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901 returns an overwhelming YES vote for a strike mandate!

“Our mobilization team, our bargaining team, and our executive have all been deeply engaged in listening to 901 membership since before we began the process of bargaining for a new collective agreement. It’s no surprise that the membership returned an impressive strike mandate. The frustration with Queen’s lack of regard for graduate workers is palpable.” PSAC 901 President - Astrid Hobill.

901 is back at the bargaining table today with the certain and overwhelming support of the membership. 901 has also successfully garnered support from [AMS](#) (Undergraduate Student Government) and [QUFA](#) (Queen’s Faculty Association). “We hope that the outpouring of support encourages the employer to take our proposals more seriously moving forward. Conciliation was a first good step but now they really can’t ignore the backing we’ve received from our members in returning a strike mandate.” Rohit Revi – 901 Vice President of Research Assistants and Bargaining Team member.

With a significant number of important proposals still on the table including mental health supports, hardship fund, professional development fund, gender affirmation and domestic violence leaves ... 901 trust that Queen’s has heard the voice of our members in the affirmation of the strike mandate. We expect that Queen’s understands the time has come to engage with the demands of our members.

[PSAC 901](#) is the union of Graduate Teaching Assistants, Teaching Fellows, Research Assistants (Unit 1) and Postdoctoral Scholars (Unit 2) at Queen’s University in Kingston, Ontario. 901 is a directly chartered local of the Public Service Alliance of Canada. Get more information about our demands and the bargaining process [here](#). Or follow us on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#).

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