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SPOTLIGHT ON: LABOR RELATIONS



New York City has been a center for labor activity since its earliest days. The City Hall Library offers a collection of materials on labor unions and labor relations, including books, city agency publications and vertical files that provide a rich assortment of resources for the researcher. These are just a few examples.

Union Power & New York: Victor Gotbaum and District Council 37 by Jewel Bellush and Bernard Bellush traces the history and development of one of the largest labor unions for New York City government employees. The main focus is on the growth of the union under the leadership of Jerry Wurf and then Victor Gotbaum. Examined are the collective bargaining process, political involvement, the role of DC 37 in the 1970's fiscal crisis and power struggles for leadership in the Koch years.

City Unions: Managing Discontent in New York City by Mark H. Maier presents background on the development and growth of municipal unions from the nineteenth century to the present. Case studies of specific unions such as teachers, social workers, and District Council 37 are analyzed. The author posits that union leadership may be responsible for many of the difficulties unions have encountered.

Municipal Labor Relations in New York City: Lessons of the Lindsay-Wagner Years by Raymond D. Horton deals with

the problems faced by labor unions and management during the years 1954 to 1972. Included are a discussion of Mayor Wagner's labor relations program, how both Mayors Wagner and Lindsay dealt with job actions, growth of the labor unions and suggestions for reforming labor relations and the collective bargaining process.

Among the city agency materials are a complete collection of Labor Relations Orders from 1973 to the present. These are issued by the Office of Labor Relations. Labor contracts covering collective bargaining agreements between the city and various unions are available dating from the 1960's to 2005. This includes contracts for District Council 37, Organization of Staff Analysts, Committee of Interns and Residents, Correction Officers and Sanitation, to name a few. Office of Collective Bargaining decisions from 1968 to 1994 are here, too. The Office of Collective



Vertical files on such topics as collective bargaining, individual labor unions and strikes can also be consulted for a rich variety of newspaper and magazine clippings. Learn more about the reasons for and effects of the New York City teachers strikes in 1968 and 1975, the police officers strike in 1971 and other job actions. Biographical files include information on the careers, accomplishments and backgrounds of labor leaders such as Albert Shanker and Victor Gotbaum.

ACQUISITIONS LIST, AUGUST 2005

The following publications were received by the City Hall Library in the month of August. Additional government publications can be found online in our <u>Government Publications</u> section.



AKRF, Inc.

270 Greenwich Street: final environmental impact statement. Prepared for Office of the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development and Rebuilding. July 28, 2005. CEQR No. 05DME011M.

Alliance for Excellent Education.

Teacher attrition: a costly loss to the nation and to the states. Issue brief. August 2005.

Alliance for the Arts. Culture builds New York: the economic impact of capital construction at New York City cultural institutions. 2003.

Alliance for the Arts. NYC arts audiences: attendance at NYC cultural venues. 2005.

Anti-Discrimination Center of Metro New York. Adding insult to injury: housing discrimination against survivors of domestic violence. A report by the Center. August 2005.

Citizens Budget Commission. Encouraging small business success in New York City and northern New Jersey: what firms value most. Findings of a study sponsored by the Citizens Budget Commission and the Federal Reserve Bank. [2005].

City University of New York. Board of Trustees 2004 minutes. August 2005.

Housing First! Affordable housing for all New Yorkers: a review of Mayor Bloomberg's New Housing Marketplace plan. July 23, 2005.

Housing First!

A home for all New Yorkers: Housing First! 2005 policy update. August 2005.

Housing Here and Now. NYC'S worst landlords: Housing Here and Now's top 10 worst landlords. July 2005.

Moskowitz, Eva S. At an unhappy hour: 10 noisiest bars in Manhattan. July 2005.

N. Y. City. Administration for Children's Services. 2003 year end review: protecting children, strengthening families, supporting communities. May 2004.

N. Y. City. Charter Revision Commission.

Advancing accountability: balanced budgets and administrative ethics. Final report of the 2004-2005 New York City Charter Revision Commission. August 2, 2005.

N. Y. City. Charter Revision Commission. Agency reorganization and government accountability: staff options briefing paper. June 26, 2003.

N. Y. City. Charter Revision Commission. Election reform in Jacksonville: legislative history and electoral experience: staff report. August 21, 2003.

N. Y. City. Charter Revision Commission. Enhancing access, opportunity and competition: a blueprint for reform. Final report. September 4, 2003.

N. Y. City. Charter Revision Commission. Making our city's progress permanent. Report of the Commission. September 5, 2001.

N. Y. City. Charter Revision Commission.

Memorandum by J. Gerald Hebert, former chief, U.S. Department of Justice, Voting Rights Section, on Voting Rights Act Section 5 preclearance of the proposal switch to non-partisan elections in New York City. August 24, 2003.

N. Y. City. Charter Revision Commission.

Nonpartisan elections: preliminary options and recommendations. Staff report of the Commission. June 26, 2003.

N. Y. City. Charter Revision Commission. Preliminary recommendations for charter revision. June 10, 2005.

N. Y. City. Charter Revision Commission. Proposed amendments to the New York City Charter. August 3, 2005.

N. Y. City. Charter Revision Commission. The RFP: reform for procurement: preliminary recommendations. Staff report. June 26, 2003.

N. Y. City. Charter Revision Commission. Report of Allan J. Lichtman: the voting rights implication of nonpartisan citywide, Borough President, and City Council elections.

N. Y. City. Charter Revision Commission. Reviewing globally, analyzing locally: the impact of nonpartisan elections on democracy in New York City. August 13, 2003.

N. Y. City. Comptroller. Audit of the administration of payments in lieu of taxes under Economic Development Corporation and Industrial Development Agency leases. August 2, 2005. Report no. 7676.

N. Y. City. Council.

City Council fiscal 2006 adopted expense budget: adjustment summary/schedule C. June 30, 2005.

N. Y. City. Council.

Department of backlog: increasing complaints and delayed responses at the Queens Buildings Department. A staff report by the Committee on Oversight and Investigation. July 2005.

N. Y. City. Council.

Sharing space: rethinking the implementation of small high school reform in New York City. August 2005.

N. Y. City. Design and Construction, Office of.

Kent Avenue/Franklin Street reconstruction: transportation project report. Volume 1, main report. August 8, 2003.

New York Industrial Retention Network. Printed in New York – the transformation of New York City's printing industry. October 2002.

New York Industrial Retention Network. The garment center: still in fashion. A land use analysis of the Special Garment Center District. April 2001.

N. Y. State. Comptroller. Monitoring of New York City Mitchell-Lama waiting lists: New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development. Report no. 2004-N-8. August 29, 2005.

Permanent Citizens Advisory Committee to the MTA. In your pocket: using smart cards for seamless travel. October 2004.

Permanent Citizens Advisory Committee to the MTA. Ladies and gentlemen: this is not a drill: a study of internal and external emergency communication policies at the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. August 2005.

Rubin, Kate and Doug Slater. Winning construction jobs for local residents: a user's guide for community organizing campaigns. New York: Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law. July 2005.

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