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All 11 members of the Clean Slate were unanimously re-elected to Local 79’s Executive Board at the nomination meeting on May 2nd. The E-Board thanks all members for their unprecedented support of The Clean Slate in its 8th consecutive victory. Looking to build on its past successes, the E-Board is determined to continue expanding our union’s power as the largest construction Laborers Local in the country. Business Manager Mike Prohaska has been a member of the E-Board and The Clean Slate since the inception of Local 79 and is now our longest serving Business Manager. Reflecting upon his time as a Laborer, Prohaska concluded, "I know no greater honor than being a laborer for the last 40 years. I have never forgotten and will never forget where I came from. We are a union of leaders and I will never stop fighting to make sure Local 79 remains a standard-setter in our industry." Also re-elected to their positions were Local 79 President Kenneth Brancaccio, Vice President John Norbury, Secretary-Treasurer George Zecca, Recording Secretary Joe Cestaro, Sergeant-at-Arms Chaz Rynkiewicz, Executive Board Members Anthony Vita and Jose Andino, Auditors Anthony Williamson, Barrie Smith and Luis Montalvo. Thank you to Jeremy Delgado, Kris Kohler and Mickey Kelly for their service as election judges.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2018
Call Melissa Siciliano at 212-465-7976 for more info

September 8 at 10am
NYC Labor Day Parade
45th Street & 6th Ave, Manhattan

September 19 at 5pm
General Membership Meeting
St. Vartan Church, 630 2nd Avenue

September 21 at 12pm
Retiree Outing: ‘A Day at the Races’
Belmont Racetrack, Long Island*

October 24 at 5pm
General Membership Meeting
St. Vartan Church, 630 2nd Avenue

December 6 at 12pm
Retiree Holiday Party
Russo’s On The Bay, Queens*

MEMBERS RE-ELECT CLEAN SLATE
ENTIRE E-BOARD UNANIMOUSLY NOMINATED

Union Construction Workers take over Times Square

Over ten thousand in the "Count Me In" movement joined in solidarity to say, "NYC is a union town!"

Uniting against corporate greed, NYC Building Trades members rallied together to demonstrate their collective power and strength. The rally was part of a recurring series of solidarity demonstrations every Tuesday and Thursday that are organized by rank-and-file members. Local 79 members continue to be on the forefront in the fight for union rights. "We would not be where we are today without the battles fought by those before us," said Director of Organizing Chaz Rynkiewicz. "Our greatest strength comes from the activism of all our members. We will not back down. We will win."

Call an Experienced Nurse to Improve Your Health Care

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MESSAGE FROM BUSINESS MANAGER

MIKE PROHASKA

It has been a tough year for organized labor in our country. Despite the onslaught of attacks against workers, Local 79 stands strong and is fighting back.

Not only have we concluded successful negotiations with the Building Contractors Association (BCA) and the Independent Demolition Contractors Association (IDCA), but our out-of-work list is now at an all-time low. Local 79 members worked on average a million hours a month this year. It will be close, but we are now on pace to beat our record numbers from two years ago.

All this success, however, comes during a pivotal time for the labor movement in our country. As many of you know, Janus vs. AFSCME, the recent anti-labor ruling by the Supreme Court, has made open-shop, or as we call it “broken shop,” a legal fact for public sector unions across our country. We are not fooled for a second by this so-called “right-to-work.” The Janus decision is a product of a decades-long campaign of corporate billionaires to break unions and make sure Americans work for less wages with fewer benefits.

The ruling is unacceptable and a direct attack on American workers. The future looks bleak for our nation’s highest judicial body as its most recent nominee has a long history of anti-labor decisions. We continue to stand arm in arm with our union brothers and sisters, because an attack on one of us is an attack on all of us. These are crazy times, but Local 79 is more than prepared to overcome any challenge ahead. Activism is in our DNA. We know the power of collective action is our greatest strength. I have no doubt that we will continue to be leaders in the NYC labor movement.

Right now the “Count Me In” movement is developing into one of the most historic campaigns ever. I will never forget when thousands of Building Trades members took over Times Square during my speech at a “Count Me In” rally on April 4th. The energy and passion in the crowd that day was electric. Our spirit of activism and solidarity has continued to grow stronger. I told the crowd then and I will repeat it again: There is no such thing as open shop. There is only a union shop or a non-union shop. The only things in the middle of the road are white lines and dead animals.

The #CountMeIn movement of union construction workers began in NYC, but it is part of a larger fight for the future of our country. Local 79 has never turned away from a fight. We are ready, willing and up for any challenge. We will not retreat. We will not surrender.

In solidarity,

Mike Prohaska