



ATU Local 1181 - Update

Dear TLC drivers

Over the last 2 weeks ATU has progressively pushed the agenda to bring real progress to the driver organizing effort. The survey results, where more than 16,000 drivers gave their input, are in. You may be surprised to note that a high percentage of drivers participated and strongly agree that collectively all drivers are the economic victims of the current system; Please check out the SURVEY RESULTS HERE. LINK: <http://atu1181.org/survey-results/>

On March 27, 2017, the leadership of ATU and some drivers had a private gloves-off meeting with the TLC commissioners, including Meera Joshi, to discuss on behalf of more than 16,000 drivers all pertinent issues and to bring light to all the matters affecting the drivers' community, including the TLC abuse on drivers. In that meeting, we pushed for many topics, including those listed below to name a few.

1. To allow all TLC drivers to have the opportunity to elect and choose a union of your choice and we will continue fighting until the expected results yield a benefit for the drivers community.
2. In our meeting we discussed the **tipping option** directly with the commissioners and we are glad that they took our lead to eventually bring that change to all UBER drivers.
3. We also brought the issue up on how UBER is stealing money from the rides of drivers prior to the big news that exposed UBER got caught stealing from drivers in LA.
 - So, we ask all drivers to provide proof that Uber is stealing from you here in NYC as well **share the link with other drivers** <https://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/2017/04/uber-said-to-use-sophisticated-software-to-defraud-drivers-passengers/>

Ask your customers how much they are paying and get the proof. Proof is important so we can bring it to the attention of the TLC. Post this in your Facebook, send us your proof, anonymously if you chose, to 20 North Central Avenue, Valley Stream NY 11580

4. We also raised the issue that all drivers face with the TLC abuse and harassment. So, if you get a TLC summons because someone calls 311, you have a right to get the caller's presence. It is your right, the accuser must be present, it is the rule.
5. We demanded that more parking facilities are opened in NYC for black car drivers. The fleet of for-hire vehicles is 8-9 times bigger than yellow taxis, yet the city allows more parking spaces for the yellow cab industry than to the for-hire vehicles. To make your voice hear call TLC at (718) 391-5501
6. We also advocated strongly for bathroom facilities at the JFK airport cell phone lot.

We will continue to find solutions to all the issues facing drivers, simultaneously attempting to make a fair system, where all drivers have a voice and where there is representation for all TLC drivers in NYC.

Continue being part of the solution by informing others of the ATU organizing effort. Please share the information: ATU 1181's website: www.atu1181.org,

Driver registration page: <http://atu1181.org/registration-page/>.

Know the difference between a real Union and a Guild/Assoc LINK: <http://atu1181.org/union-vs-guild/>