

WHAT DOES OUR CONTRACT VOTE MEAN?

In Record Numbers ILA Rank and File Vote No on Contract

They Stole the Vote, But It's Not Over

Build for the Future

The Official Results

John Bower's, ILA President, states that the contract passed. According to the Journal of Commerce and a press release from the ILA the contract passed by only 56.4% with 5,084 votes in favor, 3920 against, and 131 voided, for a total of 9,135 votes out of approximately 15,000 eligible members.

They rigged the vote

The contract may not have passed. Members in NY/NJ Locals 1 and 1235 reported having ballots torn from their hands and being told to vote yes while top officers looked on. In Jacksonville, FL, the vote occurred late and the ILA refused to count it. In ports such as Houston and Lake Charles members received last minute information about their vote.

Protests

Our group, Concerned Rank and File Members, demands that the ILA not sign the contract until all disputes concerning the vote are resolved. We demand a full investigation of the charges of vote fraud and a revote. We move America's cargo. We have the power.

Fighting Back Makes a Difference

From New York to Houston we made history by fighting to reject the contract June 8. This happened in spite of a history of corruption, a lack of information provided by the international and vote irregularities.

The record No Vote resulted from the action of groups of ILA members from NY/NJ, Philadelphia,

Delaware, Baltimore, Norfolk/Hampton Roads, Charleston, Savannah, Brunswick, Jacksonville, Miami, New Orleans, Lake Charles, and Houston.

These members passed out flyers and information and distributed buttons and stickers on the docks. Some members

went port to port to spread the word.

Although many workers remain frustrated by the corruption, we have changed our union forever. By the action of rank and file workers, we forced the ILA to provide more information and a fairer vote. It's not over.

Workers came forward and organized for a better contract. Members want to fight for equality, to stop falling standards. We want top rate for all, no tiers in our health care.

"The sleeping lion has been awakened. There's a youth movement. The young ILA dockworkers can think for themselves. The dam has been cracked. There will be a flood of change and new ideas and new leaders."

- Kimoko Harris, 27 year longshoreman, business agent of ILA 1883 Delaware, which rejected the contract. Quote taken from Journal of Commerce, 6/04

There is widespread opposition to the ILA leadership. We will only grow.

Get active. Get involved.

Together we can turn this union around.

See other side for action you can take.

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ILA Master Contract Vote Unofficial Results

Workers up and down the coast voted against the contract in astonishing numbers and may have rejected the contract. International President, John Bowers, announced that the contract has passed. After letters from members demanded a local by local vote tally, the international posted them to its web site. Members have reported irregularities and intimidation in key locals.

Ports/Locals Rejecting Contract:

Staten Island, NY
Bayonne, NJ
Philadelphia, PA
Wilmington, DE
Baltimore, MD
Hampton Roads/Norfolk, VA
Charleston, SC
Savannah, GA (Maintenance Local)
Jacksonville, FL (ILA has not counted vote)
New Orleans, LA

Ports/Locals Reporting problems with vote:

NY/NJ Checkers & Lashers Local
Elizabeth, NJ 1235
Jacksonville, FL
Miami, FL
Lake Charles, LA
Houston, TX

WHAT CAN WE DO NEXT?

- **Report irregularities, intimidation and/or fraud to the number or E-mail below.**
- **Send a letter demanding that the ILA not sign the contract. Check web site.**
- **Support the Ports who rejected their local agreements. Contact us.**
- **Join the growing numbers of ILA rank and file who want change. Contact concerned ILA Rank and File. The movement for reform in our union has just begun.**

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