

That in his final days in his position, your outgoing Labor Commissioner Robert Linn would go out of his way to publicly echo your sentiment, stating that you “got it right” in your belief that EMS work is “different” shows how deeply entrenched your administration is in these misguided beliefs. It also shows how much work must be done to end discriminatory pay practices in this City.

Mr. Mayor, as a candidate you spoke of a “Tale of Two Cities” which you said you would “take dead aim at.” You promised to right the economic injustices of this City and represent the 99%. But instead you are advancing a false narrative that perpetuates a “Tale of Two Departments” where the predominately white and male fire side is paid fairly, while the predominately non-white and female EMS side is not.

Mr. Mayor, as you weigh your national aspirations under the mantle of progressive values, consider this: there are more than 21,000 EMS agencies across the United States, many of whom have already expressed their anger over your remarks. They deserve your respect, as do the brave women and men who serve here at home, and who depend on you to be a voice for equality.

Please put action to your words and take the courageous steps necessary to evolve on this issue. There is still time to be on the right side of history in the fight for pay equity in New York City.

You can make that difference. Your legacy and our lives depend on it.

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