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Good Morning Mayor Turner

It is with respect and a humble heart I invite you to our HOPE AFSCME Local 123's July membership meeting on July 25, 2017, at the E.B. Cabe Center (4501 Leeland St., Houston, TX 77023). We will reflect on the legislative session, as well as cautiously celebrate our recent pension reform victory.

As President of HOPE AFSCME Local 123, I represent over thirteen thousand public service workers – public service workers who are highly skilled professionals dedicated to the city of Houston. Much has been asked of our members this legislative session, but even through difficulty and hardship HOPE members never quit on their city or their fellow union members. They have always shown up for Houston and their union.

I would like to highlight one group of Houston HOPE members – our dedicated members at Crosstimbers. These individuals were actively calling, writing letters, working with other City of Houston stakeholders, and sharing their own stories, about the importance of retirement security. Many of our members from Crosstimbers drove from Houston to Austin early Saturday in May ready to watch the vote only to return the very next day when the schedule changed. These members solidify my faith in HOPE AFSCME Local 123.

HOPE AFSCME Local 123 is proud of our shared legacy of dedication and commitment with the city of Houston around this historic pension reform plan. We are respectfully asking you to join us as we celebrate our Crosstimbers members and the work HOPE has done and will continue to do protecting the retirement security and pensions of Houston city workers.

Sincerely,

Melvin Hughes
President of HOPE AFSCME Local 123