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Good afternoon ATU Local 85 members

I want to clear up what seems to be a lot of confusion pertaining to BLACK WORKERS Matter/ J20 Strike for BLACK LIVES Rally that is to take place on July 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM in Oakland.

I along with other presidents from 20 different cities received an e-mail from International President John Costa that stated, "On July 20, 2020, the ATU is joining forces with the SEIU, Teamster, AFT, UFCW, the Poor Peoples with justice, and dozens of other unions and allies for a day of action called the J20 Strike for black lives."

Also, President Costa asked all the local unions to mobilize our off-duty members to support these actions. TO BE CLEAR: ATU is not calling for its locals or members to strike. However, Workers in some unorganized industries, like fast foods, will be standing down for 8 minutes and 46 seconds local time to remember the murder of Floyd George in Minneapolis".

So, to be clear the officers of Local 85 stands with the ATU International and the other International Unions and encourage our members that are off duty on Monday July 20, 2020 to attend this rally because we in the labor movement want America to be a place where freedom is for everyone.

President Palonis