

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 000483)

RESOLUTION

Supporting the rights of V-Tech Janitors to join Service Employees International Union Local 36 and supporting the efforts of the SEIU to negotiate a fair contract on behalf of the V-Tech Janitors.

WHEREAS, Service Employees International Union (SEIU), which represents 1.4 million workers, is engaged in a nationwide Justice for Janitors campaign; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the campaign is to draw attention to the working conditions of janitors, building support for the economic, social, and human rights of janitors through union representation; and

WHEREAS, SEIU Local 36 as part of the Justice for Janitors campaign, recently won the right in a union election to represent 55 V-Tech janitors who work in Philadelphia's SEPTA stations and at WHYY studios; and

WHEREAS, SEIU Local 36 represents nearly 5000 janitors and building maintenance workers in Center City office buildings and the surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, Nearly all SEIU Local 36 members and V-Tech janitors live in Philadelphia, are ethnically diverse, and are overwhelmingly people of color; and

WHEREAS, V-Tech janitors who work in Philadelphia's SEPTA stations and at WHYY studios receive poverty wages, no benefits, no holiday pay, no paid vacations and less than half of what downtown Local 36 members earn in wages and benefits; and

WHEREAS, There are allegations that V-Tech janitors have endured harassment, intimidation, and unfair labor practices in their effort to win union representation; and

WHEREAS, Philadelphia has a strong history in supporting labor and the union movement; now therefore

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RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA, That we salute SEIU Local 36 and the V-Tech janitors and we support the efforts of V-Tech janitors to earn living wages, to have job security, basic health care benefits, and safe working conditions.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That Council supports the rights of SEIU Local 36 on behalf of V-Tech janitors to negotiate a fair contract.

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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 fifteenth of June, 2000.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Reynolds Brown, Ortiz and Mariano

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