

Brothers,

In the ongoing efforts to keep the URFA as a viable instrument to keep all our member units apprised of happenings vital to the interests of our benefits, especially in light of the City's attack on our healthcare benefits, we have been working diligently in that effort.

At a recent URFA board meeting I was tasked to send the attached letter and document to inform you all as to what we hope to accomplish and how we plan to keep the URFA strong in these trying times.

The battle to keep our vested and rightful health plans is NOT over. The City plans to go back to court in September in attempt to bamboozle the Judge to alter his ruling in the City's favor. It's been a costly fight, but one worth perusing because the MAP the City wants to cram down our throats is totally inferior to our standard Medicare plans.

The NYC Organization of Public Service Retirees, under the leadership of the dynamic, Marianne Pizzatola and their attorney, Steve Cohen, has done a remarkable job in getting us the current injunction. To get to where we are now, its cost more than a half million dollars, so we urge you to keep contributing to the cause.

Sadly, only about 16,000 retirees, out of approximately 250,000 of us have contributed, thus far. Not to chide all those who haven't contributed because many are very old and infirm and don't realize what's happening to them.

Going forward we hope to establish organizational "zoom" meetings so that all our groups, nation wide, can participate in real-time.

We ask you to read the attached material carefully and discuss it with your group at your next meeting and get back to us with your opinions and input. We also ask you to keep us apprised with any changes in the leadership of your organization, so we know who to contact.

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In friendship and brotherhood,

Ken Dolan
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Dear Group President:

As you may know, due to many unforeseen circumstances, over the past few years, scheduled meetings, in accordance with the URFA by-laws, were not forthcoming. It is my intention, as the new President of the URFA, to resume these scheduled meetings.

The URFA is seeking your continued support, as dues paying members. The dues amount has been established for 2022 and is attached, along with an up-to-date Roster. Your continued membership is vital for the solidarity of our combined goals.

It's apparent that the current attack on our healthcare choices, by the City of New York and the MLC, is of paramount importance to FDNY Retirees and beneficiaries, so we must remain united to fend off this attack.

The URFA's Benefit Enhancement and Protection Committee Fund has donated \$15,000 to the NYC Organization of Public Service Retirees, in order to continue our battle against the ongoing attack of our promised and vested healthcare benefits. This donation was made possible by the foresight of Danny Finegan, President of the Orange County, NY Group, who proposed the BEPC Fund at one of the URFA's meetings, years ago.

Now more than ever, it is vital that the 'Roster Groups' remain united and that your group chooses to remain a part of the URFA Association.

Therefore, it is important to remember, that all Presidents of associated groups are Vice Presidents of the URFA and can vote on any matter that comes before the URFA Board. All Groups can send their vote to the Corresponding Secretary or proxy vote to any URFA Board member.

The URFA Board realizes that travel to 'scheduled meetings' can be very costly, no matter where they are held. For this reason, the URFA Board will investigate the possibility of setting-up ZOOM meetings, so all Group Presidents can attend.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Paul Cinquemani
//Paul Cinquemani, President

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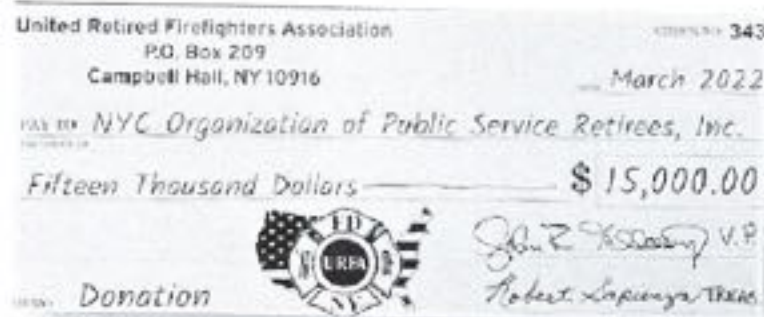
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Dear URFA Retiree Group,

First, the URFA, which is composed of 25 Associate Groups, has donated \$15,000.00 to the NYC Organization of Public Service Retirees, which has been explained in the attached letter. Below, is a copy of a large type check, which the NYC Organization of Public Service Retirees has placed on their web-site and Facebook page, for all to see.



The URFA hopes that this donation will encourage other NYC Retiree Groups to do the same. The money that WE donated has halved what remains in OUR BEPC Fund. Hopefully, it will be replaced by an influx of Voluntary \$10.00 donations from individual Retirees, who have not yet contributed and those who have and wish to donate again. Please ask your membership if they wish to Voluntarily contribute to this very important fund. The address is located on the above check.

The URFA dues structure for 2022 is as follows:

- For Member groups of the URFA with more than 300 Members:
\$1.00 for the first 300 Members.
- For Member Groups of the URFA with less than 300 Members, but more than 100 members:
\$1.50 per member.
- For Members of the URFA with 100 Members or less:
\$2.00 per Member.

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The Court Battle continues in September and the NYC Organization of Public Service Retirees does not have the funds, at this point, to continue the battle, unless donations come pouring-in.

It is rumored that the City may use a 'Nuclear Option', which would be No Option at all ! So, those Retirees who may consider themselves 'SAFE', at this point, may be in for a big surprise if RETIREES lose OUR next battle with the City in September.

The Attorneys for the NYC Organization have to be paid, in order to prepare for whatever the City is going to try to foist upon Retirees. To date, The NYC ORG. does not have the funds to continue.

The URFA, as an 'Umbrella'-Association', representing 25 associated groups, is very important in this battle, and Retired Firefighter Groups are even more important, as OUR groups ensure that the URFA is recognized as a major contributor in OUR court victories, thus far, against the City.

Firefighters have not come this far in supporting the legal action, to think WE have done all that WE can. WE have been 'lightening the line' for many years, and this is OUR chance to continue what WE know how to do best.

The Alliance, which is the Insurer of the MAP Plan, has filed an Amicus brief, with the Court, in support of the City's [and MLC's] Traitorous decision against ALL NYC Retirees.

The URFA is considering filing an Amicus brief in support of the NYC Organization of Public Service Retirees. More details and information need to be assessed, to see if the URFA can afford to do this. The idea has been presented to the NYC ORG. and they would welcome a supporting Amicus Brief.

In Friendship and Brotherhood,

Paul Cinquemani, President

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