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CITY COUNCILMEMBERS CONGRATULATE EJC WORKERS ON UNIONIZATION

Please see the below statement from Rochester City Councilmembers Stanley Martin, Kim Smith and Mary Lupien regarding the recent decision of Empire Justice Center workers to unionize:

"We are thrilled to hear that the workers of the Empire Justice Center (EJC) have chosen to form a union, and would like to extend our full support and heartfelt congratulations to their entire staff. The right to labor organizing is essential to a productive and safe workplace, and it's only right that those who diligently work every day at Empire Justice serving their neighbors have their rights respected and celebrated in turn.

We are hopeful the workers at EJC will be voluntarily recognized, upholding the organization's commitment to growth, accountability, and clear internal systems within the workplace. Voluntary recognition would show that EJC continues to be an example for service and integrity throughout Rochester. Congratulations to Empire Justice Center workers, and thank you for all you do for our Rochester community."

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