

Press Advisory

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Somerville Public Service Employees to Rally for Dignity, Justice and Respect!

Somerville Municipal Employees Association (SMEA) members and other city public service workers will hold a rally on **October 10 at 4:30 PM in Union Sq. Plaza.**

SMEA members work as School Nurses, Librarians, Custodians, Clerks, Laborers and many other job titles for the Dept. of Public Works, Traffic and Parking, City Hall, Recreation, Inspectional Services, and Health Dept. and many other city departments.

"We are proud of the work we do to keep the city running efficiently," said SMEA President Ed Halloran. "Yet over the past decade our members have seen the steady erosion of their wages. Most of our members earn only low to moderate salaries, and now many can no longer afford to remain in the city where they were raised."

"The Mayor's administration continues to oppose any major wage increase for our membership and has not addressed the ongoing housing crisis that affects all of us," Halloran continued. "Less than half of the members of the SMEA now live in the City of Somerville. It's simply tragic that our members are leaving the city for other communities that they can afford."

On October 10, SMEA members and other city employees will rally to urge the city to invest in its employees through higher and more competitive wages and better health insurance coverage. Members will call on the city to provide more affordable housing and many will participate in an affordable housing forum immediately after the rally in Union Sq.

All union members, friends and family are encouraged to attend to show solidarity for the good jobs and quality services our community needs!