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Union, Owners, Politicians Join Economic Summit in Grand Rapids

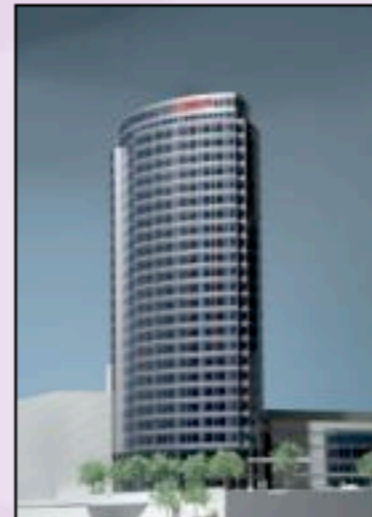
By Rod Kackley, NewsRadio WOOD 1300 News Team
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Putting people to work in Michigan and reviving our state's economy is the double-barreled them of an economic summit that will be held in Grand Rapids, Thursday.

The Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights will host the event at the J.W. Marriot hotel. Union President Tim Kelly told NewsRadio WOOD 1300 they are bringing Democrats and Republicans together, along with business owners, operators and of course the union's rank-and-file.

This is their third summit. The first two were held on the other side of the state. Kelly says they felt it was time to visit Grand Rapids, even though it is NOT a "union friendly" place to be.

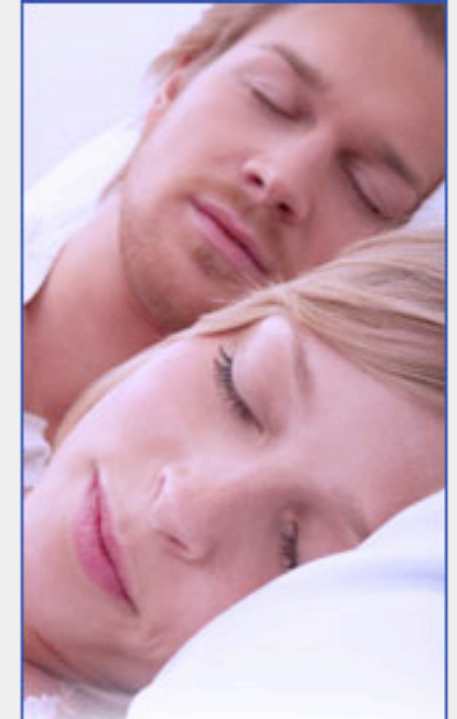
"We gotta spread out word across the state that unions are not as bad as people think they are," he explained. "That is one of the reasons we are holding the summit."



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