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Biography

Carlos Santos – President/Business Agent, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 113

Carlos Santos, a 12-year veteran streetcar and bus operator, is President of the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 113 – the proud union of nearly 12,000 public transit workers in Toronto and the York Region, and over 5,500 retirees.

Santos, 42, received an overwhelming mandate for his vision and ambition for the organization. As the Local looks forward, he is thankful for the years of service of former President Frank Grimaldi.

It all starts with a united, engaged and active membership, built through true representation of the shop floors by union leadership. That will allow transit workers to win on critical issues, like stopping the TTC's infringements on workers' rights and keeping transit public by squashing the Provincial government's attempt to break apart the TTC. Santos vows to stand up for workers' rights at all costs, and wherever threatened.

Santos is adamant Toronto's public transit system must reach its potential for the city to truly become world class. It's transit that will reduce the city's emissions and ensure Torontonians can live, work and play. To do so, all three levels of government must take responsibility and properly fund the public transit system. Santos has made it clear that under his leadership, Toronto will no longer be strategically underinvested in – a conservative scheme to increase user dissatisfaction to lay the groundwork for privatization.

Santos knows Toronto well. A son of Portuguese immigrants, he grew up in the city's west end, first in Parkdale and then in the St. Clair and Dufferin neighbourhood. As one of the youngest presidents ATU Local 113 has ever elected, Santos has the energy to fight alongside members to improve and expand our public transit system.