

TAXI WORKER ORGANIZING PROJECT

We move the city... and we deserve better!

YES TO EMERGENCY GAS SURCHARGE!

NO TO HIGHER LEASE CAPS!

YES TO UNCONDITIONAL 25% METER INCREASE!

**YES TO A FAIR WAGE FOR ALL
TAXI WORKERS!**

Why an unconditional 25% meter increase?

- Chicago's gas prices are the **highest** in the country, and the highest in **history**!
- Taxi drivers are currently **working 14-16 hours** to make ends meet!
- Many Taxi drivers earn **below the minimum hourly wage**!
- Studies show **overworked** and **underpaid** drivers are more likely to have **accidents** and **health problems**- improved pay means **safety for drivers, customers and the public**!
- Many taxi drivers can no longer afford to **provide service to underserved areas**- with gas prices and the current meter rate, they will often **lose money** by leaving high-service areas!
- Drivers who lease their cabs and medallions are frequently paying **above the lease caps** rates mandated by the city, and fleet owners are already lobbying the city to **raise the lease cap**!
- While gentrification and inflation is sending up the **cost of living** in Chicago, Taxi drivers are seeing a drop in their income!
- A meter increase does **not amount a raise**, it amounts to an **adjustment for costs and inflation** for people who are working the most **dangerous job** in the country!

What can you do ?

**JOIN US FOR A PRESS CONFERENCE & DEMONSTRATION AT DALEY PLAZA
THEN, TESTIFY AT THE NEXT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE HEARING**

**Wednesday, June 6th, 8:30 AM SHARP
at DALEY PLAZA (Washington & Clark)**

then we will go to the meeting at City Hall at 9:30 and have our voices heard!

**PLEASE CONTACT US AT 312-427-TAXI (8294) TO GET INVOLVED AND TAKE
ACTION WITH THE TAXI WORKER ORGANIZING PROJECT!**

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TUESDAY, JUNE 5th

Call-In Day of Action!

**CALL ALDERMAN THOMAS R. ALLEN,
CHAIR OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

312-744-4096

Fax: 773-283-3343

Leave him a message: "I urge you to support an unconditional 25% meter increase for taxi drivers so that they can make the fair wage they deserve- A fair wage for taxi drivers is good for drivers, customers, the public and business"

You may also call the offices of all the other Alderman on the Transportation Committee:

**Ald. Suarez: 312-774-6102
Ald. Reboyras: 773-794-3095
Ald. Doherty: 773-792-1991
Ald. Cochran: 312-744-6840
Ald. Corothers: 773-261-4646
Ald. Balcer: 773-254-6677**

**Ald. Rugai: 773-238-9049
Ald. Levar: 773-545-2545
Ald. Schulter 773-348-8400
Ald. Flores: 773-278-0101
Ald. Dowell: 773-373-9273
Ald. Beale: 773-785-1100**

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