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32BJ GEARS UP FOR WAGE HEARING

By Celeste Katz

The 70,000+ New York-member 32BJ has a new website, www.NotOnOurDime.org, and will be launching a web-ad blitz in support of City Council Intro 18-2010.

Says the new website:

"The Good Jobs Bill, Intro 18-2010, would help ensure family-sustaining jobs are created at developments supported by our tax dollars. By guaranteeing the prevailing wage -- the going rate in the city -- for office cleaners, residential building workers and security officers, the bill would not only create good jobs for working families but also ensure that established businesses are not undercut by subsidized developers."

The bill, introduced in February, is slated for a hearing on Tuesday, May 11.

The Real Estate Board of New York, the real estate trade organization, opposes the legislation.

"In a statement released on March 29, Steven Spinola, president of the Real Estate Board of New York, said the industry group opposes mandated wages. "It will ... lead to higher office rents for city agencies because it would restrict the options for the city," said a report in City Limits.

The Council's main bill sponsor is Melissa Mark Viverito. You can see a list of the movement's other supporters after the jump.

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