

Resolution Number 89

Whereas, the Communications Workers of America has been representing middle class working families for over 70 years internationally; and

Whereas, the Communications Workers of America has been representing the middle class working families here in Saint Louis, Missouri for over 70 years with over 3, 000 members living in Saint Louis City, Saint Louis County and the Metropolitan Region and

Whereas, one of the largest companies that they represent is AT&T, a company founded by the great Alexander Bell; and

Whereas, AT&T is not the only in the telephone business, but also internet and television, with offices worldwide; and

Whereas, AT&T is a well respected member of our business community and has been instrumental in leading the way on projects such as the March of Dimes, the United Way as well as many other; and

Whereas, AT&T employees, both management and Union represented, earn and spend millions of dollars a year in taxes and service in Saint Louis with their hard earned salaries; and

Whereas, both these fine organizations are in the process of bargaining a new contract and have been since February of 2009, the company's last, best and final offer, make it difficult for the Union to agree; and

Whereas, many companies are in financial ruins today, AT&T is not one of them and made a profit of \$12.9 billion in 2008 and ranks number 8 in the United States; and

Whereas, despite AT&T's financial health, corporate executives are pushing for cuts in quality jobs and health care benefits for employees and retirees; and

Whereas, our city deserves better, cutting jobs and benefits is not the way out of this recession; and

Whereas, if AT&T jobs in our community are cut or moved overseas, it is not just AT&T workers and their families who will suffer; and

Whereas, it would negatively impact our entire community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Alderman for the City of Saint Louis they we call AT&T to Bargain in Good Faith with the Communications Workers of America, and to reaffirm it commitment to the communities it serves by reaching a contract that does not cause Union members and their family a financial burden by increasing the cost on health care and refusing to bargain for retirees and to keep good paying jobs here in Saint Louis.

Introduced on the 10th day of July, 2009 by:

Honorable Freeman Bosley, Sr., Alderman 3rd Ward

Adopted this the 10th day of July, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
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