

# Lawyers end strike

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The 11-week-old strike by clerical and professional employees of the Community Action for Legal Services (CALs) came to an end Monday night, after union members voted overwhelmingly to accept management's offer of higher wages and better job benefits.

Free legal services to the poor came to a virtual halt Nov. 13, when more than 300 workers, members of the Legal Services Staff Association (LSSA), walked out of the 19 citywide CALs offices in a dispute over salaries, fringe benefits and their role in running the federally funded agency.

As part of a newly negotiated two-year contract, CALs workers will receive an overall 24 percent pay raise — with lawyers getting base salaries of \$18,000 and clerical and paraprofessional workers earning average annual wages of \$11,100, a spokesman for the union said.