

**175 Local
Unions, One
United Voice!**

The Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO, is a federation of over 175 local unions in the metro Washington area, representing more than 150,000 area union members in every line of work, from service industries, retail sales and communications to transportation, manufacturing, construction trades and the public sector at all levels.

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Now you can check online 24/7 for:

- Latest local labor news
- Up-to-date calendar of events
- Online event registration
- Council and Community Services Agency program info
- Web links to dozens of Council affiliates

Get posted! Send your news and events to us at

streetheat@dclabor.org

PLUS: if your local wants to launch or upgrade your own website or e-newsletter we can help! Call Chris at 202-974-8153 today!

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for justice in our community



UNION CITIES

The Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO is proud to be a "Union City" labor council. The AFL-CIO Union Cities initiative unites international unions, state federations, central labor councils and local unions in a common effort to educate and motivate union members, defend the right of workers to join unions, organize thousands of new members and create a powerful new voice that speaks for working families.



The Council's Union City program coordinates the Street Heat mobilization network of thousands of local activists, many of whom regularly turn out for solidarity actions, alerted through UNION CITY, the award-winning daily free email newsletter distributed to activists, allies, media and political

leaders throughout the metro area. Sign up free at www.dclabor.org

Union Cities provides extensive strategic and logistical support to Council affiliates organizing workers or negotiating contracts, as well as with developing effective communication tools.

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CLAIMANT ADVOCACY PROGRAM: The Claimant Advocacy Program (CAP) is a free legal counseling service available to individuals who have filed unemployment compensation appeals in the District of Columbia. CAP attorneys meet with claimants denied unemployment compensation in D.C. or whose benefit awards have been appealed by the employer. If the case is accepted for legal representation, the CAP attorney appears at the hearing as the claimant's legal representative.

Representation is made on a case-by-case basis based on the facts of each appeals claim. However, all claimants can receive free legal counseling.

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POLITICAL/ LEGISLATIVE

The Metropolitan Labor Council coordinates lobbying and legislative activities at the DC City



Council, the Montgomery County Council, the Prince George's County Council, and the County

Commissions in Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's Counties. The Labor Council also works directly with the Maryland State & DC State AFL-CIO during the Maryland General Assembly, promoting labor interests through political activities including screening and endorsements of candidates, get-out-the-vote activities, and mobilization of members for grassroots actions.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY

The Community Services Agency (CSA) of the Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO, is the only labor-sponsored charitable organization in the metro area.



While providing most services to anyone needing help, the CSA's special emphasis is on workers, unions and their members in Northern Virginia, suburban Maryland and Washington, D.C.

The CSA not only assists workers in their time of need, but also works to harness and share the generosity of the local labor movement as we work to make our communities better places to live.

CSA's services include:

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- Information and referral services, including financial, housing, family and legal problems
- Limited emergency financial assistance
- Lay-off preparation workshops
- Holiday Basket Project
- Union Community Activist Network training
- Strike preparation & support

-Workplace substance abuse intervention

CSA is a United Way and DC ONE Fund Agency (Designation Number for donations 8253) and Combined Federal Campaign Agency (Designation Number for donations 19579)

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BUILDING FUTURES

Provides area residents with a link to the resources and opportunities available within the metro area's labor movement, with an emphasis on the building and construction trades, and assists interested and eligible workers to enter the union construction apprenticeship programs leading to good, family-sustaining careers.