

# AFGE Local 2199

## Newsletter 3/1/24

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**Social Worker Update..AFGE seeks 7.2 pay increase..Local 2199 shirts available at union office 12.00 each**

### Upcoming Events

**St. George CBOC Grand Opening 3/8/24. Local 2199 will be attending. AFGE Local will be announcing case load, wins and losses in future issues.**



### 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.**





## ***Social Worker Update***

**Time To Celebrate, Social Workers are up to vote to be part of AFGE Local 2199.**

**The tentative time frame is as follows:**

**The dates are:**

**Those who are eligible to vote must be hired one or before Friday, February 24.**

**FLRA ballots will be mailed out Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Ballot Replacements need to be requested on or before Thursday, March 28**

**Polls will close on Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup> (specific time TBD)**

**Vote tally will happen Friday April 5<sup>th</sup>**

**As of right now all these dates are still tentative. If any of them change, I will let you all know post haste.**

# PET OF THE MONTH

Gage is a lovely German Shepherd 🇺🇸 I got to meet him when I went to volunteer at this shelter 🥺

I know there's always GSD lovers out there! Let's find the one for him 🇺🇸



🥺🐾🥺 100+ DAYS IN SHELTER 🥺🐾🥺

This beautiful face belongs to Gage. Gage is a darling 6 year old boy. He loves people. He loves attention. He loves to be doted on and snuggled and to have someone pet his gorgeous, soft fur. Have someone give him some attention. Speak to him in a kind voice. But he has spent the past 100 days in a shelter kennel. Eating up any loves he gets from shelter staff and volunteers. Hoping one day when he leaves his kennel on a leash he won't be taken back. 🥺🥺🥺🥺 This boy needs a family! 🥺🥺🥺



Gage would be ABSOLUTELY PERFECT for a single individual or couple looking for a devoted companion. He would be so loyal and devoted to his person. He would do incredible with a family as well. He could potentially be in a home with another dog that didn't mind his slightly pushy, dominant nature. He has done well with some of the dogs in the shelter with proper introductions and complimentary personalities.

This sweet boy is the perfect example of a wonderful dog wasting away in a shelter. He's stunning. He's loving. He's at a great stage in life where he still has energy but is past the crazy puppy stage. I don't know why he's still there. I don't know why someone hasn't seen him and KNOWN that he's their boy. Their dog. Their buddy. 🥺🥺🥺

I'm not affiliated with the Brigham City Animal Shelter, but hate seeing these deserving fur babies sit. And wait. And lose hope. And eventually give up. 🥺🥺🥺 Please someone consider this sweetheart! The shelter is open from 12-6. No appointment is necessary to go in and meet this boy. Please- if you've been debating a dog, think about this boy. 🙏🥺🙏🥺🙏🥺



## Feds Rally for Full Funding, 7.4% Raise

AFGE members braved the cold last week to call on Congress to fully fund the government and give them the 7.4% raise they deserve.

Chanting “Do your job! Do your job!” government workers gathered on Capitol Hill as lawmakers had less than three weeks to come up with a funding package before the first of two deadlines hits on March 1. Chaos in the funding process and a constant threat of a government shutdown has hurt morale and hampered efforts to recruit and retain workers. The House of Representatives left D.C. last week and won’t return until Feb. 28, a few days before the deadline.

“We are here to send a message, a loud clear message to our senators and our representatives here on the Hill: Do your job! Fund the government!” said AFGE President Everett Kelley. “This is the most basic function of Congress, but right now the House is setting a new low of this functionality. Destructiveness, chaos, incompetence and ignorance, brothers and

**sisters...Members of Congress, it's time for you to deliver!"**

**AFGE members also called on Congress to pass the FAIR Act which would give federal workers a 7.4% raise next year to help close the pay gap between the public and private sectors. Federal employees earn 27.5% less on average than they would doing the same jobs in the private sector.**

**AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Fred Redmond urged Congress to do their job and do what's fair.**

**"Some members of Congress only see you as pawns in their self-serving political games. Hell no, you're not pawns! You're patriots! You're heroes! You serve the public day in and day out and you do so with dignity, integrity and professionalism, and today we're going to remind the Congress of that," he said.**

**Several members of Congress attended the rally in support of federal workers. Rep. Val Hoyle of Oregon was the first to speak and said she has cosponsored the FAIR Act.**

**"I'm here to apologize that it's not nearly enough. Your pension has been gutted. Your wage has been stagnant," she told the crowd. "And then not to give you staff and blame you when things start breaking. It is not right. It is not fair. You are expected to show up at your job even when the government is shut down and you're not getting paid and you do because you're patriots and you care about this country."**

**Rep. Nikki Budzinski of Illinois said federal workers have her commitment to keep the government running and to oppose any fiscal commission that would cut our social safety net programs. Budzinski said she's bringing an AFGE Local 96 member April Williams with her to the upcoming State of the Union address on March 7.**

**"What I hope you know in that is my respect for the work that you do and the issues you fight for every day that I want those to be front and center for all of Congress to see," she said.**

**Rep. Greg Casar of Texas joined his colleagues in calling for a 7.4% raise for federal workers. He also led a chant "On the hill at the door, what do we tell them? 7.4!"**

**Also speaking at the rally were Reps. Maxwell Frost, Glenn Ivey, Donald Norcross, John Larson, and AFGE National Vice President for Women and Fair Practices Jeremy Lannan.**

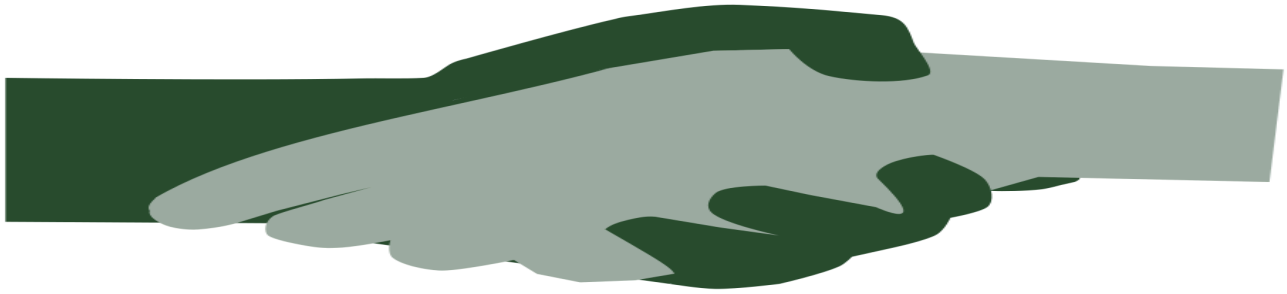


**Your partnership with AFGE doesn't have to end when you retire.**

**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



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## Transparency and Availability

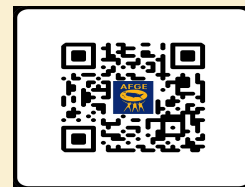
Union officers are to provide more transparency and availability. What does this mean for the members? This means that if you need a rep to assist you then you will get one quickly. If you want to know what is happening in the local chapter, then we will have a monthly briefing to inform you of upcoming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

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