

Online meeting Monday: Override AFSCME's sellout of the Philadelphia strike! Build the Philadelphia Workers Rank-and-File Strike Committee!

Philadelphia Workers Rank-and-File Strike Committee
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The Philadelphia Workers Rank-and-File Strike Committee is calling all city workers, union members, and supporters to a public online meeting at 7 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, July 14. **Register for the meeting here**.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss building opposition to the tentative agreement announced by AFSCME District Council 33, and to organize rank-and-file resistance against the sellout.

This meeting is an urgent opportunity to discuss how to reclaim the strike from the union bureaucracy and fight for the real needs of Philadelphia's municipal workers.

After eight days on strike, AFSCME District Council 33 abruptly announced a tentative agreement that falls far short of workers' demands. The deal offers only a 9 percent wage increase over three years, fails to address the skyrocketing cost of living, and abandons key demands like better healthcare contributions and the elimination of the residency requirement.

The union officials sprung this deal on workers behind their backs and ended the strike without a vote. This shows that they are working hand in hand with the city to prevent the strike from developing into a broader fight against inequality and the Democratic Party.

The union bureaucracy's betrayal has sparked outrage among rank-and-file workers, who recognize this agreement as a sellout. Many have sacrificed nearly two weeks on the picket line for a deal that barely improves their paychecks. The strike's momentum, which threatened to spread to other city workers and white-collar employees, was cut short by the union's

backroom deal.

The Philadelphia Workers Rank-and-File Strike Committee is organizing this meeting to unite workers in rejecting the union leadership's sellout and to discuss concrete steps for continuing the fight. This is a call to action for all workers who want to defend their rights: Don't let the bureaucrats and city officials decide your future behind closed doors!

Join the meeting Monday at 7 p.m. and help build the Philadelphia Workers Rank-and-File Strike Committee!



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