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Hudson County Board of Commissioners urges parties in the Entertainment Industry Labor Negotiations to bargain in good faith and to reach a fair and equitable labor agreement

Jersey City-The Hudson County Board of Commissioners urge parties in the entertainment industry labor negotiations to bargain in good faith and to reach a fair and equitable labor agreement.

The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, Moving Picture Technicians, Artists and Allied Crafts of the United States, Its Territories and Canada (IATSE) represents more than 150,000 workers in virtually all arts, media and entertainment crafts, including all forms of live theater, motion picture and television production, trade shows and exhibitions, television broadcasting and concerts, as well as the equipment and construction shops that support all these areas of the entertainment industry.

IATSE has sought to negotiate a fair deal with The Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers (AMPTP) that would address material workplace conditions including: excessively unsafe working hours; unlivable wages for the lowest-paid crafts; the failure to provide reasonable rest during meal breaks, between workdays, and on weekends; and low compensation for workers in certain “new media” streaming projects, even on productions with budgets that rival or exceed those of traditionally released blockbusters.

The explosion of streaming content, combined with the pandemic, has elevated and aggravated working conditions, bringing 60,000 behind-the-scenes workers covered by these contracts to a breaking point.

The Hudson County Board of County Commissioners supports the right to fair wages and benefits and safe workplace conditions for all workers; fair wages and benefits help develop sustainable communities that use increased earnings to benefit the local economy while substandard pay and benefits force a substantial number of employees to rely on government subsidies for healthcare, housing and food; the overall community also benefits when employee rights are protected and labor is fairly and justly compensated.

Board Chairman Anthony Vainieri and the Hudson County Board of County Commissioners support the efforts of IATSE workers to negotiate fair wages and benefits and safe workplace conditions. The Board also encourages all parties in the IATSE/AMPTP labor negotiations to bargain in good faith and to reach a fair and equitable labor agreement.

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