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Rallying in Solidarity with SEIU 32BJ Commercial Building Workers

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On December 14, I joined thousands of commercial building workers represented by SEIU 32BJ and their supporters at a rally to demand a fair contract from the Realty Advisory Board (RAB). The contract for the more than 22,000 workers expires on December 31 and the RAB has proposed a two-tier wage and benefit structure for new hires that would effectively create a second class of workers. As the commercial real estate industry has seen record profits, especially in the past quarter, I cannot support a contract that would put the interests of the 1% before that of the 99%. On December 1, the union members voted to call a

strike if the contract negotiations did not progress and I will continue to stand with the 32BJ members who keep our office buildings clean and running well in their struggle for a fair contract.