

***TWU Local 100 says***  
**NEW YORKERS DESERVE  
A RAT-FREE SUBWAY**



**BETTER BINS • MORE PICK-UPS • MORE EXTERMINATION**

***It CAN be Done!***



Dear Business Owner:

Recently in AM New York, we called it “biological terrorism.” For your customers, that may not be too far off the mark. I am referring to the growing problem of rat infestations in New York City subways – large swarms of rats that come up out of the subways and into business establishments. Rats are attacking people and have bitten customers. They are underfoot on platforms as well as on tracks.

Recently, union representatives spoke to building managers at the Parsons/Archer stop in Jamaica Center, and they told us how rats from that subway stop are now coming up into the movie theater and the restaurants nearby – including a local McDonald’s.

Why? The MTA is not nearly doing what it should to fight the rat problem in the subways. In addition, they have even cut the numbers of subway cleaners in the system. The day before Local 100 showed up in force to protest at Parsons/Archer, the MTA ordered cleaners to scour the station to avoid press attention. It didn’t work. Reporters who showed up found rats in the station and reported on it on the air.

Where does that leave us? The only way to get rid of the rats if for the MTA to stop feeding them!

This month, TWU Local 100, representing the 38,000 men and women who move the New York City transit system, has begun a campaign to force the MTA to take needed action, including:

- More trash removal pickups from each station
- Patch up ratholes in walls and floors
- Tight-fitting lids for trash storage bins

What can you do?

I am asking you to join with the subway workers who serve the same customers you do to tell the MTA that we must take action now and stop this intolerable situation from getting any worse!

Please visit our website at [www.ratfreesubways.com](http://www.ratfreesubways.com) and take action. Please sign our Business Enterprise Letter to the MTA as a merchant who wants to see serious action taken on the rat problem by the MTA. Please post our petition in your store and let your customers sign it for pickup by our teams.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Samuelson".

John Samuelson  
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