

Toral Union 97

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers New York State

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Brothers and Sisters,

As we were moving toward some sense of normalcy after a long three months of dealing with a worldwide pandemic, we are now thrust into a state of civil unrest.

The unconscionable acts that took place in Minneapolis have propelled us into another crisis; one that needs to be addressed, one that deserves the same, if not more, attention as COVID-19 and one that most certainly needs resolution!!

Local Union 97 stands in support of peaceful demonstrations against any unjust treatment towards any individual, and we stand ready to help be part of the solution.

As a Union, we come together as one, we respect one another, we work through our differences, and nothing less is expected of an IBEW Local Union 97 member. Let your professionalism shine in the face of this crisis and show our families, friends, neighbors, customers and communities what Local 97 members are about.

With the protests and demonstrations happening all around, you need to remain vigilant at your place of work and be aware of your surroundings.

Companies are in agreement with scheduling work away from what are called "hot spots" (potential areas for large crowds to be gathered). If at any time you encounter a situation where you feel unsafe performing your duties, please get to a safe place and contact your supervisor or, if necessary, call 911.

Your personal safety is important! Stay safe, stay strong and together we will get through this.

In solidarity,

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