

UNITE HERE Local 362 & Local 737 Statement on Disney Trump Tax Cut Bonus

The following is a statement by the Presidents of UNITE HERE! Locals 362 & 737 regarding the impact of the announced bonuses for the 23,000 Cast Members represented by our Union in Central Florida:

The \$1,000 bonus should automatically apply to Disney's Unionized workforce. The bonus is unrelated to ongoing wage negotiations and should be offered unconditionally and with no strings attached.

The \$1,000 bonus for 125,000 domestic employees will cost Disney \$125 million. However, the estimated windfall from the Trump tax cuts is over \$2 billion annually, leaving the remaining approximately \$1,875,000,000 unshared with Cast Members. (Calculations based on 2016 information which is the year most recently available)

Unionized Cast Members in Orlando are bargaining for real raises that make a lasting impact on the lives of thousands of Central Floridians who live in poverty. Disney has a choice to make: either spread the wealth created by the tax cut and grow the local economy or share only a fraction of their profits with their dedicated and hard-working employees in Central Florida.

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