The Days of No Advancement are Over

Union Negotiates Promotional Path For Car Cleaners

Local 100 President **Tony Utano**, CED Vice President **Shirley Martin** and CED Division Chair **Matt Ahern** have negotiated an important stipulation with the MTA creating a promotional pathway for Car Cleaners.

President Tony Utano said: "This big victory was a true team effort by top leadership and



CED Vice President Shirley Martin, seated, signs stipulation creating a promotional path for Car Cleaners. Standing from left are: Division Recording Secretary Eugene Bleynis, Chair Matt Ahern, President Tony Utano, and Car Cleaners Vice Chair Joan Bygrave.

our Division Officers in Car Equipment. Both Vice President Shirley Martin and Chair Matt Ahern did an outstanding job pushing this across the finish line."

Vice President Shirley Martin, said "The days of no advancement for our Car Cleaners are over. Car Cleaner was the only hourly title in Transit with no chance for promotion in the title. This was unfair to the Car Cleaners, and we're happy to right this wrong." Division Chair **Matt Ahern** added: "Car Cleaners are second class no more,"

Here's what the new agreement with management provides:

Management has agreed that, working with the City's Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS), the Civil Service title of Car Appearance Supervisor (CAS) will be reinstated. This will give Car Cleaners the same opportunities for growth and advancement to supervisor as every other title. The CAS jobs will be filled by promotion among the ranks of Incumbent CTA's

While the MTA and DCAS work on bringing back the title, the union has negotiated a LEAD CLEANER position that will pay \$1.70 more per hour. At least 40 Lead Cleaner jobs will be available in the next pick. These jobs will last until the promotional pathway is cleared by DCAS.

Management will accelerate the hiring of Car Cleaners to rebuild the Cleaner ranks depleted during the pandemic, and to bring the total number of Car Cleaners to all time highs.



