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### **Jessica Ramos**

Jessica Ramos has spent her life fighting for working families, advocating for labor, and organizing her local community. Born in Elmhurst to an undocumented seamstress and a printing pressman, Jessica was raised in Astoria, attended Queens public schools, and now lives in Jackson Heights with her two sons.

A strong union advocate, Ramos worked with Build Up NYC to fight for construction, building and hotel maintenance workers in New York City. Ramos also worked with SSEU Local 371 and 32BJ SEIU, where she helped building maintenance workers, office cleaners and public schools cleaners win contracts that protected their rights, wages, and benefits.

Jessica was a member of Queens Community Board 3 and served as Democratic District Leader in the 39th Assembly District. Jessica sat on the boards of the Jackson Heights Beautification Group and Farmspot, Jackson Heights' community-supported agriculture (CSA) program. She has received awards for her work with the LGBTQ community and her advocacy on behalf of Women and Minority-Owned Businesses.

As the first American-born in her family, Jessica feels a deep sense of responsibility in bridging the gap between immigrant and non-immigrant communities. Jessica's mother crossed the Mexican border by herself at 24, and her father was arrested in a workplace immigration raid in the early 1980's and spent days held in a detention center.

Even as a teenager, Jessica was outspoken against poverty and the internal



displacement of Colombians. She was elected President of the NYC Colombian Liberal Youth Council in 2002 and subsequently elected President of the NYC Colombian Liberal Party in 2005.

Most recently, Jessica served as Director of Latino Media for the City of New York. As the city's chief Latina spokesperson, Jessica helped keep our city's 1.87 million Spanish-speaking residents, and the community and ethnic media at large, informed about government services and initiatives.

Jessica credits her love for activism and public service to her parents, Colombian immigrants who fought for and won the right to dual citizenship for Colombian-Americans and founded Siempre Colombia, a not-for-profit organization in Jackson Heights.

Jessica does not have a driver's license—she rides the subway every day.



### **Tony Utano**

Anthony "Tony" Utano is President of the 46,000-member Transport Workers Union Local 100, which represents the men and women to operate and maintain the New York City Bus and Subway system, as well as workers in the School Bus Industry, tour buses, New York Waterway, Liberty Lines Transit (Bee-Line) and numerous other private bus companies in Westchester.

Prior to his election as Local President, Utano served as Vice President of the Local 100 Maintenance of Way Division, the largest Department of the Local with more than 8,000 workers.

He is also Vice President of the International Transport Workers Union of America, representing more than 145,000 members nationwide and has been elected a delegate to 8 consecutive International Conventions.

Tony started with New York City Transit straight out of Grady Vocational High School in 1980 in the Power Department, one of the most dangerous jobs in transit. His responsibilities included inspecting and maintaining power substations, responding to power emergencies, electrical fires and other crises related to bringing power to the third rail.

Early on, because he was concerned about safety on the job, and what he perceived to be an unfair distribution of overtime, he began attending union meetings to make his views known.

He was told by the union organizer at the time to "stop complaining, get involved in the union and do something about it." He was offered an entry-level spot for office in the union election in 1982 and won. He was 19 years old.

He has won elective office in every union election since then, including as Section Vice Chair, Section Chair, Division Chair for 26 years, Vice President for 8 years, and now President since September 2017.

As such, Tony is the longest serving elected official in TWU Local 100.

He credits his longevity in elections to "working hard to get better at the job, and by always fighting hard for the membership." He took arbitration courses on his own time, and attended scores of arbitrations as an observer to pick up the nuances of case presentation and cross-examination.



In addition to his elected positions, he worked for a number of years in the Local's Bargaining Unit Protection department, which focuses on preventing the contracting out of union work.

During his years as Vice President, he used that experience to grow his Maintenance of Way (MOW) Department from 6,000 members to over 8,000 members today. The gain in work positively impacts all MOW titles covering Track, Structures, Power, and Line Equipment-Signals. Pay and overtime hours also increased dramatically under his watch.

He is a powerful advocate for training and education for workers to acquire the skills necessary to qualify for the new, higher paying technical jobs.

Tony, the son of Sicilian immigrant parents, Gina and Salvatore, founded the annual Italian American Heritage Celebration in Local 100 in 2005. In the past 13 years, it has become one of the most popular ethnic events in TWU.

Tony also launched a recognition campaign to acknowledge the more than 3,000 transit workers who participated in the rescue and recovery effort at Ground Zero, but whose participation has gone largely unnoticed by the City.

Tony is a lifelong resident of Bensonhurst, Brooklyn. He has served on Community Board 12 and coached youth basketball for 20 years. He is the proud father of a son, Salvatore, daughter, Gina, and two granddaughters.



