

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 010245)

RESOLUTION

Calling on City Council's Committee on Labor and Civil Service to hold a public hearing to examine and monitor the on-going labor dispute between Colin Service Systems, Inc. and the City Hall janitors represented by the Service Employees International Union, Local 36, AFL-CIO.

WHEREAS, The City of Philadelphia through the Department of Procurement currently contracts janitorial work in City Hall to Colin Service Systems, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, These thirty-five janitors, employed by Colin Service Systems Inc to clean City Hall, are Philadelphia residents and members of SEIU Local 36; and

WHEREAS, These City Hall janitors have worked since February 1998 without a contract and wage agreement for nearly three years; and

WHEREAS, These janitors at City Hall still lag behind the wage rate of other janitors in downtown Philadelphia office buildings and the City of Philadelphia's public facilities; and

WHEREAS, The City Council of Philadelphia passed prevailing wage ordinance titled Section 17-107 of The Philadelphia Code which directs contract employees in all service job classifications, including but not limited to janitors, to be paid prevailing wages; and

WHEREAS, Despite these on-going labor disputes, the City of Philadelphia re-awarded Colin Service Systems, Inc., in October 2000 the contract to clean City Hall; and

WHEREAS, SEIU Local 36 and Colin Services Systems, Inc. and are currently at an impasse on wages and working conditions; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor met with SEIU Local 36 officials on January 4, 2001 and pledged his support to resolving these issues; now therefore

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RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Authorizes the Committee on Labor and Civil Service to hold a public hearing to examine and monitor the on-going labor dispute between Colin Service Systems, Inc. and the City Hall janitors represented by the Service Employees International Union, Local 36, AFL-CIO.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the nineteenth of April, 2001.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Ortiz, Reynolds Brown, Clarke, Goode,
Mariano and Cohen
Sponsored by: Councilmembers DiCicco, Miller, Kenney, Blackwell, Tasco
and Rizzo

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