

MEDIA ADVISORY FOR: WEDNESDAY, September 5th at 10:30 AM

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**CITY OF CHICAGO WORKERS SHOW UP IN FORCE AT THOMPSON CENTER THEN MARCH TO CITY HALL
TO SEND A LOUD & CLEAR MESSAGE TO MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL:
“NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH WITH US, RESPECT US, RECOGNIZE THE VALUE OF OUR WORK”**

What: Crossing guards, parking aides, airport security officers, detention aides, animal control officers & inspectors, traffic control aides, parking enforcement, police communications operators and aviation communications operators whose work helps keep Chicago safe and functioning are showing up to make a powerful statement to Mayor Rahm Emanuel, that they are a vital link to keeping the City of Chicago running. It simply isn't possible for the city to work without these men and women. Negotiations are currently underway with the City of Chicago and these workers have identified key areas that will address the problems: fair wages, safety & respect. Traffic Control Aides, for example, have fewer bargaining rights than all the other City of Chicago unionized workers. Emanuel is objecting to the employees attempt to equalize their status. City employees with years of dedication and experience must be compensated a fair wage. If Mayor Rahm Emanuel does not get the message, if the stonewalling continues, make no mistake; the fight will continue.

When: Wednesday, September 5, at 10:30am

Where: Thompson Center

Who: SEIU Local 73 and IBEW Local 21 members

Visuals: Participants in work uniforms chanting.

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SEIU Local 73 represents more than 29,000 workers, primarily in public service and publicly funded positions in school districts, municipalities, social service agencies, and many other job classifications in Illinois and Indiana. We are dedicated to improving the lives of workers and their families.

Local Union 21 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) is made up of 8,000 members working mostly in Illinois and Northwest Indiana. IBEW Local Union 21 members largely work in skilled jobs in the telecommunications industry.