

All Unions must fight together for...

Strong Services

Full Retro Pay

No Givebacks



**We will be leafleting the next NYC
Central Labor Council meeting**

Thursday, May 15, 5:30pm

IBT Local 237 216 West 14th St. (btw. 8th & 7th)

*The more of us that show up, the more
pressure they'll feel to build a real fight!*

We are Public Workers United – a group of rank and file unionists here at May Day to fight for **immigrant workers rights** and for a **\$15 hourly minimum wage**, as well as **better funding for public services** like housing, education, health care and public transit.

Every public worker in NYC has been without a contract for years now. This is a tremendous opportunity for a joint struggle by all of our unions.

We are calling for **open negotiations** that include the voices of rank and filers and welcomes community demands, instead of the “we won’t negotiate in the press” approach.

Contracts like TWU Local 100’s recent deal contains raises below inflation & special concessions for new hires that are unacceptable. TWU members will be discussing and debating the contract, and some transit members of our

coalition will be arguing for a vote no. We hope the contract is voted down, because it will be used to bargain against other unions. What's needed is more mobilization of rank-and-file membership.

What you can do:

- come to our **next meeting**, discuss how to open up bargaining & create “Public dialogue for public services” – **Thursday May 8, 6pm, Atrium – NW corner of 56th and Madison**
- join the over 1000 public workers, activists and elected leaders, who have signed a petition for full retro pay - published in *the Chief* newspaper - <http://chn.ge/1cFeQTo>
- distribute this flyer to co-workers & at other workplaces / transit hubs (download from site)
- join our campaign to get City Council to pledge to oppose a budget that doesn’t include full retro pay
- raise a motion on reverse (modify as needed) in unions and other organizations

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Model resolution

*If you can raise this resolution (modify as needed) in your local, caucus or organization, please let us know by contacting **PublicWorkersUnited@gmail.com**.*

Whereas, unions can best defend their members' jobs, wages and working conditions by standing up in defense of all working people; and

Whereas, in order to go forward, our struggles must bring into action as many workers and other people victimized by this economic crisis as possible,

Whereas, the union leaders have often kept bargaining process hidden from the rank-and-file, hindering our ability to build a united fight,

We move that:

1. This union [or local or caucus] work to build a march by June 15 and commit to an ongoing campaign of mass action,

2. That this protest raise demands that can unite all workers, poor people and all those facing the brunt of the crisis, including:

- **Open negotiations**
- **Fight for a \$15 minimum wage**
- **Fund improved public services to create jobs**
- **Cost-of-living raise, full retro pay for public workers**
- **No givebacks**

3. And to this end, call on the Municipal Labor Committee, MTA Labor Coalition, the Central Labor Council and all other union bodies to build a united march for these demands, bringing together all the public workers without contracts into a joint struggle, and call on elected officials to pledge to support these demands in every way possible.

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