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Milwaukee Starbucks Workers Win Union Vote, Elect Workers United *Oak Creek Café becomes first Unionized Starbucks in Wisconsin*

Oak Creek, WI – On Thursday afternoon, Starbucks workers from the Howell Avenue location gathered to observe the National Labor Relations Board count their ballots in a union representation election. These workers demanded union recognition on February 11th of this year and today in a landslide victory of 15 to 8, they elected Workers United International Union as their representative in the workplace.

These Milwaukee-area baristas were the first in Wisconsin to join the [Starbucks Workers United](#) movement that has swept the nation. Now, they are the first and only unionized Starbucks location in Wisconsin. As of today, workers at the international coffee chain have filed for elections to be represented by Workers United at over two hundred Starbucks locations across America. Throughout the spring, many of these stores will finally have the opportunity to vote for Workers United (a SEIU affiliate) to represent them as they fight to improve working conditions for all Starbucks employees.

Months ago, in a letter signed by a majority of the store's workers to then Starbucks CEO Kevin Johnson, the staff expressed resolve as Wisconsinites organizing their workplace:

"Wisconsin has a rich and complex history in the American labor movement despite former Governor Scott Walker's historic attack on our state's unions. We are proudly standing together 11 years later both as Starbucks partners and Wisconsinites to speak up for what we believe in as a store and as a state."

Following in the long tradition of the state's labor activists, these Wisconsin workers have truly made history today. Hannah Fogarty, a leader from the Oak Creek store, added:

"We are so proud to be the first union Starbucks in Wisconsin and hope even more stores will follow in our footsteps! Workers United has been incredibly supportive; any store hoping to organize should look no further. Working with them on this national movement has been exciting and we have no doubt that they will help us negotiate a contract that reflects our values!"

Across the country and throughout Wisconsin, Workers United is fighting for Starbucks baristas building better, safer workplaces. As this movement continues, workers in Plover, Madison, and Fox Valley will cast their votes for union representation with Workers United. Sydney LeBarron-Fahl, a Shift Supervisor in the Oak Creek store hopes that their win will lead to even more Starbucks union victories in the state:

"We chose Starbucks Workers United because we saw the incredible work they were doing for partners all over the United States. We hope this victory will inspire more Wisconsin stores to unionize and join the movement!"

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