as Mayor of this great city," said Ceasar Mitchell, mayoral candidate and Atlanta City Council President. "Receiving this full vote of confidence from UFCW Local 1996 comes with the expectation of accountability and responsibility. I am honored and fully committed to standing in solidarity with UFCW as a strong voice for all of Atlanta's working families."

To date, Mitchell has also received labor union endorsements from the Professional Association of City Employees (PACE), The Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union (RWDSU), and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME).

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About UFCW

The [United Food and Commercial Workers International Union](http://www.ufcw.org) (UFCW) represents more than 1.3 million workers, primarily in the retail and meatpacking, food processing and poultry industries. The UFCW protects the rights of workers and strengthens America's middle class by fighting for health care reform, living wages, retirement security, safe working conditions and the right to unionize so that working men and women and their families can realize the American Dream. For more information about the UFCW's effort to protect workers' rights and strengthen America's middle class, visit www.ufcw.org or join our online community at [facebook.com/ufcwinternational](https://www.facebook.com/ufcwinternational) and <http://twitter.com/UFCW>.

About Ceasar Mitchell For Mayor

Ceasar Mitchell is a leading candidate to become the 60th Mayor of Atlanta. The Atlanta native has served the community for over 15 years and currently serves as President of the Atlanta City Council. After being elected to Council Post 1 in 2001, a citywide council seat and serving two terms; Mitchell ran for Council President, and won both the 2009 and 2013 elections. During his career, he's started and supported initiatives targeting child safety, community policing, economic development, education, and more. While on Council he chaired the Committees of Public Safety, Community Development and Human Resources, which oversees the City's economic development activities; and City Utilities. Outside of his role as Council President, he is actively involved in a number of civic, legal, and community organizations. He is a gubernatorial appointee to the Georgia Commission for Service and Volunteerism, a member of the Board of Visitors for the University of Georgia, Chair of the Georgia Municipal Association's Finance Committee and a member of the Points of Light Board of Directors. Mitchell resides in the historic West End Neighborhood with his wife, Dr. Tiffany Yarn-Mitchell, who is an Atlanta Public Schools teacher and their three young children. For more info, visit www.ceasarformayor.com; or join the conversation [@ceasarformayor](https://www.facebook.com/ceasarformayor) on Facebook and Twitter.

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