

## **Linda Romanovitch.**

Dear Sisters:

As most tradeswomen know, the path less traveled can be challenging both physically and emotionally. Having been a carpenter for 28 years, there are many stories to tell. Perseverance, hard work, humor, great family and friends all helped me be a successful tradeswoman. But in these 28 years, the progress in regards to women has been unacceptable. We still hover at 2% of the trades' workforce nationally (the same figure as when I was an apprentice). The doors seem to be unlatched but they are far from being open. This is why I feel the Sisters in the Building Trades organization is critical at this juncture of our history. We need to work together to support, recruit, retain, mentor, and educate our sisters to make the gains we all feel are well overdue.

I enjoy being a part of this team. I feel my passion and energy would be an asset to the Board. I know this organization is in its infancy, but I truly believe it has great potential.

Here is just a little more about myself: I am currently employed by King County in the Maintenance Division as a Carpenter Foreman. I am very active in my union and serve both as Delegate to the Regional Council of Carpenters and as a Trustee for Local 131. I have an 18 year old son and have been with my partner, Maggie, for 26 years.

Respectfully,  
Linda Romanovitch.