



# TEAMSTERS LOCAL 727

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## UNION MEMBERS

### Teamsters Local 727 Urges Members To Attend Leafleting To Support Chicago Reader Negotiations

Local 727 Members are encouraged to take part in upcoming leafleting events to support Chicago Reader members' efforts to win a fair contract.

Employees at Chicago Reader, the city's long-standing free newspaper, have recently joined the Chicago News Guild and are negotiating their first contract. Contract bargaining has hit a standstill after a long year and a half.

Through leafleting, members hope to rekindle negotiations.

"These staff members are such a big part of what makes the Chicago Reader such a beloved institution in our fair city," John Coli, Jr., President of Teamsters Local 727, said. "It is disheartening to acknowledge the reality facing these fellow union members in the newspaper industry."

Chicago Reader members' main goal of contract negotiations is to ensure renewed investment in the newspaper's resources—most specifically, its employees.

Many of these hard-working members have not seen a raise in a decade. In addition, current pay scales have little connection to experience or levels of responsibility.

"The Teamsters Union will always stand with our brothers and sisters in the Chicago News Guild," Coli said. "We hope to witness their ratification of a strong new contract in the very near future."

Chicago Reader Leafleting will take place at Steppenwolf Theatre Company, 1650 N Halsted St, Chicago, IL 60614.

### Leafleting Schedule

**Friday**, October 28, 6:30pm-7:30pm  
**Saturday**, October 29, 2:00pm-3:00pm  
**Sunday**, October 29, 2pm-3pm  
**Thursday**, November 3, 6:30pm-7:30pm  
**Friday**, November 4, 6:30-7:30pm  
**Saturday**, November 5, 2:00pm-3:00pm  
**Sunday**, November 6, 2:00-3:00pm

**If you are interested in joining Chicago Reader members in leafleting, contact Nico Coronado at [ncoronad@kentlaw.iit.edu](mailto:ncoronad@kentlaw.iit.edu).**

Teamsters Local 727 represents 10,000 hardworking men and women throughout the Chicago area.

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