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My name is Levi and I am running for the position of Vice-President Community because I am eager to get more involved in organizing efforts within the local. My previous experience within the union has been centered around involvement in the tuition abolition movement and related activities within the political action committee (PAC). As VP Community, one of my responsibilities would be chairing the PAC, which I am already acquainted with. My goal would be to facilitate initiatives brought forward by members on a broad range of issues and keep the momentum up on ongoing work within the committee. Personally, my emphasis will be on seeking opportunities to center the cost-of-living crisis affecting all of PSAC901s members and look for potential solutions, both within and outside the bargaining process. Additionally, I would have the opportunity to represent the local at various bodies, such as Unity Council (representative of all unions present on Queen's campus), the Kingston District Labor Council, PSAC Regional/National, and others. I would take these opportunities to communicate the projects and goals of the local, particularly those of the groups actively organizing within the local, and also relay key information gleaned from those meetings back to you, the members of 901. I would also be vigilant for opportunities to integrate our efforts into broader movements across other universities, unions, and movements across Canada. If I am selected to serve in this role, I look forward to working with each of you towards our common goals of ensuring dignity and financial security for our members and reminding Queen's that they should be working for US, not the other way around.