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# FAIRNESS FOR CLEANERS RALLY

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2013 – 3:30 P.M.  
BY OLYMPIC TORCH, CANADA PLACE, VANCOUVER**

*Dear Brothers and Sisters:*

Building cleaners in Vancouver have been told that their \$12 an hour jobs are too expensive and that they should expect lay-offs by the end of October. If the layoffs go ahead, close to 150 vulnerable workers will lose their jobs on October 31.

Unifor Local 3000 represents almost 500 workers at Servantage and the company held the contract to clean buildings related to Vancouver's Waterfront and Pacific Centre for many years. Commercial real estate giant Cadillac Fairview has decided to instead award the cleaning jobs to other contractors with much lower pay and benefit conditions and without any guarantees that the displaced workers will be offered jobs or that their pay and benefits will be protected.

Unifor Local 3000 President Jean Van Vliet said the Union will pressure Cadillac Fairview to reverse their decision and urge them to hold the wage and benefit rates consistent between contractors. "These members are ready to stand up for what's right and fair," Van Vliet said.

Unifor is asking all union members, friends, families, and members of the public to attend an important **Fairness for Cleaners Rally** to all help all building cleaning workers in Vancouver and across the province fight for fair wages and benefits.

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**DATE: Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. sharp**

**PLACE: Canada Place – Gather by the Olympic Torch  
999 Canada Place, Vancouver**

"This isn't just about Unifor members. This is about setting a new, higher standard for disadvantaged workers in this industry in British Columbia and across Canada," said Unifor BC Area Director Gavin McGarrigle.

The Living Wage for Families Campaign pegs the current living wage in Vancouver at \$19.62 per hour, for a two-parent family with 2 children. ([www.livingwageforfamilies.ca](http://www.livingwageforfamilies.ca))

In solidarity,

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