



And Union Contracts!



DISTRICT 4 AT&T TENTATIVE AGREEMENT

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Brothers and Sisters,

It may be too little too late, but I am concerned with the fact that CWA has not had a coordinated bargaining with at&t. The fact that D4 has reached a tentative agreement before the others bears this out. These concerns were voiced at ad-hoc meetings before bargaining started, but apparently to no avail. At&t mobility, was left on their own to bargain their contract. I do not know what happened to the strategy for those negotiations to continue and roll in with the other contract negotiations. I am concerned that we will have a repeat of what happened at Verizon bargaining a few years ago, where District 1 settled 3 days before District 2, resulting in CWA members in District 1 crossing a District 2 picket line in NY.

We have been hearing all along that there were conference calls between Vice-Presidents, and Unity bargaining and One Union, One Voice, One fight etc. The fact that District 4 was allowed to come to a tentative agreement, without the rest of the bargaining units, defeats our attempt at unity. The fact that District 4 was allowed to come to a tentative agreement, before the rest of the bargaining units, undermines what the other bargaining units are trying to accomplish. We are supposed to be in this together! Agreements should have been honored, and CWA leadership should have stepped in a long time ago to preserve the unity. In my opinion, there should have been one national table, and several local tables. That did not happen, and it is too late to fix that now. It may be too late to fix anything, but that does not mean we cannot voice our displeasure as to what has happened thus far. It is time for CWA leadership to step forward and lead, not let Vice-Presidents continue to proceed with their own agenda's. We are playing into managements hands to play one District against another. We cannot allow this to continue!!

With that in mind, CWA Local 2252 is holding a rally on Monday July 20th from 10AM to noon at CWA headquarters 501 Third St Washington DC. It is time for CWA to represent its current members, not just the Vice Presidents and whomever they hope to organize in the future! If you care to join us, we would welcome your support. Thank you for your attention, and hope to see you Monday!

In "True" Unity,
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