



## Can you help Tom Morello help workers?

**D**o you remember the last time a leading recording artist put out a labor EP? And do you remember one ever donating the proceeds entirely to the cause of workers' struggles at a critical moment—or anytime?

Neither do we.

Tom Morello (aka The Nightwatchman, formerly of Rage Against the Machine), the artist who has inspired audiences across the country, is releasing an exclusive, full album of union songs as an EP. And all the proceeds are going

to help workers wage a heroic fight for their rights in the state battles through SaveWorkers.org (the AV Labor Unity Fund).

Tom has put an exclusive, never-been-heard-before song at SaveWorkers.org three weeks before the album comes out.

This couldn't come at a better time. It's a great way not only to raise critically needed funds but also to build momentum and reach a popular audience with labor's message. ☒

## APWU members ratify new contract with USPS

**M**embers of the American Postal Workers Union have approved a new collective-bargaining agreement with the U.S. Postal Service.

Results announced May 11 showed that more than nearly half of the almost 177,000 APWU active members returned their ballots by the May 10 deadline. Of the votes cast, more than 75 percent were in favor of ratification, with a final tally of 69,451 to 22,351.

The agreement will expire May 20, 2015.

"NALC congratulates our brothers and sisters in the APWU and our managers in the Postal Service for achieving this agreement," National Association of Letter Carriers President Fredric V. Rolando said. "That both parties were able to negotiate this pact should prove to be a testament to all concerned—especially to some of labor's foes in Congress—that collective bargaining continues to work to the benefit of all parties, just as it has for the Postal Service and its craft unions, including the NALC, for more than 40 years.

"Furthermore, the APWU contract seems to tackle some of the unique challenges that their members have faced in recent years during these latest negotiations," Rolando said,

noting how our sister union has suffered significant reductions in force in recent years.

Meanwhile, the NALC's own agreement with the Postal Service expires Nov. 20.

"As we gear up for the start of our own negotiations later this summer," the president said, "we will stay focused on the singular demands that confront our own craft—America's 203,000 city letter carriers who perform the core delivery function of the Postal Service."

In a statement, Postmaster General Patrick R. Donahoe said his agency was pleased APWU's members voted in favor of the agreement. "By working together," he said, "we have created a new contract that serves the best interest of our customers, our employees and the future of the Postal Service. We look forward to negotiating contracts successfully with our other unions."

The contract between the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association and the Postal Service expired last November, and talks toward a new agreement between the two were ongoing as this issue of *The Postal Record* went to press. The National Postal Mail Handlers Union contract with the Postal Service also expires Nov. 20. ☒



## A lifetime dedicated to solidarity

NALC President Fredric V. Rolando honored NALC President Emeritus James Rademacher's 70 years of NALC membership at a ceremony at NALC Headquarters in Washington on May 13. Rademacher was president of the NALC from 1968 to 1977, a period that included the Great Postal Strike of 1970 and negotiations of the union's first collective-bargaining agreements with the Postal Service.