

Local 812 President Vitta's Remarks at the Oct. 15, 2026 Membership Meeting

Good evening everyone,

As I stand before you today, I am filled with gratitude, pride, and a deep sense of appreciation for the journey that has brought me to this moment.

For 52 years, I have had the honor of being a Teamster member. My journey began at Pepsi-Cola in Brooklyn, where I spent my first 14 years learning the value of hard work, solidarity, and the importance of standing together as union members. Those years helped shape my understanding of what our union means to working families and laid the foundation for the years that followed.

Of those 52 years, I was privileged to serve 39 years on the Executive Board of Local 812, including the last 8 years as President and Principal Officer. The trust and confidence this membership placed in me throughout those years is something I will always cherish.

As many of you know, I have made the decision to retire at the conclusion of my current term. After much thought and reflection, I believe it is the right time for me to pass the torch to the next generation of leadership and begin a new chapter in my life.

Representing this incredible membership has been one of the greatest honors of my life. Together, we fought for fair wages, strong benefits, safe working conditions, and the dignity and respect that every working person deserves. Every accomplishment we achieved was possible because of the strength, unity, and commitment of the members of Local 812.

I want to thank all of the officers, business agents, staff, stewards, and members who worked alongside me over the years. I have been fortunate to work with dedicated individuals who always put the membership first. Your support, friendship, and commitment have meant more to me than words can express.

While retirement marks the end of this chapter, it is also the beginning of an exciting new one. I look forward to exploring new ventures, pursuing new opportunities, and

most importantly, spending more time with my grandchildren and family. Those moments are precious, and I am eager to enjoy them more fully.

Although I will be stepping away from my official duties, my pride in Local 812 and the labor movement will never fade. This union has been a central part of my life for more than five decades, and I leave with confidence knowing that our future remains strong because of the dedication and strength of our membership.

Thank you for the trust you placed in me, for the friendships we have built, and for allowing me the privilege of serving this great union. It has truly been an honor and a privilege to represent the members of Local 812.

Thank you, God bless you all, and God bless Local 812.