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NYC CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL, AFL-CIO RESOLUTION

CONDEMNING THE DEFAMATORY ACTIONS OF THE MTA

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WHEREAS, the hardworking unionized workforce of the MTA go to work every day under the direction of the MTA and its supervisors and managers, and

WHEREAS, the MTA Management has made numerous decisions limiting head count and staffing in the interests of avoiding the pension and health costs of full-time workers, which left its workforce significantly understaffed, and

WHEREAS, MTA Management specifically bargained for elimination of the overtime caps in the collective bargaining agreements for NYC Transit workers which had the direct effect of creating the overtime need for which they are now blaming the workers, and

WHEREAS, that intentional understaffing combined with significant increases in the work required to maintain the system in a state of good repair has resulted in MTA management and supervisors directing the MTA workforce to do overtime to complete the work required to keep the system moving, and

WHEREAS, in a raw and calculated political stunt, the MTA Chairman Patrick Foye and MTA Board Finance Committee Chair Larry Schwartz called a special meeting of the MTA Board and, with no factual supporting basis, wrongly accused all MTA workers of criminal conduct in connection with the overtime worked and paid, and

WHEREAS, the MTA declared a war on working people by having armed police squads invade our worksites, intentionally creating the image of the MTA workforce as a criminal population, and

WHEREAS, the New York City Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO will not stand by while the MTA and members of its Board defame working people in the press and attack hard-working members in their workplaces to protect their own short-term political interests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the New York City Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO condemns the actions of the MTA Chairman Patrick Foye and MTA Board Finance Committee Chair Larry Schwartz for their unfounded accusations of criminal conduct, the MTA invasion of the workplace by an armed police force, and the insidious attempt by the MTA to pit the taxpaying general public against the workers of the MTA.

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