



Déjà Vu, ATU Mobilizing for Critical Georgia Senate Runoff Election Again

In December 2020, our Union and members at Local **732**-Atlanta, GA, and Local **1324**-Savannah, GA, spearheaded a massive Get Out the Vote effort for the Senate runoff elections that resulted in victories for Senators John Ossoff and Raphael Warnock, securing a majority for Democrats in the U.S. Senate. It's déjà vu as Sen. Warnock faces another runoff election on December 6 against former NFL player Herschel Walker. While Democrats have already maintained a majority in the Senate, the stakes are once again high for this runoff election. Our Union and Locals in Georgia have already begun an aggressive campaign to re-elect Sen. Warnock. Our Get Out the Vote effort will once again include a member-to-member program with direct mail pieces, texting, robocalls, garage visits, and other actions targeting the thousands of ATU Georgia members. In addition, in conjunction with the AFL-CIO and other unions, our members will be knocking on doors, flooding transit centers, attending rallies, and other actions to encourage Georgians to get out and vote in this critical election. "Our Union is once again supporting Senator Warnock not only because we know how important this election is to the future of the Senate, but because Sen. Warnock is a champion for working families and transit," said ATU International President John Costa.

Make Your U.S. Thanksgiving Union-Made



As you head out to the store for your last-minute shopping for your Thanksgiving celebration, make sure your shopping list has union-made on it. Buying Union helps support good jobs that provide a living wage, benefits, safe working conditions, and dignity and respect on the job. From Butterball to Betty Crocker to Pillsbury to Bird's Eye, some of the biggest companies have union workers to thank for making your Thanksgiving meal delicious. Thank a fellow union member by buying union-made this Thanksgiving.

ATU Shocked and Saddened by Fatal LGBTQIA+ Shooting in Colorado Springs, CO



Our Union is reminded once again of the continuing gun violence, and hate as five people were killed and dozens injured in a tragic fatal shooting at an LGBTQIA+ establishment in Colorado Springs, CO. “Our hearts and condolences go out to the victims, their families, and friends, along with our praise for those who brought a halt to the savage attack, saving lives, and treating the injured with their quick action,” said ATU International President John Costa, noting the shooting took place on the eve of Transgender Day of Remembrance, a day to remember those who have been murdered as a result of transphobia. “The LGBTQIA+ community has been the target of hate and violence in recent years. At the ATU, we remain committed to fighting against violence and discrimination against all people regardless of their gender, sexual orientation, race, religion, or any difference. Unfortunately, the ATU knows all too well about gun violence after losing our Local **265**-San Jose, CA, members to a mass shooting at a railyard in May 2021... We must come together as a nation to take serious action to ensure that these horrific acts of violence and hate never happen again.”

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Our Local 1747-Port Alberni, BC, In the Holiday Spirit with “Stuff The Bus” Fundraiser



After a successful first “Stuff the Bus” fundraiser, our Local **1747**-Alberni, BC, and Pacific Western Transportation are bringing back their second annual “Stuff the Bus” event to help families in need in their community over the holidays. This coming Saturday, the Local is asking the community to help fill a bus with non-perishable food items, toys, gift cards, and cash that will be donated to the local Salvation Army. Every holiday season, our Locals and members give back to their communities by helping make the holidays special for all families. Let us know if your Local does an event or other charitable activities around the holidays by emailing officeofthepresident@atu.org.

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Our Local 85-Pittsburgh, PA, Members Ratify Strong New Contract



Just days before our Local **85**-Pittsburgh, PA, celebrated their 125th anniversary, the membership ratified a new, strong 4-year contract. The deal, covering our Pittsburgh Regional Transit (PRT) drivers, mechanics, and other laborers, includes wage increases, pandemic bonuses, and other improvements. Our Local had been negotiating since the fall of last year after the previous two-year agreement expired this summer. “This contract secures over \$50 million for our members and their families and protects our health care, wages, and retirement over the life of the contract,” said Local 85 President Ross Nicotero. “Just as important, it ensures our riders will have a robust transit system that they can rely on to get to work, school, and other important destinations.” Read more.

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Making Connections 2022: The National Transit Workforce Conference in Washington, D.C., from December 13-14, 2022, will bring together participants from urban, suburban, rural, and tribal public transportation and industry stakeholders in plenaries, workshops, networking, and ongoing dialogue. ATU will be speaking and participating on panels at the conference. Discussions and sessions will include recruitment and retention, training, mentoring and apprenticeships, new technologies, preparing today's and tomorrow's

workforce, and advancing diversity, equity, inclusion, and access. The conference is open to anyone committed to moving transportation workforce development forward, including labor and management representatives, frontline workers, trainers and mentors, community leaders, educators, nonprofits, advocacy groups, and government representatives.

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