



Legislation Text

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Res No. 973

Resolution in support of the striking Domino Sugar factory workers and calling upon management and labor to resume negotiations in good faith toward a mutually agreeable contract.

By Council Members Sabini, Fisher and Freed

Whereas, Domino Sugar is a subsidiary of Tate and Lyle, the world's largest sugar and sweetener corporation.

Whereas, On June 15, 1999, three hundred workers, organized by the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) Local 1814, went on strike after almost nine months, and eighteen rounds of negotiations with management at the Domino Sugar's Brooklyn refinery; and

Whereas, The last contract between Domino Sugar and ILA Local 1814 expired in October of 1998; and

Whereas, According to the ILA Local 1814, Domino Sugar is planning to restructure the Brooklyn operations and transfer the off-shore raw sugar refinery operations out of state; and

Whereas, The restructuring would eliminate approximately one hundred jobs at the Brooklyn facility; and

Whereas, According to the ILA Local 1814, management is demanding concession from the union which include unlimited contracting out, straight time for weekend work; giving back three holidays, Veterans Day, Columbus Day, and Washington's Birthday and the imposition of a no strike clause; and

Whereas, The ILA Local 1814 has further indicated that management is seeking the power to reopen the contract at will, remove list seniority and go to shift seniority for layoff purposes, require supervisory and salaried employees to perform bargaining unit work to eliminate overtime, eliminate guaranteed hours and eliminate the past practice clause in the existing contract; and

Whereas, The ILA Local 1814 is extremely concerned that the elimination of guaranteed hours would result in three hundred and fifty employees becoming part-time workers; and

Whereas, It is imperative that management and labor return to the bargaining table and reach a settlement to the existing labor strike; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York supports the striking Domino Sugar factory workers and calls upon management and labor to resume negotiations in good faith toward a mutually agreeable contract.

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