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DECISION

Protest I-30-2024 (use of Union
resources)

By email dated November 23, 2024, Crystal Richards filed a protest alleging that the Members F1rst Slate used Union resources to promote its slate. Specifically, the Protester alleges that Former Flatbush Chairman Richard Thorne, who is now employed by the Union as a bus safety consultant, “has asked several newly hired operators for their ballots, and those who were hesitant to hand over their ballots, he has hounded to vote for the entire Members First Slate.” She also asserts that as someone who is not now employed by the TA, Thorne is trespassing on TA property when he is there. She asks that Mr. Thorne be barred from entering any New York City Transit Bus Depot.

Under the Election Rules, it is the responsibility of the Protester to submit evidence that a violation has occurred. No such evidence has been submitted. All members are reminded that ballot collection by anyone, candidate or non-candidate, is prohibited.

Protest denied.

In accordance with the International Constitution and the Election Rules, any interested party unsatisfied with this determination may appeal to the Transport Workers Union of America Committee on Appeals. Any appeal shall be in writing and shall be filed in accordance with the procedure set forth in Article IV(B)(9) of the Election Rules and Article XXII of the International Constitution for the appeal to the

International from decisions of Local Unions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barbara C. Deinhardt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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By email:
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