



TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION LOCAL 555

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Local 555 Sisters and Brothers,

As everyone is aware by now, this Local has been placed under receivership and I wanted to give a brief overview of this matter to the membership. At the Local 555 board meeting on 25 August 2017 a vote was taken to enter receivership and on 8 September 2017, The International accepted the request and appointed the Air Division Director Mike Mayes as interim Trustee on 11 September 2017. After the TWU 25th Constitutional Convention on 25-29 September 2017, I, Andre Sutton was named permanent Trustee on 3 October 2017 and officially took over on 19 October 2017.

The International has appointed International Representative Jose Galarza to assist me in this transition and we have done an assessment of the Local to ascertain where we are and where we need to go without much disruption of the day to day Union Business. The focus is to maintain representation and benefits for the membership while we examine the necessary changes needed anywhere for By-Laws to Expenditure Policies and Procedures moving forward. When all the data is collected and processed, it will be sent to the International for review and acceptance. Provided that these changes are approved, we then can move to have an across the board election process.

Upon completion of the election and with the officials in place, there will be Officer Training from the International to ensure knowledge and guidance for these positions is available. While continuing under the umbrella of the Trusteeship, the Local will be monitored by Jose and I until such a time that confidence has been restored and the Local can be released from Receivership. It is important to note there is no timeframe associated with this process, but the goal is to have a united, solvent Local for the membership well into the future. I will be updating the District Representatives with information to disseminate to you as it flows in for accuracy purposes.

I appreciate your patience while we navigate through this ongoing procedure to bring about a more prestigious Local 555.

In Solidarity,

Andre Sutton

Local 555 Trustee