

Resolution in Support of Teamsters Local 703

WHEREAS, a majority of the 46 drivers and helpers employed by Open Kitchens Inc., a food service provider based in Chicago, IL, voted on July 25, 2025, to be represented by Teamsters Local 703; and

WHEREAS, these workers deliver meals to schools throughout the Chicago area, including within the Chicago Public Schools system; and

WHEREAS, Open Kitchens Inc. has refused to accept the results of the election and has challenged it with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB); and

WHEREAS, since the election, Teamsters Local 703 has filed Unfair Labor Practice charges concerning the employer's refusal to bargain; and

WHEREAS, Teamsters Local 703 has raised concerns regarding recent layoffs of approximately ten helpers, coinciding with the start of the school year, and reports from employees suggest that workload demands have not decreased; and

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2025, the NLRB Regional Director overruled Open Kitchens' objections and certified Teamsters Local 703 as representatives of the bargaining unit in question; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, do hereby call on Open Kitchens Inc. to respect the results of the July 25, 2025, union election and withdraw its objections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we stand in solidarity with the workers of Open Kitchens and support their right to fair representation, dignity at work, and a voice in the workplace.


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