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DEAR COLLEAGUES,

I am running to Chair the CCNY PSC/CUNY Chapter. First, here's a little bit about myself: My professional career has been devoted to the college and the university, teaching at City since September 1966 and advancing up the ranks from Assistant to full Professor. I chaired the Chemistry Department for six years (1990-1996), and have been an active member of the doctoral faculty, serving as acting executive officer of the PhD program in fall 2006. I have been on the college chapter's executive committee since 2001, and, as well, on the central union Health and Safety Committee.

As I see it, the union's two primary responsibilities are to secure and enforce a good contract for its members. Prior to New Caucus leadership, contracts with zero salary increase were settled so that the New Caucus has had to struggle mightily to overcome an expectation by the administration that it will settle similarly. I hear the gripes about the last contract, but gains were won by a negotiating team supported by the membership's pressure and activism in the face of massive resistance by the administration.

A public university depends on public funding and political decisions about priorities. For too long public higher education has not been a priority, but the New Caucus' lobbying and legislative work have been instrumental in gaining a commitment from the current governor who has committed to faculty hires. Those of you who have served on recruiting committees know, as does the Chancellor, the difficulty of attracting and retaining top-notch scholars without the ability to be competitive. We have to make sure he commits the money, as well.

While continuing to press the CCNY administration on local issues, I want the City College union chapter to more vigorously participate in contract campaigns and be more involved with faculty and staff across the university in all-union issues, meetings and campaigns. The New Caucus knows when to cooperate with the administration and when to involve the membership in pressure tactics.

Contract enforcement has been the centerpiece of the union's work. The college administration has been known to violate due process in faculty promotion and tenure decisions. We will continue to be vigilant and monitor the college administration's respect of and compliance with the contract and grieve as often as necessary to ensure faculty rights. We must also defend and insist upon shared decision making through faculty governance, and, as well, safeguard and enforce procedures that guarantee our health and safety when on campus. With the support of the central union and DC37, the chapter has made a difference, particularly on mold remediation. There have been other victories such as the faculty lounge that we obtained two years ago.

Finally, we must not be for ourselves alone, but support our allies in labor, especially fellow teachers such as our colleagues in Oaxaca whose human rights have been violated.

So let's go forward to the future, not back to an ineffective past.

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