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Teamsters General President, James P. Hoffa Won't Seek Re-Election

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James P. Hoffa, the second-longest serving head of the Teamsters union, says he will step down in 2022 after 23 years.

James P. Hoffa on Friday signaled the end of an era for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, telling The Detroit News he will not seek reelection just as the labor union this week makes a historic exit from government oversight.

"I think it's time for the next generation to take over," the 78-year-old labor leader said. "We rebuilt this union. We've rebuilt our finances. We rebuilt the spirit. We put the swagger back in the union. ... I'm very proud of what we have done, but

I also realize maybe it's time for the next generation to take over."

Hoffa, the second-longest serving Teamsters president, will leave behind a complex legacy when he steps down in March 2022 after 23 years, experts said. The Detroit native now says he feels confident in the finances, unity and momentum of one of the country's largest unions — and its restored integrity.

"We have enshrined that we will never, ever have organized crime as corruption in our union," Hoffa said.

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The Troy resident said it is too early to make a decision on whom to endorse as his successor. Only Dan Tobin, president from 1907 to 1952, has served longer than he in the union with deep Detroit roots.

Hoffa's departure from the leadership of the Washington, D.C.-based organization sets up a battle for candidates in November to compete for delegates' support at the union's convention. Those who receive at least 5% of the support there will appear on the general election ballot next year.

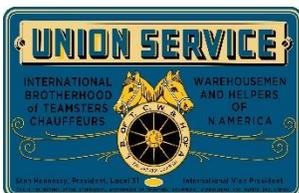
Although Hoffa says he looks forward to retirement to spend more time with his children and grandchildren, he cannot imagine abandoning the union in which he grew up walking picket lines and attending union meetings.

"I intend to make a contribution to the union in any way I can," he said. "I intend to be active in the community here in Michigan in any way I can. I'm not going away when I retire."

When he steps down, the Hoffa family — James P. Hoffa and his father, Jimmy R. Hoffa — will have led the Teamsters for 37 years of the union's 118 years.



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