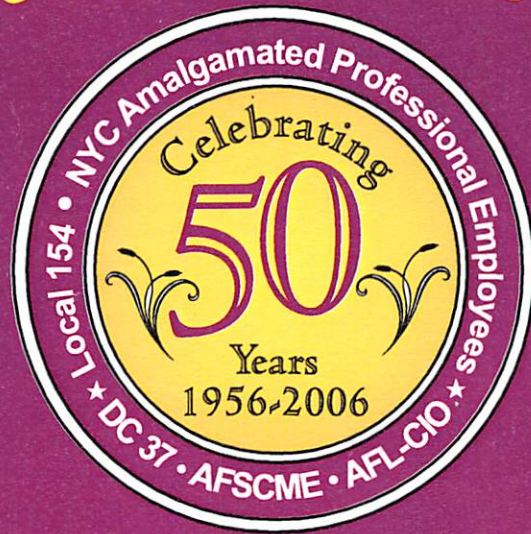


Local 154

NYC Amalgamated Professional Employees
DC 37, AFSCME, AFL-CIO

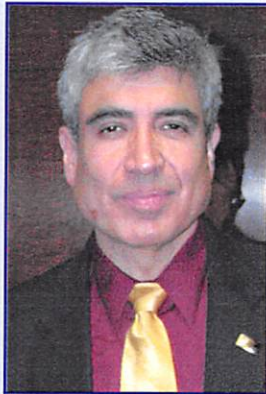


Forging Ahead and
Standing Up for Workers' Rights

Rededicating Ourselves to Defending Workers' Rights

Sisters and Brothers,

Local 154 was chartered 50 years ago, in April 1956, in the midst of important labor and civil rights struggles and before DC 37 was the labor giant it is today. As part of an organizing drive by then Executive Director Jerry Wurf to bring thousands of city workers into DC 37, Local 154 was the holding local for workers in many titles — such as Local 154-C for clerical workers, 154-G for water and sewer titles, and 154-H for homemaker titles.



After 50 years of struggle, Local 154 has grown and continues to play an important role at the heart of DC 37. We represent 25 titles with standing members in 30 city agencies and departments, and one private institution. Our members perform research, investigations, community training, records, archival and library work, contract review and clerical and support work. They review titles, collect information for investigations, train youth on conflict resolution, take care of all kind of records that need to be preserved, test the city's drinking water, investigate discrimination complaints, review and analyze data, and assist agencies serving the city's most diverse communities.

Local 154 is stronger thanks to the dedication and commitment of several generations of fighters and organizers, the day-to-day work of the shop stewards and officers at the work site, and the indefatigable activity of the members who believe in the union and are willing to stand up for dignity at work. Local 154 also thrives thanks to past leaders such as Dave Mafera, Jose Serrano and Anthony Rhone.

Today DC 37 and Local 154 face enormous labor and civil rights challenges. Pensions, Social Security, and health insurance have also come under attack. On our 50th Anniversary, these challenges demand that we rededicate ourselves to defending workers' rights, opposing discrimination and supporting labor rights for immigrants and all exploited workers. Their victories will make our union stronger.

Juan Fernandez
President, Local 154



DC 37 Values Your Continued Solidarity

Sisters and Brothers,

Congratulations to President Juan Fernandez, the Executive Board and members of Local 154 on your 50th Anniversary. Local 154 is living proof that from a small seed a great tree can grow. As one of DC 37's first locals, Local 154 has been part of our Council since the early years. Hundreds of dedicated union members have been part of Local 154 over the last five decades – learning how to speak up and defend workers' rights in the workplace, in our city's diverse communities, and in the halls of the city, state and federal government. Whether it's filing a grievance for a member in need, providing a valuable city service, marching for labor and civil rights, or lobbying for union-supported issues, DC 37 has always been able to count on Local 154 and its members to be involved and active. Local 154's continuing solidarity will be invaluable as we move forward to meet coming challenges and fight for a better future for all working families.



Lillian Roberts
Executive Director, DC 37