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HUNDREDS OF CLEANERS SET TO RALLY FOR A FAIR CONTRACT IN DOWNTOWN WASHINGTON

- 1,500 Montgomery County and 700 Baltimore cleaners announce strike vote results-

Washington, DC – Hundreds of Baltimore and Montgomery County property service workers, who clean and maintain commercial buildings throughout the region, are set to march and rally downtown on Tuesday to call for a new contract that provides a fair wage increase. Cleaners will announce results from their vote to give their bargaining committee the power to call for a strike, if necessary. Cleaners from Washington, DC, who are also negotiating a new contract will join the march and rally.

Negotiations for a new union contract covering 1,500 cleaners in Montgomery County, Maryland, 700 Baltimore cleaners and 4,500 commercial cleaners in Washington, D.C. began on November 15 between Local 32BJ and major commercial cleaning contractors who serve the area's real estate industry. Local 32BJ presented its contract proposals to leaders representing major commercial cleaning companies in the region, including Potomac Red Coats, American Building Maintenance (ABM) and Unicco.

- WHAT:** **Rally and March for a Fair Contract**
- WHO:** 500 commercial office cleaners from Baltimore, Montgomery County and Washington, DC
Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett
Gustavo Torres, Executive Director, CASA of Maryland
Hillary Shelton, Washington Bureau Director, NAACP
- WHEN:** **Tuesday, December 11, 2007**
Rally at 4:30 pm; March will follow
- WHERE:** Rally: Farragut Square (17th St. between I & K St.)
March: K to 21st St. to M to Connecticut Ave. to Farragut Square

With more than 85,000 members in six states, including 9,000 in the Washington DC-Maryland area, Local 32BJ is the largest property service workers union in the country.

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