“Contract Now or Strike”
It’s Past Time to Weigh In
ATU leadership has called for a rally: this Wednesday at 11:30am at the District’s office on 1600 Franklin St. We are being told that the bargaining team is fighting for a fair contract and needs our help. “Contract now or strike,” they say.
We have to show the district that we will not stand for any of their attacks. Yes, we do need to say this! We also need to show our elected leaders that treating us like children, giving us little to no information, and then expecting us to show up when it’s convenient for them is not a great recipe for success. That’s not a way to mobilize our power.
Clearly the contract is far from over. We could change everything in our favor if we, the AC Transit workers decide to weigh in. We have something that neither the district nor the union leadership has on its own. We have the numbers, the connections to the public, and the power of those who maintain and drive the buses. It’s past time for us to weigh in.

Hyped Up for Championship
It feels good to have another local team in a championship game. At some level, it does feel good to be a part of something, and backing a championship team is an easy thing to do. So why don’t we really come together at work, as the people who do the work and make things move and realize WE are the championship team.
Together, with a focused effort, we should realize we can accomplish anything and everything!

Are We Making Progress?
At what point are we at a standstill? Are we (the union) really negotiating or not? Are we standing at the bus stop to get picked up or are we standing there to get passed by? Great things don’t come to those who are standing on the sidelines, great things come to those who are on the field making moves!!!

Housing Crisis in Oakland
The city of Oakland made headlines when a group of homeless women were evicted after living in a vacant home for almost two months with their children. The eviction raid came before dawn with about 30 armed sheriff’s deputies and SWAT team who knocked down the door and entered with their guns drawn.
These women occupied the house as a way to bring attention to Oakland’s housing and homelessness crisis. As of December 2019, the median price for a one-bedroom apartment in Oakland was $2,470 per month. In Oakland, more than 15,500 units are vacant while 4,071 people are homeless – that’s almost four vacant apartments units per homeless individual. This is nonsense! Housing is a right, not a privilege!