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PBA Local 382

Memorandum

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Recent County Action To Disregard & Freeze Contractual Salary Increments Has Been Reversed:

I am happy to announce that after 5 days of tense discussions, media coverage and reactions by our local leadership and our general membership, that I was given an opportunity along with all county wide union officials to meet with the county executive on the above date and the plan to freeze the contractual salary increments for county employees has been reversed.

We received assurances from the county executive that all contract issues will remain in effect, that increments due at this point will be processed immediately and that contract negotiations will advance properly and in accordance with good faith standards.

I wish to thank our members, families, legal advisors, associates and media outlets for their continued support and to thank those members who took part in our campaign to send individual communications to the county officials as a group effort and sign of solidarity.

In this meetings I was again able to make a point that this issue erupted due to a highly questionable labor decision in an unrelated county and that it was based on "opinion" not "law" and there was no reason for this or any other county to abide by an "opinion".

I wish to thank the county executive for his reversal and for considering our position without the need for any further legal or moral arguments, and I would ask at this point for our members to accept this small success humbly and refrain from any further and unnecessary negative communications with county officials. We have been heard for now and thank you for your cooperation in that regard.

Respectfully,

Joe Amato, President
PBA Local 382

