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San Francisco International Airport Edition

Prospect Workers at SFO Vote Unanimously to Authorize Strike

On Wednesday, November 21, workers with Prospect Airport Services at SFO voted unanimously to authorize a strike. These workers provide critical wheelchair assistance to passengers with disabilities and the elderly at the International Terminal.

With 80% of the workers turning out on the second busiest day at the airport to cast their ballot, the final vote count was an overwhelming 100% and reflected growing frustration of the workers after filing several Unfair Labor Practice charges and 14 months of the employer not bargaining in good faith at the table.

“None of us wanted to see things come to this,” said Hamilton Woods, a worker who beat the fog to cast his vote at 6 in the morning. “I hope this is a wake-up call to Prospect, to the Airlines and to SFO that we are united and deserve fair wages and benefits.”

The workers have been in negotiations with their employer, Prospect International Airport Services, for their first-ever union contract. The vote authorizes their committee to call for a strike at anytime.

Launch of New Information Source for Airports, Airlines, and Air Travelers: www.Prospect-Watch.com

As the nation continues to examine strategies for improving airport security, a new information source, Prospect-Watch.com, was launched today to provide airports, airlines, and air travelers with more information about the company that provides critical airport security and passenger service contract services to 14 airports nationwide including SFO and O'Hare International.

Despite the crucial responsibilities entrusted to them, Prospect Airport Services has a troubling history of irresponsible conduct.

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www.Prospect-Watch.com



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Airlines, SFOTEC Dodge Responsibility as Prospect Faces Mounting Questions

As Prospect International Airport Services faces mounting legal problems including

- Unfair Labor Practice Charges,
- a complaint with the Department of Labor for failure to comply with the Air Carrier Access Act,
- a complaint alleging failure to comply with the City's Minimum Compensation Ordinance,

as well as an impending strike, Airlines at the International Terminal and SFOTEC don't appear to be able to agree who can and should take responsibility for preventing any potential disruption of travel at SFO.

After repeated outreach efforts by the workers' union, Service Employees International Union (SEIU), airlines such as United and Cathay Pacific and SFOTEC have pointed to one another as a responsible party and none has yet come forward to foster a cooperative solution to the growing labor dispute.