



News

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Message from the President

Sisters and Brothers

If you are a participant in our **AFSCME PEOPLE Program (Volunteer Contributions)** please refer to the following link below to register and see your MVP Rewards points and you can purchase items on the site.

<http://peoplerewards.afscme.org/login.php>

You will also need your membership ID number to register. If you don't have one or it's not current please call AFSCME International Member Services at 202-429-8400



January 2022 Monthly Membership Meeting.

Due to the recent increased numbers of the Omicron variant, our monthly meeting on January 22 will be completely virtual. A meeting link will be sent out by Wednesday January 19th. We appreciate your understanding

Please click the following links below for Labor movement stories around the country

[Labor movement could gain momentum in 2022 | Local Columnists | columbiamissourian.com](#)

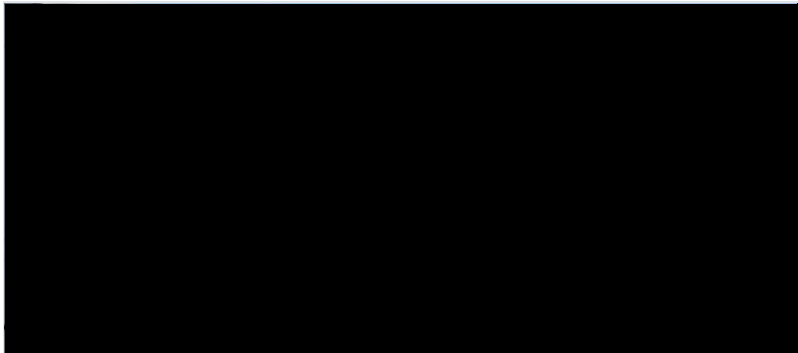


Labor movement could gain momentum in 2022

David Rosman

Happy New Year to you and yours.

[Amazon settles with NLRB to give workers the power to organize: NPR](#)



Amazon unionization efforts get a boost under a settlement with U.S. lab...

Under pressure to improve worker rights, Amazon has reached a settlement with the National Labor Relations Board...

LA Trade Tech College Labor Studies Program

If any member is interested in gaining more knowledge and understanding of both the Labor Movement and Workers Rights, we encourage you to look into enrolling in the Labor Studies program at Los Angeles Trade Tech College for the 2022 Spring Semester (February 7th thru June 6th).

Newsletter

Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act (IIJA)

Brother Christoph Mair with our AFSCME PEOPLE of California provided the following update on the infrastructure bill signed by President Biden on November 15, 2021. Of the \$550 billion dollars in new spending, \$39.2 billion is allocated for public transit nationwide and \$9.45 billion of that is earmarked for California transit.

Additional IIJA funding for California includes the following:

\$25.3 billion for federal-aid highway programs

\$9.45 billion to improve public transportation options (over five years), including to train employees on electric vehicle maintenance

\$4.2 billion for bridge replacement

\$3.5 billion to improve California's water infrastructure

\$384 million over five years to support electric vehicle charging network, (plus 2.5 billion in competitive grants)

\$1.5 billion for airport infrastructure development (over five years)

Approximately \$100 million to help provide for broadband coverage across the state

\$40 million for cybersecurity

\$84 million for wildfire prevention and mitigation



Medical coverage questions

We've had several members communicate to us that their medical coverage has been canceled, specifically with Kaiser. If this has happened to you, or if you have any other benefits questions, our contact in HR for AFSCME is Nicole Patino:

Please email her at: Patinoni@metro.net



HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

What is lupus?

Lupus is a chronic (long-term) disease that can cause inflammation and pain in any part of your body. It's an autoimmune disease, which means that your immune system — the body system that usually fights infections — attacks healthy tissue instead.

Lupus most commonly affects your,

- [Skin](#)
- [Joints](#)
- Internal organs, like your [kidneys](#) and [heart](#)

Because lupus affects many [parts of the body](#), it can cause a lot of different symptoms.

[Learn more about lupus signs and symptoms](#)

What is inflammation?

Inflammation usually happens when your immune system is fighting an infection or an injury. When lupus makes your immune system attack healthy tissue, it can cause inflammation in lots of different body parts. Symptoms can include swelling and pain.

What are the types of lupus?

When people talk about lupus, they're usually talking about **systemic lupus**. But there are four kinds of lupus:

- [Systemic lupus erythematosus \(SLE\)](#), the most common form of lupus
- [Cutaneous lupus](#), a form of lupus that is limited to the skin
- [Drug-induced lupus](#), a lupus-like disease caused by certain prescription drugs
- [Neonatal lupus](#), a rare condition that affects infants of women who have lupus

Best regards

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CONTRACT REPRINT

We are in the process of preparing to print the updated and revised contract books along with additional side letters signed since 2017.

We have to wait to get the samples back from the printing company and from there we'll get them back and out to the membership for distribution.

Thanks for your patience.



Please provide and or update the Local with your contact information L3634@AFSCME36.ORG

Cell and personal email for our records which will allow us to contact and communicate with you in real time.

CODE OF CONDUCT

As a reminder, when off duty, in uniform or not you still represent MTA. Be careful of the things that you say or do that can be misconstrued and create unnecessary problems for you and your ability to continue your employment with the company.

Periodically, please refresh your knowledge and understanding of company policies such as the Code of Conduct, which is used against employees as a "catch all" when they are looking into or investigating complaints against individuals.



Union Difference

Life is better in a union. Having a voice on the job means better pay, better health care, a more secure retirement, and so much more. It means having a say in safety, staffing, and other important issues that help AFSCME members do their jobs and keep America running.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

*Please make sure to update your personal contact information including your alternate contacts with Metro. It is very important in times of emergencies that the employer may need to communicate immediately with you or your family for work and personal reasons.
Prosperity, Peace and Good Health!!!*