

**LOCAL 1359/DC 37, AFSCME, AFL-CIO**  
**125 Barclay Street**  
**New York, New York 10007-2179**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

On January 8, 2007, at a regularly scheduled general membership meeting, Local 1359 members unanimously ratified a new four year agreement with the state of New York covering the period April 2, 2007 through April 1, 2011.

For the highlights of that agreement, please visit the Local's website at [www.local1359.org](http://www.local1359.org) and look in the "News Headlines" column on the home page and click on "2007-2011 Tentative Contract Highlights."

The agreement must now be approved by the New York state Legislature and signed by the Governor. The Local does not believe such approval is in doubt.

I want to thank members of the Local's negotiating team, who include, beside myself, Dennis Ifill, Charmaine Hardaway, Darryl Adams and Mushtaq Ali. I also want to thank Chief Negotiator Michelle Trester, Counsel Allan Brown and benefits expert Willie Chang from DC 37 without whom we would have never been able to achieve a successful resolution to our collective bargaining agreement.

Local 1359 represents approximately 400 members at the NYS Division of Housing & Community Renewal.

In solidarity

Ralph F. Carbone  
President - Local 1359  
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