



Suffolk County's Largest Independent Union

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***When is a Union President not allowed to
communicate with her Union members?***

When CWA says so, that's when!

On Monday, July 20, 2009, The Communications Workers of America filed Improper Practice Charges with the Public Employee Relations Board (PERB) against the entire union of Suffolk County Association of Municipal Employees.

The charges:

First Improper Practice Charge:

Interfering with its members' rights of organization, by distributing a letter from Cheryl Felice, the President of AME, to its members entitled, "The Courage to Fight, the Commitment to Succeed" (*which was not distributed to any members, but was posted on the official AME website, along with hundreds of other AME-related messages of importance to members;*) and

Second Improper Practice Charge:

By taking photographs of employees signing cards seeking CWA representation.

AME President, Cheryl A. Felice stands alongside the *entire* membership during this raid upon our independent union by the nationwide Communications Workers of America, a union that consists of 80% *private sector workers* and 20% *public sector*, and has been losing members at the rate of 4,000 per month.

"I will continue to communicate information to the entire AME membership, and reach out to any and all members who have questions regarding AME or this decertification raid currently being advanced by an outside union; and I will never back down in my oath of office and duty to serve each and every AME member. I find it ironic, yet telling, how a 'communications union' is going to PERB to stop my *communicating* with my own members. It is reprehensible," said Felice.

"We will not be stopped from pursuing the truth to questions like: how did CWA obtain lists of AME members' home addresses and worksite locations, which to date has not been through official means? These and other questions must be answered," Felice continued.

AME members are encouraged to please call AME at 589-8400 should they have any questions regarding this raid upon AME. Now is the time to ask questions and get factual answers – from your own union – not from a union that is seeking to take you over!

President Felice has also encouraged AME members to seek a copy of the CWA Constitution and Bylaws by going online and seeking: "Communications Workers of America Constitution and Bylaws." ***Read for yourself what will be lost in a decertification into CWA!***

The Suffolk County Association of Municipal Employees is the labor union for the 8,500 active and retired Suffolk County employees.

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