### **Barbara Bowen**



Barbara Bowen, a professor of English at The City University of New York, was president of the Professional Staff Congress/CUNY, for 21 years, first elected in 2000 and reelected for six subsequent terms. She left office this summer to make way for new leadership and return to being a rank-and-file union member.

Part of a dissident caucus that fought for union leadership, Barbara helped to remake the PSC as a fighting union that stood up for students' rights, fought tuition increases and campaigned against imperialist wars while at the same time winning groundbreaking advances in salary, health insurance, research support and work-life balance for PSC members.

She is especially proud that the PSC Health and Safety Watchdog Committee, which was formed in her first year in office, is still going strong and has become a life-saving force within CUNY during the pandemic.



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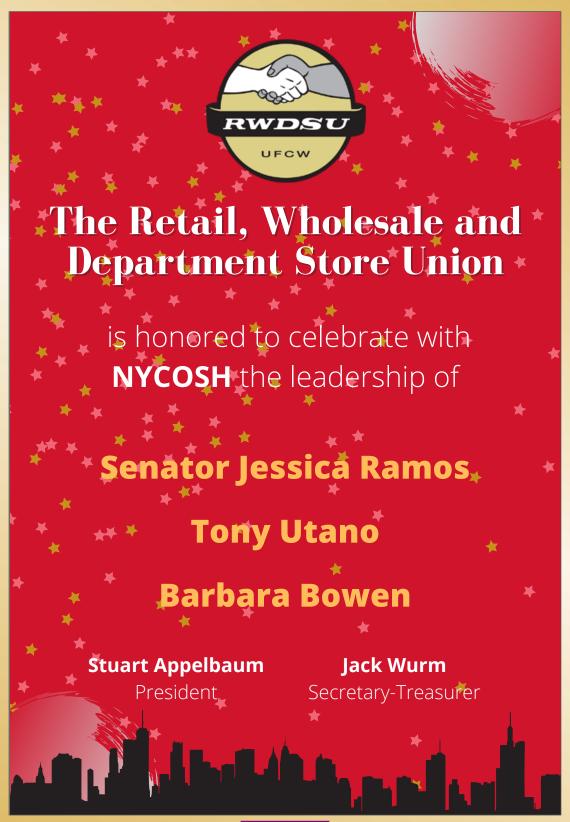
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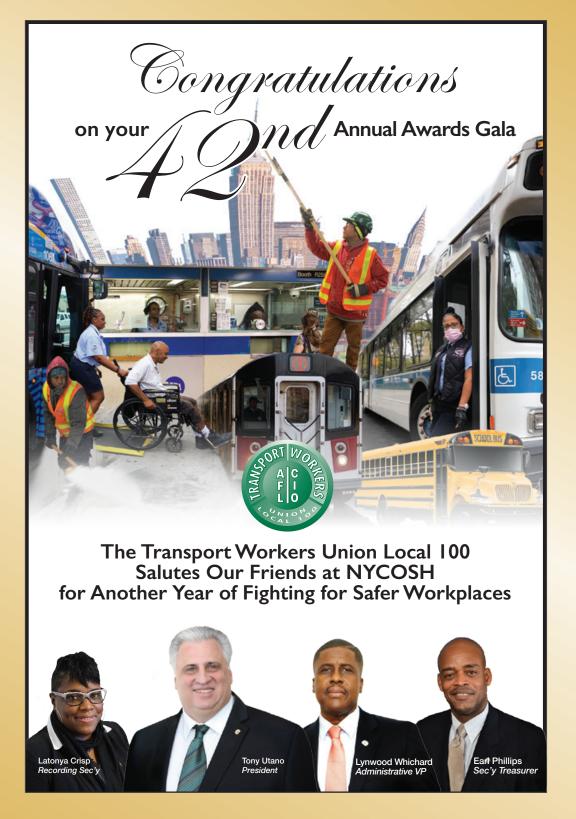
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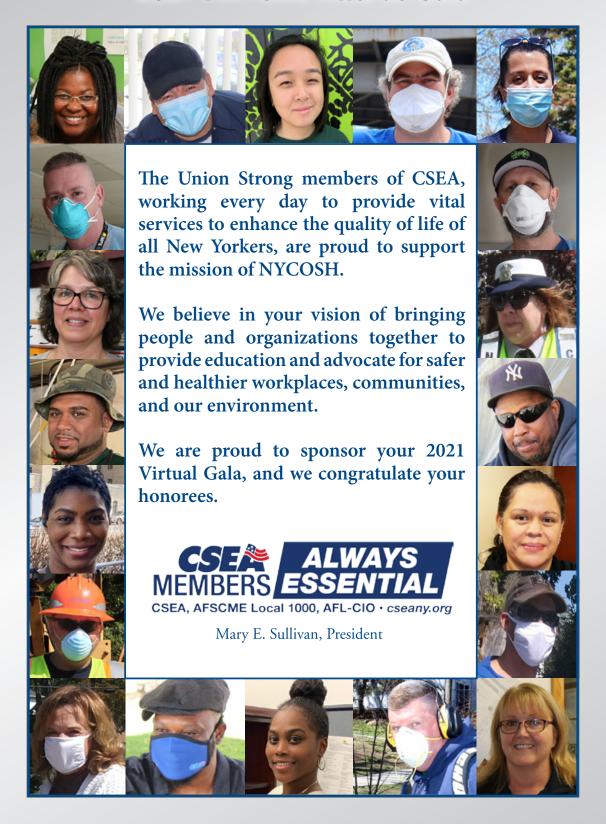
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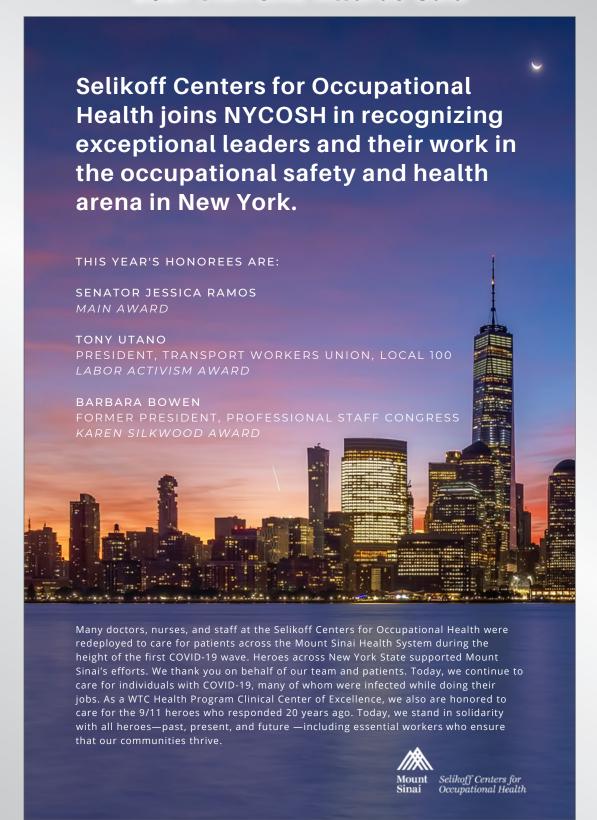
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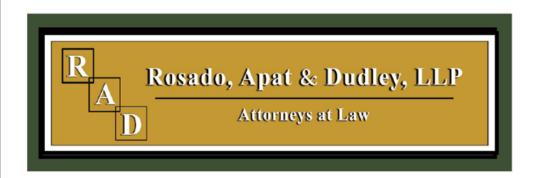
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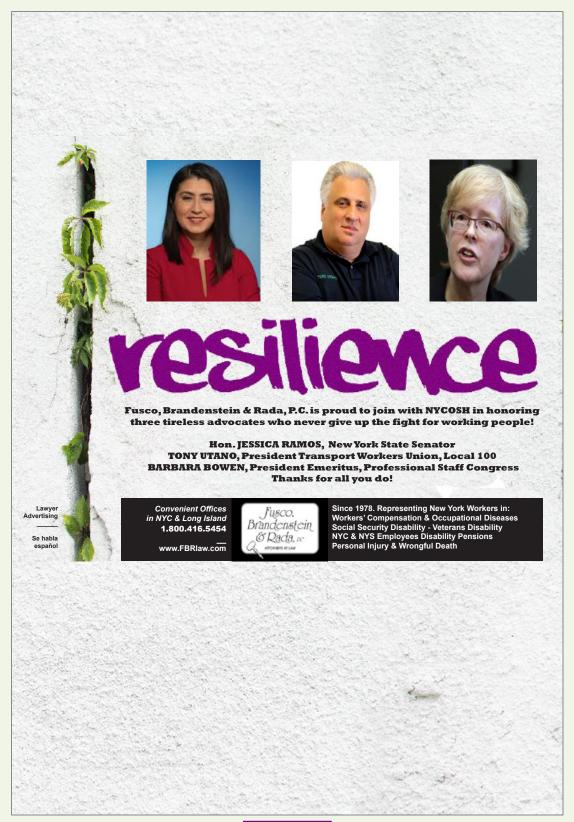
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