

# NUHW joins CNA in CHW bargaining

On March 11, 2009, an elected bargaining team from the CNA opened negotiations with CHW, and NUHW rank-and-file leaders were there.

With the full support of CNA's bargaining team, we raised our concerns about CHW's collusion with SEIU.



“Since the trusteeship, CHW and SEIU have been united to stop caregivers from having a real voice at CHW. CHW wants SEIU because it is the bosses’ union. We want NUHW because it’s our union, and it was great to feel the very strong support from CNA, to help us win the union **we** want, not the backroom negotiators that CHW wants.”

—Martha Vazquez,  
Radiology Tech  
St. Joseph’s Hospital in Stockton



CHW's representatives were embarrassed as NUHW and CNA caregivers blasted them for helping SEIU deny our right to vote. When asked to explain themselves, CHW offered their standard, feeble response: “We’ll get back to you.”

Together we represented 25,000 CHW employees: 11,000 RNs from three states and 14,000 healthcare workers. It was a powerful demonstration that caregivers at CHW are united for fair standards, for ourselves and the patients that we care for.

SEIU's “bargaining” with CHW is the complete opposite. Rather than letting us vote on who represents us like we did before the trusteeship, SEIU UHW-W's new management appoints loyalists who aren't accountable to us. And while SEIU uses their hand-picked team to bargain issues in our contract, they tell the rest of us the contract is already closed! The latest corruption scandal at SEIU Local 1021—involving yet another Andy Stern appointee—reminds us what happens when leaders are appointed and not elected.

**Caregivers at CHW are united and believe we should have the right to choose our own union, not the union that CHW wants for us. That's why we're supporting NUHW!**

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