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ATU-TLC/UBER LYFT

Campaign Update:

Summary 3/27 TLC meeting

Dear Drivers:

The Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1181-1061 (ATU 1181) would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support. More than 16,000 drivers have signed ATU 1181 cards in the current campaign.

Representatives of ATU 1181, the ATU International Union and several TNC drivers met with New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission(TLC), Commissioner Meera Joshi and her staff on March 27th. Our Union has been pushing for this sit-down meeting with Commissioner Joshi since last fall when ATU 1181 rallied in front of the TLC office in Long Island City.

ATU 1181 has been demanding that the agency take responsibility for conducting a union election allowing TLC drivers to vote for the Union of their choice. During the meeting at TLC headquarters on Beaver Street, ATU 1181 President Michael Cordiello continued to push hard for the need for a union election. TLC Commissioner Joshi denied that the TLC could legally do this; however, ATU 1181 pointed out that political will was lacking, not any legal holdups.

Union representatives also demanded that the TLC weigh-in on behalf of drivers in order to help them resolve some of the many problems they face as drivers for Uber and the other TLC companies. During the 90-minute conference they were able to show Commissioner Joshi hard evidence of Uber underpaying drivers; as well as, present in detail, a host of other grievances against the TLC companies. It was repeatedly noted that the TLC does little to defend drivers and instead goes all out to punish them with a longer list of regulations and punitive fines. President Cordiello

demanded, "You have to start doing something to protect the drivers," as he pointed out to the TLC, the wages and incomes of both Taxi and TLC drivers has been dramatically reduced because of TLC inaction. Other situations facing drivers, such as those who have been trapped in unfair and predatory vehicle loans, i.e, high interest payday loans from the TLC companies, were also highlighted during the meeting.

The meeting ended with TLC Commissioner Joshi assigning a staff member to meet regularly with ATU 1181 to investigate and attempt to resolve instances of underpayment, unfair deactivation, illegal surveillance and other abuses of drivers. ATU believes that the meeting was productive enough to continue to move forward and again thanks all the many drivers who have signed union cards and support ATU 1181.

Stay tuned, we will keep you informed on the upcoming TLC Public Hearing scheduled for April 6th at 33 Beaver Street, 19th floor, Manhattan at 10:00 am. ATU 1181 will attend and expects all drivers to make an effort to participate. Parking will be limited, please use the Subway to come to downtown Manhattan.

Remember, your feedback is important to us and needed for the progression of the campaign. Please follow this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ATUonetransit> to fill out, submit and share our survey.

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