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**HOFFA DECLARES VICTORY,  
WINS MANDATE FOR THIRD TERM**

*Overwhelming Win Sets Path for Continued Growth, Member Power*

(Washington, D.C.) – International Brotherhood of Teamsters General President Jim Hoffa today declared victory in the 2006 Election of International Union Officers. With a majority of votes counted, Hoffa is trouncing his challenger by a more than two-to-one margin.

“The members have spoken,” Hoffa told hundreds of supporters at his victory party Thursday night. “Together we will continue leading the fight for all working families. We are organizing the unorganized, fighting for strong health care, good wages and a secure retirement, and holding employers accountable to our members.”

Despite a negative and divisive campaign run by his opponents, Hoffa swept the large Eastern and Central regions by over a 60% margin. Tabulation of ballots in the Southern, Western and Teamsters Canada regions were expected to be completed by the weekend.

Hoffa took office following his first victory in December 1998 and was re-elected in 2001. At the union’s Convention in 2001, Hoffa codified democracy into the Teamster’s Constitution by leading passage of the “Democracy Package” ensuring one member – one vote in union elections. By winning today, Hoffa is elected to another five-year term.

A nationally recognized labor leader, Hoffa has been in the forefront in rebuilding and reforming the Teamsters Union and has played a similar role for the rest of the labor movement through his efforts in establishing the Change to Win federation last year.

Hoffa and his slate have pledged to continue the progress the Teamsters have made in national bargaining, organizing and political action.

“Last week’s mid-term elections showed that workers demand accountability from politicians at all levels of government,” said Hoffa. “Under my leadership, the Teamsters Union will continue to be a force for change and will lead our nation in efforts to improve the lives of working families.”

At the end of this term, Hoffa will be the longest serving General President of the Union since his father, James R. Hoffa, was elected to three terms and served from 1957 to 1971.

Vote totals can be viewed at [hoffa2006.com](http://hoffa2006.com)