



# Charles C. Yancey

*Boston City Councillor*

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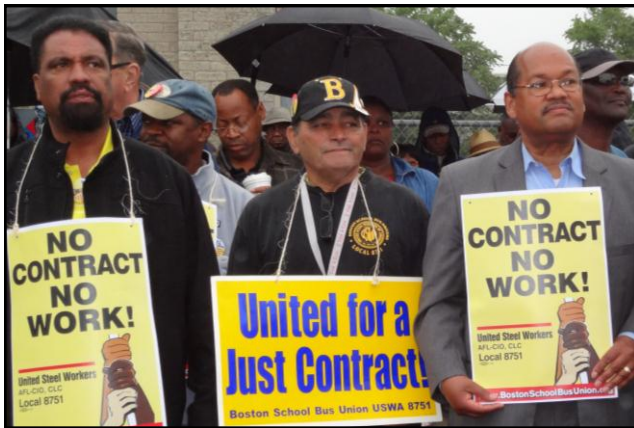
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### Councillor Charles Yancey to attend GBLC's Labor Day Breakfast

Boston City Hall (September 4, 2011) – Boston City Councillor Charles C. Yancey will attend the Greater Boston Labor Council's (GBLC) Labor Day Breakfast on Monday, September 5, 2011, 9:00 a.m., at the Park Plaza Hotel in Boston.



*Councillor Charles C. Yancey (right) demonstrates with members of United Steel Workers of America, Local 8751, Boston School Bus Drivers' Union, last June in Boston.*

The GBLC's Labor Day Breakfast brings together over 500 union leaders, activists, and elected officials, and garners significant media coverage. Among the invited guests are Thomas M. Menino, the Mayor of Boston, and the Governor of the Commonwealth, Deval Patrick.

Councillor Yancey's experience with Unions began during his childhood when his father, the late Howell Yancey, was a union organizer for Folsom Market in the South End.

As a City Councillor, Charles Yancey has walked in solidarity with Boston hotel workers, Boston Janitors, and Boston Transportation Workers, fighting for elevated wages and benefits, and improved working conditions. He has also rallied alongside Jesse Jackson and union members during a workers rally in the City of Boston.

Councillor Yancey, last June, defended members of the United Steel Workers of America, Local 8751, Boston

School Bus Drivers' Union, during a demonstration against a labor contract proposed by First Student, Inc., the private bus company that operates the City of Boston's school bus system. He told a crowd of nearly 200 union supporters that bus drivers deserve a contract with decent benefits, and that they should continue to fight against all forms of injustice and exploitation. "The very people we trust to transport our most precious resource, our young people, seem to be treated like second-class citizens. I believe that all working people need to be treated with dignity and respect," he said.

During his speech to school bus drivers, Councillor Yancey called for a moment of silence to honor those who have lost their lives fighting for the right to organize, so that organized labor may exist in the City of Boston, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the United States of America.

Chartered by the National AFL-CIO, the GBLC is comprised of 154 unions representing over 90,000 members in Arlington, Belmont, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Lexington, Lincoln, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Needham, Newton, Revere, Somerville, Stoneham, Waltham, Watertown, Wellesley, Weston, Winchester, Winthrop, and Woburn.

Councillor Yancey, a strong proponent of equal pay for equal work, has challenged the city administration to compensate workers fairly, without biases or discrimination based on race, gender or sexual preference.

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