

Oregon AFSCME Local 189  
**BARGAINING UPDATE 13**

**City Budget Office Presents Bleak Economic Outlook**

At our last bargaining session the City Budget Office (CBO) presented their initial economic forecast. Their recommendations include 5% budget cuts to bureaus, excluding Police, Fire and BOEC with varying considerations for revenue-producing bureaus such as Water and PPD. Their presentation did not seem fundamentally different from past budget presentations, as we've seen recommended cuts year after year.

**CBO excluded labor contract increases, while budgeting merit increases for non-represented positions. Additionally, the City clarified their intention to reduce overtime eligibility for many of our classifications. The Bargaining Team found this very disrespectful to our Union and the work we do.**

Even under financial constraints, we understand that budgets are about choices. Reasonable improvements for the employees that provide direct services need to be included in the cost of doing business.

Our Bargaining Team is looking to you for information about what our priorities need to be. If you have not already, please take the time to review our proposals, including if your classification for overtime reduction is on the list in the City's Article 9 proposal, and fill out the survey at [www.afscme189.org](http://www.afscme189.org)

The Bargaining Team will use the results to continue to refine our proposals and narrow our priorities. If we are unable to reach a settlement during mediation in December, we will use this information to develop our final proposal to present the the City at Impasse.

**See you at the next Practice Picket.**

**Monday November 4th**

**4pm - 6pm**

**PPB Central Precinct**

**1111 SW 2nd Ave.**

**Before or after work, during a break or on your own time.**

**Questions? Reach out to Bargaining or MAT members or Council Representative**

**Karly Edwards**

