

Local 237 Looks To Tap Voting Strength Of HA Residents

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Teamsters Local 237 President Gregory Floyd July 11 launched a voter-registration drive at Housing Authority projects to help increase the voice of the city's 600,000 residents in the upcoming mayoral elections.

The union represents 9,000 workers at the HA (one-third of whom live in public housing), who will partner with resident associations to get people on the voter rolls for the Sept. 10 primary elections.

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Mr. Floyd said the effort was non-partisan and would begin on July 15. The voter registration deadline is Aug. 16. He initially made the call for increased election participation at the union's rally against HA cuts, saying residents needed to wield their strength in numbers.

"There are over 600,000 people who live in public housing," he said in a statement. "Those are people without voices unless they vote. Sure, we need to send a strong message to the next administration that NYCHA is broken...but you can't send a message from the sidelines. You have to pull that lever on Election Day."