

# CANDIDATE BIOS



## Executive Councillor By-Election Voting Notice for EC Area #1416-1417

One position, Term Ending: April 30, 2026

EC Area #1416-1417 represents members employed at Lu'ma Native Housing Society.

**Please vote for only ONE candidate**  
**The candidates are:**

- **Piyush Jain**
- **Joseph Cruz**



### **Piyush Jain:**

I am writing to formally submit my nomination for the position of Executive Councillor with MoveUP. As a dedicated union member and a strong advocate for fairness and worker representation, I believe I can bring valuable insight and commitment to this role.

Since joining Luma Native Housing in 2021, I have worked as a Tenant Support Worker and have been actively involved in supporting my colleagues and clients with empathy, professionalism, and integrity. I currently serve on the LNHS Bargaining Committee, where I have gained firsthand experience in negotiating and advocating for workers' rights. This experience, along with my ongoing commitment to justice and equity, has prepared me well to take on the responsibilities of Executive Councillor.

With strong communication skills, a collaborative approach, and a deep understanding of the needs of frontline workers, I am confident in my ability to serve and support our members effectively. I am passionate (*bio truncated due to length*)



### **Joseph Cruz:**

My name is Joseph Cruz. I was born in Nicaragua in 1982 and am proudly descended from the Nicaraos and Chorotegas peoples. My family and I crossed Central America to escape the civil war, and we were fortunate to find safety and a new beginning in Canada. This country welcomed us at our lowest, and I was raised to always pay that kindness forward.

I've worked over three years in building maintenance—one year with Metson Shelter and other CBG sites, and over two years with LNHS in Co'waa and Western. During the pandemic, I brought together small business owners I knew and, through their donations, we served full hot meals to our unhoused community.

I believe in compassion, dignity, and treating everyone with humanity. You never know what someone has been through. As Executive Councilor, I will bring that

*The candidate information has been reprinted exactly as received by MoveUP.*

# VOTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR:

## Executive Council Area #1416-1417 Election

July 28, 2025

### HOW TO VOTE

**IMPORTANT:**  
Please read through all instructions first

Voting will be conducted electronically through the MoveUP Member Portal at:  
**memberportal.moveuptogether.ca**

You will need to have an account on MoveUP's Member Portal in order to vote. This ensures a safe and secure voting process. If you have not yet already registered, you will need to do so at: **memberportal.moveuptogether.ca**.

You must register and/or have your correct information in the Member Portal in order to be eligible to vote.

You will require TWO of the following information to authenticate your registration:

- Membership ID number
- Personal email address

If you do not have your membership ID number, fill out the form at:  
**MoveUPTogether.ca/membersnumber**. Our Membership Department will follow up with you.

**IMPORTANT: When you log in to the Member Portal, double-check to ensure your work location listed is accurate. If you notice your work location is incorrect, please contact our Membership Department at 604-299-0378 or 1-800-665-6838 immediately as executive council positions are assigned by work location(s) and you are only eligible to vote in an executive council election that represents your area.**

### In the Vote-Counting Procedure

Votes are tabulated electronically and released to the Returning Officer. A results bulletin will be posted the next business day.

Deputy Returning Officer

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### VOTING DEADLINE

**Voting will open at 8:30 a.m. PT on Tuesday, July 29, 2025 and close at 4:30 p.m. PT on Tuesday, August 12, 2025. Please ensure you have completed your vote online by that time.**