

NUHW News We Can Trust

From the front lines of our fight for democracy at work and in our union — July 3, 2009

LA Times says SEIU borrows anti-union tactics

The LA Times recently reported what we've known all along – that SEIU will stoop to anything, even acting just like our bosses, to keep us from uniting in NUHW. The article called out SEIU's great hypocrisy – advocating for the Employee Free Choice Act while denying their own members the right to choose which union they want to represent them. "The SEIU is advocating free choice for every employee in the United States, unless you're an SEIU member," said NUHW

volunteer John Borsos, quoted in The Times.

SEIU filed numerous baseless charges with the National Labor Relations Board to prevent us from conducting votes. The NLRB has yet to schedule any elections in our facilities even though we submitted our first petitions more than five months ago. **Take Action: Attend a rally near you to call on the NLRB to stop the delay tactics and schedule our elections** (See below for upcoming actions)

Los Angeles Times



Our benefits are protected

In the face of SEIU's campaign of fear, Mary Blackman, Unit Secretary at Good Samaritan Hospital in San Jose, called the NLRB to get the real story. The NLRB agent confirmed that the boss can't change

her contract or benefits if she joins NUHW. The NLRB agent also affirmed that she could pay her union dues to SEIU any way she wanted – they don't have to be taken out of her paycheck.

"I know that I am ready to change to NUHW, a Union that doesn't threaten me and made up of people I've known and trusted for years!"

Mary Blackman

Take Action

- Rally at the NLRB – Schedule our elections!**
July 9th – 4pm – NLRB's Oakland Office, 1301 Clay Street
July 23rd – 3:30 pm – NLRB's Los Angeles Office, 11150 W Olympic Boulevard
- Sign up for updates at www.NUHW.org**
- Support NUHW - become a contributor at www.NUHW.org/join**

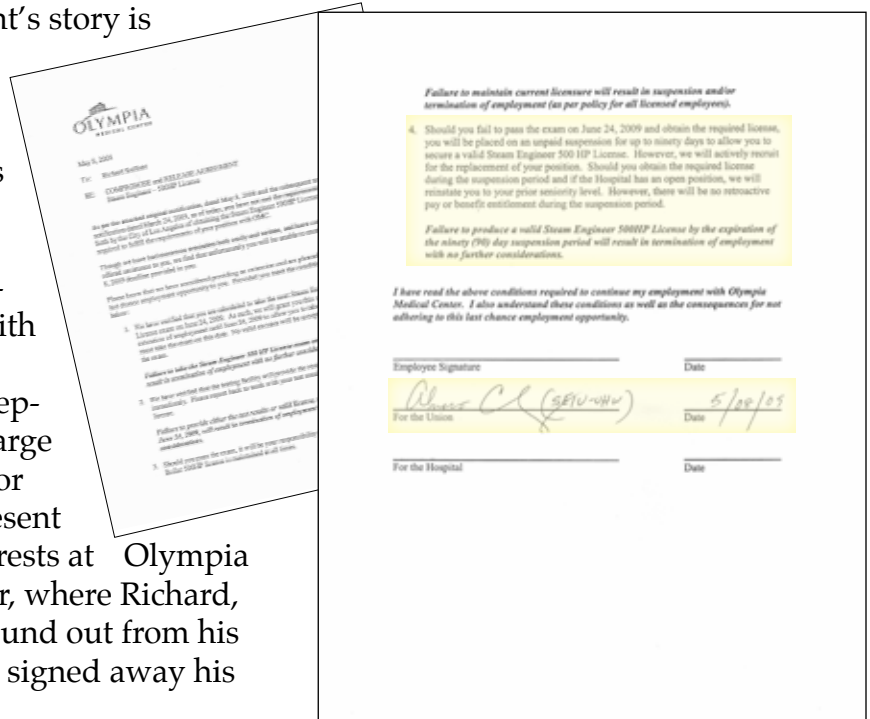


Richard Saillant

"I've worked here for 28 years and I never thought I would have a union that would sign my job away behind my back."

SEIU's secret deal exposed at Olympia

Richard Saillant's story is just one more reason why healthcare workers across the state want to switch to NUHW. Workers working with NUHW filed a Duty of Fair Representation charge against SEIU for failure to represent members' interests at Olympia Medical Center, where Richard, an engineer, found out from his boss that SEIU signed away his rights without ever even talking to him. The boss said engineers had to take a test to meet new licensing standards. Rather than meeting with the engineers and negotiating, SEIU just signed away their rights, agreeing that if they did not pass the test, the boss could suspend, terminate and replace them. SEIU's outrageous action here sets an awful precedent for all healthcare workers.



Letter from Olympia Medical Center implicating SEIU collusion with bosses.

Tenet wages increase despite SEIU's backroom deal

"When we controlled our union, we had a long struggle to win wage scales – not just with Tenet, but also with SEIU. Tenet and SEIU made a backroom deal that would have prevented us from receiving the wages, rights and benefits we deserve. We fought back, and on July 1, 2009, the wage scales we won in our contract increase, with raises up to 9.25%. We need NUHW - a union that is responsive to OUR needs, a union in which we choose who represents us at the bargaining table!"



Tony Aidukas
Desert Regional Medical Center