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Pay Referenda: **VOTE NO**

<> it's not good enough <> union leaderships sell us short <> members must take a stand <>

We all know that LUL's pay 'offer' is not good enough:

- > there is no progress on cutting working hours;
- > there is no progress on equalising privs and pensions;
- > 3.7% is not enough, especially for lower-paid grades.

Tube workers roundly reject it, and so should our trade unions. And yet they are all preparing to accept it.

RMT and ASLEF are holding referenda with a recommendation to accept. TSSA may accept it without even letting their members have a vote.

The crucial issue is that **those unions' members on London Underground have not asked for the offer to be accepted.** On the contrary, RMT's Regional Council has a policy to reject it and to take industrial action if necessary. Yet the national leaderships - full-timers who do not live with our pay and conditions - are telling us we should accept it. **No way.**

LUL management have spun a line about how they are getting a new computer system so we had better hurry up and accept our wage rise. **Trade union leaders worth their salt would laugh this nonsense out of court:** instead, ours are taking it as good coin and passing it on to us.

A big 'No' vote from members will send a clear message to the company and to the union head offices - **you can not expect us to just do what you tell us and accept rubbish.**

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