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UNION UPDATE



CONTRACT RALLY TODAY!

11 a.m. – WEST STEPS OF THE CAPITOL
Let's stand together for a great contract!



Thousands of members – from as far away as Blythe and Crescent City - will gather at the Capitol to rally for a great contract and to show Governor Brown and California Legislators that this is our union, our contract and our future.

“Bargaining is about power,” says Yvonne R. Walker, Local 1000 president. “We can only achieve the contract we want when we stand together.”

Today’s rally is the next big step in a contract campaign that has seen record levels of member engagement. Our members have been actively building their union and growing our power through the creation of “1000 for Local 1000” worksite action teams, participating in 26 bargaining town halls throughout the state of California, completing thousands of bargaining surveys, attending one of the 300 bargaining worksite meetings that have happened since March, and most importantly, through taking action in their worksites.



Our bargaining team has been building power at the table, our worksite action teams have been flexing their power at the worksites, and today we are bringing our strength to the Capitol to send a clear message to Governor Brown and California Legislators that a great contract for Local 1000 is a critical investment in the future of California.

Out of town? Here's how to join in!



Up and down the state, thousands more will be standing up in their worksites in solidarity with their coworkers and our bargaining team. Send your photos to photos@seiu1000.org or post them to Instagram and Facebook with **#Our1000** We'll be displaying them on screen at the rally and on our web and Facebook pages.



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Secure Choice Retirement Plan Passes Senate

Retirement security for all Californians one step closer to reality

SB 1234, the Local 1000-sponsored bill that would implement a new retirement investment plan that would help alleviate a looming epidemic of poverty among California seniors, achieved a major milestone last week when the Senate voted 26-13 in favor of the bill. The bill moves to an Assembly vote and then to the governor for a signature.

"Today the Senate stood up for the California Dream of dignity in retirement after a lifetime of hard work," says Yvonne R. Walker, Local 1000 president. Walker served on the Secure Choice Retirement Board and is the chair of SEIU's National Retirement Security Committee.

"Providing economic security for all Californians is at the core of Local 1000's purpose statement," Walker added. "The working families we represent and those that live in our communities all deserve to retire with dignity and security."

Fewer than half of private sector workers in California have access to a retirement plan through their work, and only about a third actually participate in a plan. The Secure Choice plan provides a way for private sector workers to save for retirement through automatic paycheck contributions.

"Every worker should have access to a secure, stable retirement plan like Secure Choice that builds wealth for workers," said Walker.

"Along with strengthening Social Security at the national level, Secure Choice is a crucial piece of the policy changes needed to make a secure retirement available to all. The Secure Choice plan will make California a leader in addressing a looming epidemic of senior poverty that threatens to hit women, low-income workers and people of color the hardest."



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LGBTQI Pride & Union Pride

Working for social justice for all Californians

June is Pride month, and Local 1000 leaders would like to mark the occasion by reminding our membership that we strongly stand behind equality in the workplace and will always defend our members' right to live with dignity. The Local 1000 Purpose Statement commits us to work for social justice, and LGBTQI rights are an integral part of social justice. To that

end, the Local 1000 Lavender Committee is active all over California on issues of importance to the LGBTQI community.

"We set an example for inclusion and equality as state workers," says Local 1000 President Yvonne R. Walker. "Local 1000 will always be on the front lines to fight for LGBTQI rights."



This Pride Month, Local 1000 is happy to announce that our own Thomas Perine was elected as co-chair of the SEIU National Lavender Caucus at the SEIU convention in Detroit. Perine is a longtime member leader and has played a critical role in the development of Local 1000's Lavender Committee. Congratulations, Thomas!