

# After Long Wait, HA Workers Under '237' To Vote on Contract

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Roughly 8,000 Housing Authority employees, some of the few non-uniformed city employees who had been working under expired contracts, reached a tentative economic pact with the de Blasio administration last week, according to Teamsters Local 237.

The terms—which include a 10.41-percent compounded raise over 89 months—are largely consistent with the citywide bargaining pattern set last summer with District Council 37. The May 4 pact, which would stretch retroactively from Dec. 15, 2010 to May 29, 2018, includes back pay dating to 2012 and a \$1,000 lump-sum ratification bonus.

## Schedule for Raises

Upon ratification, members would immediately receive a 3-percent pay increase, followed by a 1.5-percent raise June 15, a 2.5-percent hike next June and a 3-percent increase the following year, according to a Local 237 memo provided to this newspaper.

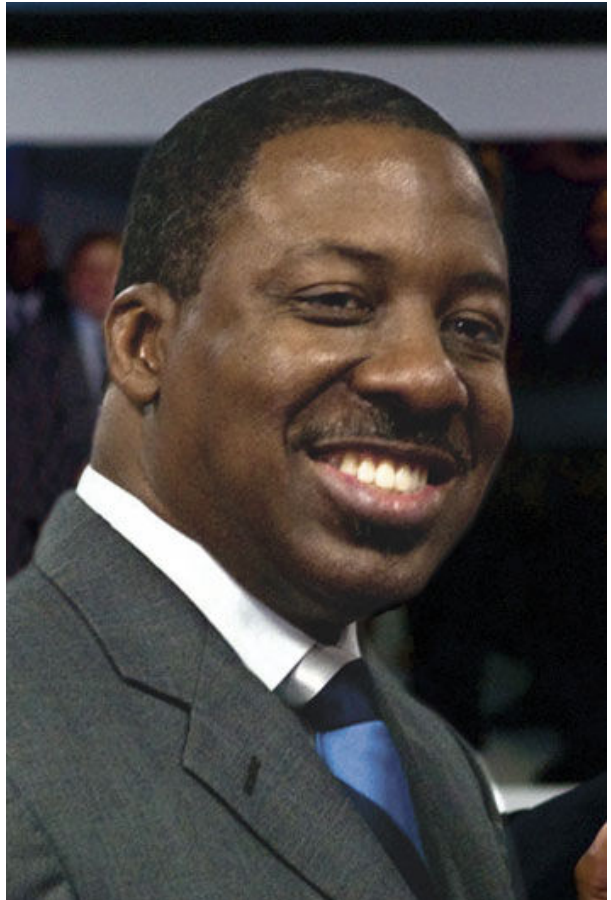
Full-time employees earning \$30,000 since June 15, 2012 can expect to receive \$1,812 in back pay if the contract is ratified; those earning \$70,000 can expect \$4,228.

As recently as last month, Local 237 President Greg Floyd attacked the HA for asking new workers to move to a seven-day work schedule while eliminating their premium pay, leading to what he called a 20-percent reduction in pay.

“That demand was dropped and we received a contract consistent with the city pattern,” Mr. Floyd said.

## Other Benefit Gains

The scale of benefits would be unchanged. The HA would increase its individual contribution to the



Gregory Floyd

GREGORY FLOYD: Deal consistent with city pattern.

welfare fund by \$280 to pay for mandates under the Affordable Care Act, and the fund would also pay the full price for new Hepatitis C drug treatments, which can cost \$90,000 without insurance, the local said.

The housing division includes Caretakers, Housing Assistants, Housing Stock Workers, Resident Building Superintendents and Emergency Service Aides.

The mail-in ratification vote will be tallied May 22.

Local 237 reached an agreement covering its school and other municipal workers last August. It is still looking to negotiate a contract for its skilled-trade workers.

The HA referred questions to the Mayor's Office, which did not return a request for comment.