December 15, 2005

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TWU LOCAL 100

Whereas the members of TWU Local 100 move the people whose labor makes New York a viable and productive city, and

Whereas the TWU is engaged in difficult contract negotiations with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and has been offered woefully inadequate terms and conditions of employment; and

Whereas the issues in these negotiations-wages, working conditions, benefits, the tiering of the workforce, and the rights of retirees-are fundamentally the same as the issues confronting the PSC in its contract negotiations with CUNY; and

Whereas the outcome of the TWU/MTA negotiations will have an impact on labor negotiations in the city as whole, including the PSC's current negotiations with CUNY, The City and the State; and

Whereas The MTA and the City have threatened the TWU and its individual members with draconian penalties using court injunctions and the NYS Taylor Law if the union upholds the principle of "no contract, no work"; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the PSC express its solidarity with TWU Local 100; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the PSC urge its members to participate in any and all support actions including, but not limited to, attendance at union rallies, participation in TWU worksite picket lines, distribution of support literature, and monetary contributions to TWU strike funds should such contributions prove necessary; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be circulated to the TWU for its information, and to the NYC Central Labor Council, NYSUT, and the AFT for similar action.

Passed by the Delegate Assembly of the Professional Staff Congress, Dec. 15, 2005