

## Southeast Working-Class Task Force October/November 2018 Newsletter

### The National Labor Relations Board moves to limit union bargaining actions. The Southeast Working-Class Task Force moves to support local union bargaining actions.

According to a mid-November 2018 E-mail from the Economic Policy Institute, “The National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) is attempting to roll back critical protections for working people, attacking workers’ rights to organize and collectively bargain. In a new proposed rule, the NLRB is siding with corporate interests—pitting business owners against workers.”

“The NLRB is attempting to make it easier for corporations to avoid responsibility for violations of labor law—as well as avoiding the bargaining table altogether. The agency proposed weakening the “joint-employer standard” under the NLR Act. This would make it nearly impossible for workers to bring the companies that share control over their terms and conditions of employment (such as pay, schedules, and job duties) to the bargaining table.”



On Saturday, June 23, the SEW-CTF joined the rally on Monument Circle and the march through downtown Indianapolis in support of fair wages for janitors who worked in the buildings of greater downtown business. See <http://www.peoplespressindy.org/2018/06/25/janitors-march-in-downtown-indy/>



This October 25, SEW-CTF member Donna Gaebel (last picture) was one of several protesters, including two Indianapolis City-County Councilors, who were arrested and removed from a protest while demonstrating outside of Eli Lilly downtown.

The rally, sponsored by Service Employees International Union Local 1 (SIEU), was an act of civil disobedience to protest for higher wages and better benefits for janitors.

“Currently, janitors who clean Eli Lilly and other buildings in Indianapolis are forced to raise their families on hourly wages as low as \$9.75, without affordable health insurance and sick leave. Median annual earnings for janitors are so low that many working families rely on public assistance just to make ends meet.”

<https://cbs4indy.com/2018/10/25/police-arrest-2-city-county-councilors-several-protesters-after-demonstration-for-better-janitor-wages/>

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The task force meets the 3rd Wed. of the month at 6:30 on the 2nd floor at 901 Shelby St.