



LOCAL 72
NEW YORK STATE THRUWAY EMPLOYEES
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To All Members of Local 72:

First of all, thank you all for representing Local 72 so magnificently during the past four months. You've proven through your flexibility, hard work and dedication under difficult circumstances something that we've all known all along, that we're there when the going gets tough and that the word "essential" truly defines what we mean to the motoring public and the Thruway Authority.

These have been less than ideal times for the beginning of a new Local 72 administration, as we have been constrained by circumstances beyond everyone's control. We have been cooperating, and working with, Joint Council 16 and the International to comply with governmental directives regarding the Covid-19 pandemic as they apply to public gatherings and other matters.

We are currently investigating the possibility of holding membership meetings in non-traditional settings, such as via Zoom, while not having to incur the expense of travel, food and lodging for Executive Board members sixteen times a year as was the practice during the last administration. Hopefully we can make this a reality.

We are also working on revamping and improving the Local's website to make it more informative and user friendly and will be encouraging all members to visit it regularly.

We suggested, encouraged, and worked with the Thruway Authority to institute the 3 day workweek that many of you experienced recently in order to stem the spread of the Covid-19 virus throughout the workforce.

While certain things, such as membership meetings, have had to be put on temporary hold, the day to day business of the Local, including, for example, representing individuals and filing appropriate grievances, has continued to be handled by the Business Agents and the Board despite the challenges that have arisen during the last four months. Regardless of the difficult circumstances

affecting us all, we will work hard to always provide you with the representation that you are entitled to and deserve as members of Local 72.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Jovanovic', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mike Jovanovic