

President Alonzo West has constantly pointed to the “Big Retro Payday” purposely diverting our attention from his constant buffoonery on policy and procedures and lack of negotiation techniques that has allowed our members to be financially handicapped for the past almost **FIVE** years. **Another “payless” payday! Which poses the question: Does President Alonzo West think We Are STUPID?**

COBA secured Binding Arbitration in the 90’s so our families won’t have to suffer the usual bureaucracy of long waits for settlements. Even with policies in place to protect us, we are still getting bamboozled and hoodwinked. Who will President Alonzo West blame next? He hasn’t even secured proper language to guarantee our money by a specific time! So in Reality, he should blame himself! But President Alonzo West will not, **because he thinks We Are STUPID!**

President Alonzo West must explain why he would again proceed with negotiations when we haven’t even received our money. All the other labor unions have backed away from the negotiation tables because of the bold demands from the county executive on health care benefits, that’s **20 % of your money.** It’s clear by Arbitrator Sands’ ruling that he will side with the County that hard working Correction Officers will pay into their health care when COBA comes back before him for binding arbitration on 2009 and 2010 contract. President Alonzo West wants us to vote him in because **President Alonzo West thinks We Are STUPID!**

President Alonzo West, I’ll tell who you’re fooling... the select few that truthfully believe that you have accomplished something! President Alonzo West’s **55 months** in decision making positions of COBA has come at an expensive price... Off the backs of the hard working men and women who pay their dues to COBA, FAITHFULLY!!! But with no money in our pockets, this question remains: While we are protecting the public by keeping the facility safe and secure, WHO IS ENSURING THAT WE ARE PROTECTED? He has yet to list his total accomplishments **because he thinks We Are STUPID!**

President Alonzo West has taken COBA members for fools! He doesn’t feel the financial crunch because his expenses are covered by YOU the COBA member! COBA can not continue to use binding arbitration as some type of safety pillow. It has not kept us safe the 55 months President Alonzo West has been involved in decision making positions of COBA. **President Alonzo West must think We Are STUPID.**

Now after **55 months**, President Alonzo West wants to be Politically Active! He is now hired a lobbyist after 55 months, in August, when all the law makers are on vacation and there will be no new legislation passed for the rest of the year. So what’s the rush Mr. President! You have never had a legislative Agenda! This action is not to benefit COBA it’s to benefit himself! He wants to stay in office. This is the same lobbyist firm hired under his predecessor and now Union Advisor, Delbene. This lobbyist firm did not secure not one piece of legislation for COBA members in Albany. **They just took our money!** President Alonzo West had the nerve to give them a raise of approximately **\$23,000** a year when our lobbyist budget is **\$20,000** a year! But hard working COBA members are still waiting for their raises. **President Alonzo West thinks We Are Stupid!**

As dues paying members of COBA we must remember that they work for us and receive a salary for their job that we voted for them to do! We should expect no less than a complete comprehensive State Legislative Agenda, County Legislative Agenda and an accurate timetable on when we will get our MONEY!! We must show we are smarter than what President Alonzo West thinks! No more smoke and mirrors! Do the job you suppose to do or Get the hell out of office!