



October 21, 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers of Local 1549:

We had a great turnout at last evening's virtual general membership meeting. Thank you to the more than 250 members who were able to join. For those of you who weren't able to join, I wanted to share with you some of the report on the administratorship that I gave last night.

As you know, last month President Saunders determined that an emergency situation exists at Local 1549 and placed it under administratorship. A hearing was held before the Judicial Panel on Oct 4 and the disposition is still pending.

All members should have received a letter from me last month informing you of the administratorship. You can also find that letter on the Local 1549 website [here](#). In addition we created an FAQ about the administratorship to answer questions you may have, which is posted on the website [here](#).

As the Administrator of Local 1549, I am obligated to act as a fiduciary, meaning that I must act in the best interests of the membership and the local. We have been working with your chapters over the past month in these efforts, including the following:

- Members of the administratorship team participated in worksite meetings and new employee orientations, signing up over 100 new members in the past 30 days. We visited with members of DOC, 911, 311, NYPD Clerical group 7 and 8, Kings County Hospital and more. These meetings are an important opportunity for us to hear directly from you and will be an ongoing and integral part of the administratorship.
- We held a chapter chair meeting on September 26, with 14 chapters in attendance, to review the administratorship and prepare for an Oct. 8 chapter board training. That training was successful, with 36 members participating.
- We represented Local 1549 at DC37's first bargaining session with the city on September 28, as well as attended recent chapter labor management meetings.
- This week we launched a new Local 1549 website (www.local1549.com). The website will be updated regularly and will feature Local 1549 members and lift up the dedication and pride you take in your work to make New York City happen. The site has some of the member testimonials we collected at the chapter board training, and we will continue to add to them.

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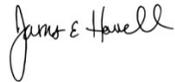
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At last night's meeting we also heard updates from DC 37 divisions, including the State, Administrative and Authorities Division, Research, Health & Safety, Personal Services Unit (PSU), and Municipal Employees Legal Services (MELS). For a list of their contact names and phone numbers, [click here](#).

I know we all want a strong, transparent, and effective union. Together we can make that happen. I hope to see you at one of the many worksite visits we will be making in the coming months. Thanks for all you do.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Howell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "H".

James Howell
AFSCME Local 1549 Administrator

CC: Benjamin Borges-Hernandez, Local 1549 Deputy Administrator
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