

Ryan Seeks NDP Nomination

At the urging of the CUPE Ontario Board, Ontario NDP leader Howard Hampton and many members, Sid Ryan will seek the NDP nomination in Oshawa.

While Ryan had made the decision not to run again, Hampton sent a detailed letter on July 6th asking him to reconsider his decision. Hampton told Sid that “people want a Party and candidates who they can count on to be on their side and fight for fairness for working families like them, and you're that kind of candidate.” (See below for a copy of the letter.)

Howard recognized Sid's commitment to CUPE members and respectfully suggested that the best way to serve them would be get elected to public office.



On Tuesday July 10th at a meeting with the CUPE Ontario Executive Board, Brother Ryan made it perfectly clear to the Board that he understood his commitments to members and would not run unless the Board gave its approval.

The Board voted unanimously to ask Brother Ryan to reconsider his decision, and agreed to support him should he run for nomination. The motion passed by the Board said in part “we must provide the strongest message possible to our 220,000 members in Ontario to support and vote for the NDP and to support the referendum on MMP electoral reform and there is no better way to do this than to have our leader offer as a candidate.” A copy of the motion can be viewed below.

Sid's nomination meeting will be held next Wednesday July 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Arts Resource Centre, 45 Queen Street Oshawa, behind City Hall. All CUPE members are welcome to attend.

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- [CUPE Ontario Executive Board Election Motion re. Sid Ryan - July 10, 2007](#)
- [Letter from NDP Leader Howard Hampton to Sid Ryan- July 6, 2007](#)