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\$97,000 RECOVERED FOR WORKERS IN WAGE-THEFT DISPUTE

Organizers from the Workers Center at Economic Justice Coalition Successful in Mediation

ATHENS, GEORGIA May 2023 — Latinx workers on a multimillion dollar development project announce that they have finally been paid for the work they completed more than eight months ago. Labor organizers joined a worker in a delegation meeting with the company to mediate.

Last fall, The Workers Center was contacted by a group of Latinx construction workers in Atlanta who had completed work on a large development project, but had been unable to secure their earnings from the subcontractor. After repeated attempts on the workers' parts, the Workers Center at EJC offered guidance and training to the workers on best practices to get the wages they had rightfully earned.

In February, a delegation of labor organizers from the Workers Center at EJC descended on the developer's offices in Atlanta for a meeting with their executive team, in an attempt to mediate the dispute. The organizers & the worker came with photographic evidence supporting their claim and letters of support from local elected officials and pushed for a resolution.

DeKalb County Commissioner Ted Terry of District 6 shared in a letter of support,

“Wage theft is taken very seriously here in this city and is recognized as a growing plague that seems to hurt those least represented in our communities, the immigrant worker. Please know that our office will recognize and speak out on all community issues as well as publicly denounce those that reap profits while committing theft and or allowing the abuse of workers... Time worked is time paid.”

In May of this year, a check for \$97,000 was received by these workers, signaling a successful resolution to the dispute.

[The Workers Center at Economic Justice Coalition](#), the only workers center in Georgia, is a community-based hub for worker empowerment and a powerful site for workers to organize, access resources and support networks, and build community to advance economic justice. WCEJC supports and builds the capacity of non-unionized, low-wage workers through education, organizing, leadership development, and advocacy. Economic Justice Coalition has been supporting workers since their founding in 2003 in Athens, Georgia and serves a 13-county region of Northeast Georgia.

If you've experienced unsafe working conditions, discrimination, wage theft or are ready to organize your workplace, learn more about The Workers Center at EJC by visiting our website, www.WCEJC.org or following us on social media @WCEJC

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