

Senate Deputy Leader Gianaris Meets Astoria Starbucks Workers As They Become Latest Store To File For Union Election

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ASTORIA, N.Y. – Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris visited Starbucks workers in Astoria, Queens today who became the latest in the coffee chain to file for a union. The store, located at 30-18 Astoria Boulevard, is being led by an organizing committee of workers.

"Every worker should have the right to organize a union and bargain collectively," said **Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris.** "I stand with the workers at my local store and the entire

Starbucks Workers United effort as they fight for better working conditions and fair pay for all associates. I call on Starbucks to allow the free, unencumbered election these workers deserve."

"We greatly appreciate the support and solidarity we have been receiving from Senator Michael Gianaris while we fight to get ourselves into the decision making rooms where we rightfully belong," said **Brandi Aldu, Starbucks Workers United organizing committee member at Astoria Blvd and 31st Street.**

Senator Gianaris also signed a letter today demanding that Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz agree to fair election principles ahead of the union vote. He has been active in supporing Starbucks workers as they organize stores around the country, including the first Starbucks in the nation to launch a unionization drive in Buffalo, New York.

Photos of Senator Gianaris' visit to the Starbucks workers in Astoria can be found here.