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Coalition Continues to Fight Layoffs and Cuts City Attacks Workers' Rights on Furloughs



We all know the problem: Los Angeles is facing a \$400-million deficit, and politicians have reacted by threatening furloughs and layoffs. LA City workers are fighting on every front for long-term solutions that protect services, but the City has responded by trying to jam short-sighted one-time remedies down our throats.

SAYING NO TO MANDATORY FURLOUGHS

Mandatory Furloughs, as a change in working conditions and pay, are a serious step that must be bargained with union representatives. However, the City is pushing for the ability to impose mandatory furloughs simply by renaming them "temporary layoffs." This ridiculous attack has no legal basis and would disrupt critical services, hurt workers, and provide only one-time savings to the budget.

Nevertheless, we are taking the threat seriously. Members have been speaking out at the Civil Service Commission and City Hall, letting everyone know that a decline in revenues is no excuse for taking away workers' rights.

"We're not going to get L.A.'s economy back on track by cutting our hours and laying people off. When we're not working, our city can't grow. Furloughs are not a long-term solution."

—Bob Schoonover, SEIU 721 Vice President and L.A. City Heavy Equipment Mechanic

PUSHING FOR REAL BUDGET SOLUTIONS

City workers continue to press for budget solutions that support City services and those who deliver them. Members of the Coalition of LA City Unions have raised our voices in City Hall budget hearings and pounded on the doors of City leaders.

The Coalition delivered City leaders dozens of ideas collected from workers on the front lines of municipal services. We also proposed an early retirement program that would allow long-time workers to look to their future now, rather than laying off newer workers. That proposal has gotten a positive reception so far.

WHAT'S NEXT

The City Council hearings are wrapping up, and now the budget goes back for another round of revisions. The deadline for the final budget is June 1.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUBMIT YOUR IDEAS...

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