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Huge New York Rally, Strike Vote Put Verizon on Notice

The street outside Verizon's headquarters turned red on Saturday. 6,000 members, retirees, and family members came out for one reason: to tell Verizon to get serious at the table or get ready to see us walk.

Along with thousands of NYC-area members, 50 buses brought members from CWA Districts 1, 2, and 13 and IBEW locals throughout Verizon East.

Our huge—and loud!—rally put management on notice of just how determined we are to win a fair contract that protects our jobs, benefits, and standard of living.

CWA President Larry Cohen, VPs Chris Shelton, Ron Collins, and Ed Mooney, and IBEW



bargaining chairs Myles Calvey and John Miller all spoke at the rally.

“IBEW and CWA are sticking together! Whether we’re from Maine or Virginia, it’s all about SOLIDARITY!,” said CWA President Cohen. “Techs and service reps; inside workers and out; Verizon Business, wireless and wireline -- it’s all about SOLIDARITY! Whether we are black, white, or brown, we can’t be divided in our unions or on our picket lines because we know which side we are on!”

Area labor leaders and elected officials pledged their support to us now and on the picket lines.

Boston will rally this Thursday at 6PM at 185 Franklin St. Come on out!

Keep It Going!

The rally was a great showing of strength and solidarity. Keep it up! Across VZ-East, locals are picketing, rallying, standing up, turning cubicles and bulletin boards red, letting friends and neighbors know what’s happening at Verizon, and getting ready to walk out if the company won’t agree to a fair contract.

Stay in touch with your local. Participate in all mobilization activities, including rallies and

workplace picketing. ***Make sure your managers know that each of us is ready to do what it takes to protect our jobs, our benefits, our retirement security, and our standard of living!***

Members Say We’ll Strike If We Have To

Members voted overwhelmingly to authorize a strike if necessary. More than 91% of CWA and 95% of IBEW members voted “yes.”



Members in action!

CWA L.13500 members Tom DiGioia, Denise Hritz, Jackie Gajewski, Craig Gerard, Steve Foraker, Ed Basta, and Mike Gallagher from King of Prussia, PA, show their support for the bargaining team!

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