

# AFGE Local 2199

## Newsletter 11/1/23

### Inside This Issue

T-Shirt contest winner announced ? Congress did a 45 day stop gap. AFGE Local 2199 and AFL/CIO shootout.



### Upcoming Events

**Halloween Party on Oct 31 in the Gem Garden.**  
**Need Volunteers to help set up Christmas decor on 11/30 and 12/1. Please contact 1086 for more info. Signup sheet on website.**

### Membership Meeting

Membership meetings are held every 2nd Wednesday of the month. We welcome all to attend. The link to attend the meetings are on the website and once you book the meeting then the link will be sent to you via email.

### Lunch & Learn

New Year, new dates for leadership to be swinging by all CBOCS to check in and see how things are going and for questions and info sessions.



**Congratulations To Kendra Childs for winning the T-Shirt Contest. T-shirt Printing will start soon and purchase will be made at the Union Office. More to come.**





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best, you must  
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handle the  
worst.”**



## Congress Passes 45-Day Stopgap Funding Bill, Averting Shutdown

Congress on Saturday passed a bipartisan continuing resolution through both houses to fund the government for 45 days and prevent a disastrous government shutdown.

The past few weeks, [AFGE members](#) across the nation have sent nearly 11,000 letters and made nearly 3,000 phone calls to Congress. Union members spoke out thousands of times in local, regional, and even national media about what a shutdown would mean for federal workers and the Americans we serve.

AFGE members spoke out about the need to prevent a shutdown in print, television, and radio news across the country and have been quoted more than 2,700 times – an average of 169 hits a day. We were quoted in leading publications like the Associated Press, Reuters, The Washington Post, POLITICO and many others. AFGE members and leaders appeared on MSNBC, CBS Evening News, ABC

World News Tonight, and NBC Nightly News, among hundreds of other local news outlets.

AFGE National Vice Presidents throughout our districts were leading voices in regional and local news. And AFGE National President Everett Kelley appeared on CNN's The Lead With Jake Tapper, on CNN's The Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer, C-SPAN's Washington Journal, CBS Evening News, and dozens of other outlets.

The message was clear: a government shutdown would be a disaster for federal employees forced to go without a paycheck and for the American people we serve.

We've been leading voices speaking out to stop this disastrous shutdown before it even started. And our activism worked.

"As I've said many times in recent days, I've always remained hopeful that a bipartisan deal to avoid a government shutdown was possible, however unlikely it seemed at times," said AFGE President Everett Kelley. "The costs to federal employees, to the economy, to our communities, and to the American people are simply too great."

"I applaud members of Congress for listening to the voices of thousands of AFGE members across the country who have called, sent letters, held meetings, and spoken to the media about the need to prevent a disastrous shutdown and the pain it would cause working Americans."

But the fight is not over. We need to keep up the pressure, so we don't get into the same predicament in November. We also need to keep our foot on the gas, so Congress fully funds our agencies for the full year.

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Let the Thanks be where it is due...

Thank You for what you do!

I Salute and wish you a  
"Happy Thanksgiving Day!"



## **AFGE Local 2199 and AFL / CIO Shoot**



Mike Schultz, Jeff Worthington, Jim Dunnigan, Rob Johnson

Our Local President was invited for a Leaders/Labor joint shootout. This was a great opportunity for Local 2199 to reach out to the Local AFL/CIO and to make connections and share ideas. While there Rob was able to discuss the locality pay with Representatives Mike Shultz,(R), and Jim Dunnigan,(R). They both showed interest in the issue and Rob will be setting up meetings with both in the near future.

### **Local 2199 Needs You!!!!**

We are looking for someone to fill the open spots for HISCO and YOUNG coordinators. Committee members for party planning, budget along with others !! IF you are interested please reach out to Robert Johnson or Jeff VanCuren



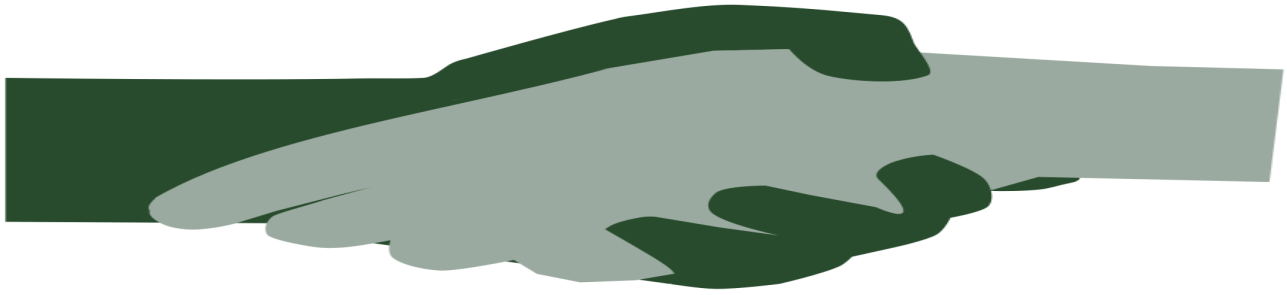


**Your partnership with AFGE doesn't have to end when you retire.**

AFGE Retirees are front and center in our efforts to honor and defend government employees. That means advocating for a productive, healthy, and secure retirement as well as good jobs, pay, and benefits for those who are still working.

- Stay connected with friends through social activities and volunteer opportunities
- Keep informed about issues affecting retired and active government employees
- Take action to protect retirement security, jobs, and government employee pay
- Save money on a host of benefits – Retirees receive all AFGE discounts and benefits
- Share your skills with the next generation of union leaders and activists

# LEARN AND LEAD



# BECOME A STEWARD

## Transparency and Availability

Union officers are to provide more transparency and availability. What does this mean for the members? This means that if you need a rep to assist you then you will get one quickly. If you want to know what is happening in the local chapter, then we will have a monthly briefing to inform you of upcoming events. Our goal is to keep everyone informed of local events and events happening on the national level that will affect the VA and the employees.

## AFGE LOCAL 2199 Union

President — Robert Johnson  
Treasurer/Secretary- Tina Dameron  
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