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As summer has begun, Local 1549 administrators, staff and membership are undertaking the heavy-lifting portion of rebuilding the local. This includes new chapter officers being elected and ratification of an amended Local 1549 Constitution. These were two critical steps to this point in our administratorship plan. Members from all chapters stepped up to run for office and have their say on the Constitution.

In June, we had our first and second readings of the amended Local 1549 Constitution starting in Staten Island. From June 24 – 28, we conducted seven meetings across the city to hold second readings and the ratification vote. The amended constitution was approved by 96.3%! Now the framework for the new Local 1549 has been adopted. This constitution reflects the new makeup of the local, clarifies rank-and-file members' rights, and establishes trustees to conduct financial oversight of the local.

The other important milestone has been the election of new chapter officers and delegates. The Local 1549 Election Committee and administrators conducted nominations, elections and runoff elections for chapter officers and local delegates for all 12 chapters. Also, six members were elected to represent Local 1549 at the AFSCME International Convention. Leadership positions in the chapters are now filled.

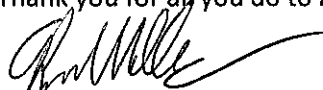
Day-to-day local business, representing the members, continues. On May 7, two HRA members testified at City Council on short staffing and poor technology to serve the clients. Following their testimony, they were appointed to a subcommittee to look at the issues. On May 8, a Police Administrative Aides appreciation event recognized more than 100 PAAs for their service. In June, two meetings with members at MetroPlus were held, and we continue to work with those members on mandatory overtime, not receiving bonus pay and having no clear path for promotions. We are working with DC 37 to file a grievance and 17 of those members have signed up for Volunteer Member Organizers (VMO) training to take part in the fight.

They are not the only members to step up. Eighteen VMOs were trained and are conducting site visits. In the past three months, we signed 88 new members at NEOs, converted 75 nonmembers to members and 409 members recommitted to their union, signing AFSCME Strong cards.

Next month, six Local 1549 delegates will join more than 3,500 delegates at the AFSCME International convention in Los Angeles. This is the highest elected body of our union, and delegates will set our course for the next two years. This is an opportunity to make sure your voices are

heard, get valuable training, and meet with workers from all over the country who share our hopes and struggles.

Thank you for all you do to keep your local and communities strong.

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Ryan Welles
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