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# BULLETIN

## CAW STRIKE AND PICKET LINES

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Our Brothers and Sisters at CAW Local 2002, representing the CSSAs at Air Canada will be on strike and establishing picket lines across Canada starting at 21:00 PDT tonight, Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. CAW District 101 (YVR) has established their strike headquarters in our Local Lodge 764 building on River Road. The IAMAW fully supports the CAW in their fight to preserve their collective agreement rights and benefits and their Defined Benefit pension plan for all employees.

The CAW is fully aware that all other union members at Air Canada and other airlines and companies working at the YVR airport are contractually obligated to their employers and have a legal duty to report to work. They understand that we have to cross their picket lines to work. Their picket lines are informational pickets and it is not their intention to stop any legitimate union members from reporting for their jobs. The CAW, like any striking group of workers, merely wants to inform other workers and the public about their plight and they want to prevent replacement workers – SCABS – from accessing the workplace to perform their jobs.

To assist the CAW in identifying valid IAMAW and CUPE members from the SCABS Air Canada has hired they have given us coloured cards identifying the holder as “**I’m a supporter of CAW Local 2002**”. These cards will serve as your passport across the CAW picket lines. LL764 will have our Committee members and Stewards at the picket lines as you report for work handing out these cards to our members. You are to keep them with you at all times when crossing the picket lines to show your support for the CAW and to facilitate a smoother and quicker passage across their legal picket lines to do your job.

Air Canada has produced a notice to their employees in YVR “**Access to the workplace during labour disruption**”. It contains instructions on alternate arrangements for parking and access to your work location. It also has an “**Emergency line**” phone number **604-231-6638** if you feel unsafe or unable to access your work location because of the strike.

Please be kind to the picketing CAW members. Please be courteous. Please offer them your support. You cannot walk their picket line while you are on the clock being paid by your employer. However your free time is your own time. You are welcome and encouraged to take a few minutes to walk their picket lines with them on your way into work or as you leave work. Offer them morale support in their struggle for fairness with Air Canada. You cannot be disciplined by your employer for supporting the CAW on your own time.

When you are interacting with the CAW members on their picket lines to and from work, take the time to talk to just one of them and get to know them. Ask them their story. Ask them why they personally are supporting their union in this fight. I think that you will find in very short order that they are us. They are in the same boat as you and I. Make their fight your fight. Make this personal because we may very well be standing in their shoes before this year is over. Thank you in advance for your support of our Brothers and Sisters at the CAW.

Respectfully,  
Christopher Hiscock, President  
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