

THE DC BASEBALL STADIUM PROJECT:

BROKEN PROMISES, BIG LOSSES *for* **DC RESIDENTS**

Imagine if our
baseball team played
and Washington fans
weren't allowed
to watch?

Not a Chance!

So why are local DC
residents not being
hired to build
our new stadium?

The \$611 million investment
in our new ballpark should
have been a home run for the
District, with countless jobs and
opportunities for DC workers.

Instead, most of the work has
gone to out-of-towners.

Why? Although local labor unions
have an awful record of hiring
and training DC residents,
stadium construction was a
special, union-only project.

That's right. Even though
80% of our local workforce is
non-union, these workers are
excluded from ballpark work.

Nearly every term of the
Project Labor Agreement (PLA) –
promoted as a surefire way to
give DC residents a leg up in job
opportunities – has been violated.

Less than 29% of regular work
hours have gone to DC residents.
Promised apprenticeships have
failed to materialize. The list goes
on and on.

There's no doubt about it:
When projects like this are done
as exclusionary union-only deals,
local workers are left out.

***No More Unfair Project
Labor Agreements.***

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THE BROKEN PROMISES

In a deal to give DC residents priority in the construction of the new stadium, a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) was signed by former Mayor Anthony Williams. The deal mandated that all workers come from labor union hiring halls in exchange for certain DC-hiring requirements.

Project Labor Agreement Requirements:

- At least 50% of regular work hours performed by DC residents
- 100% of new apprentices are DC residents

The Truth

- Only 29% of regular work hours have been performed by District residents
- Non-DC residents have performed over twice as many regular work hours as DC residents
- Less than one-third of firms have hired apprentices that are all DC residents

Because of the exclusionary agreement and the labor unions' inability to provide opportunities for local workers, the PLA never stood a chance.

Even a local labor leader recently admitted the PLA's failure: "I really think they knew [the PLA] couldn't get met. Come April next year, nobody is going to give a rat's a**. Everybody forgets it. It goes away."

— **Jerry Lozupone**, DC Building and Construction Trades Council

Source: *Washington City Paper*, "DC Residents Lose Out on Stadium Jobs," 9/12/2007

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