FORA Board and Staff - As we have reported before the FORA Board several times, we believe FORA is not receiving accurate or complete information to generate the Prevailing Wage Status Reports. We believe the information is either interpreted or generated incorrectly by the groups submitting it or being accounted for incorrectly once FORA receives it. Since we have spoken to the FORA staff we believe the info is incorrect when received. We note that the report states that information is not forthcoming from all projects within FORA's jurisdiction which leads to a skewed view as to what is taking place over all but, we will concentrate our simple analysis on the information presented.

Information presented -
143,960 hours worked by 2156 workers over the 3 month period of Oct. 1, 2018 - Dec. 31, 2018

"Why the reported info is cause for concern".

If you divide the number of work hrs. by the number of workers you will get the average number of hrs. worked per worker over the 3 month period. This amount is 66.77 hrs. per worker for the 3 months. This translates to 22.25 hrs per month, which is less than 1 hour a day on the average per worker as we calculate there were @ 70 work days in that time period or 23 days a month on the average. (1 X 70 X 2156 = 150,920)

As for the 58.1% of work hours performed by workers in the Tri County Area. This can be accurate but, only a better analysis of the numbers will reveal whether it is or not. It is very possible that number is skewed by the info presented.

We have offered our services to take a look at the info to see if we can bring resolution and clarity to this matter. We do so again, but formally by this communication, as our desire to assist is driven by knowing the truth as to what is really taking place within FORA. We owe it to the Board, Staff, and Greater Community to provide an accurate picture. This may go to help form better conclusions and decisions which will affect our well-being locally and regionally.
We look forward to hearing from you.

In Solidarity,

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