

## COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA DISTRICT 4



### District 4 Members Overwhelmingly Ratify Contract with AT&T Midwest



With a clear majority of eligible voters participating, members that work for AT&T Midwest voted overwhelmingly in favor of ratifying the tentative agreement reached on July 15th with AT&T. The Global Services (COS) contract was also overwhelmingly ratified. Mail ballots were counted today and added to the totals of the locals that conducted separate elections. The vote count was conducted by a committee of 24 rank and file volunteers from 13 different locals across the region.

"This vote clearly affirms the great work that was done by our bargaining committee," stated District 4 Vice President Seth Rosen. "In these tough times, our committee was able to get a contract that enhanced both our employment security and our standard of living. Our AT&T members in the Midwest evidently appreciate the job that our committee did."

The contractual wage increases are retroactive to April 5, 2009, but the benefit changes do not take effect until January 1, 2010. We don't know yet the exact date when the raises will be reflected in pay checks, but expect it within weeks and the retroactive pay a few weeks following that. As soon as we have a certain date, we will let local Presidents know.

**August 8, 2009**

**Sisters & Brothers:**

***I requested, and received, the following D4 vote totals from VP Seth Rosen:***

**YES: 6,466 (66%)**

**NO: 3,258 (33%)**

**Void/spoiled ballots: 52**

***We will release, to any Local President that requests it, THEIR local's results and it is up to each local whether they wish to do so and/or publicize their own results, as you chose to publicize yours.***

***Local 4250 members REJECTED the agreement by a 93%NO margin: <http://www.cwalocal4250.org/news>***

***In Unity-Strength & Solidarity:***

***Steve Tisza, President Local 4250***

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