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The elections are over and every Postal Worker should be very thankful that President, Barack Obama, prevailed once again. I know this first sentence will upset some of our members, but we must look at the facts. The Republican platform called for privatizing the USPS. Privatization is a code word for busting the Postal Unions and replacing us with people who have never worked for a Union before. Why? Because employees who have worked under our Union contract expect COLA'S, pay increases, health benefits, life insurance, seniority rights, paid breaks, paid holidays, guaranteed 40 hours of pay per week, overtime, penalty pay, bidding rights, annual and sick leave rights, overtime desired lists, out of schedule pay, a good grievance procedure, \$53,000+ salaries and on and on! Even non members would try and start a Union if all of these Union rights were taken away. And Romney was very open about privatizing the USPS if he won. But, he didn't! And, as of this writing, President Barack Obama is leading in the popular vote 61,200,075 to 58,189,155-- a difference of 3,010,920 and won the electoral vote 332 to 206. NOW THAT'S A GOOD THUMPING!!!

It was good to see our Director of City Delivery, Lou Drass, at the recent Committee of Presidents meeting. One of the hot issues was management posting routes on a 28 day cycle instead of 14. I want to thank Brother Lou Drass for the great interest he has taken to get this problem rectified at the national level. He has talked to me numerous times and I believe the violations will now cease. We are very appreciative of his hard work and we are very fortunate to have Brother Drass as our Director of City Delivery!

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IN THE STRUGGLE,

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