

Central Labor Council Elects Alvarez, Hinds To New 4-Year Terms

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New York City Central Labor Council President Vincent Alvarez and Secretary-Treasurer Janella T. Hinds were each re-elected by delegates to their second four-year terms.

For 17 years, Mr. Alvarez worked in the electrical industry, joining the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 3 in 1990 in the street-lighting and traffic division. He was hired by the Central Labor Council in 2007 as assistant to the executive director and then moved up to chief of staff.

Brief Stay At 'State Fed'

Mr. Alvarez quit that post to become assistant legislative director of the New York State AFL-CIO. He returned and was elected CLC president in 2011 after the previous office-holder, Jack Ahern, left amid heavy criticism over his lavish use of CLC funds.

Elected as the Council's first full-time president, Mr. Alvarez pledged to strengthen its power, telling the New York Times that he wanted it to become as big a player as the Los Angeles Central Labor Council is in that city. He has served as a board member on several labor-oriented organizations.

Ms. Hinds was a social-studies Teacher before working for the State AFL-CIO and the United Federation of Teachers. She also serves as the UFT's vice president of academic high schools.

Henry Garrido, executive director of District Council 37, AFSCME, called the pair "a great team who've demonstrated the[ir] willingness to take on the unprecedented challenges facing our labor movement today."

United Auto Workers Region 9A Director Julie Kushner praised them as bringing the focus back to activism.



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VINCENT ALVAREZ: Big role in reviving CLC.

“Whether it is a political battle, a contract campaign, a strike, or an organizing drive, the CLC is on the map as a leader in New York,” she said.