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Building Our Strength in Our Community



More than 8,000 healthcare workers at Swedish-Providence standing up for patient safety in this corner of the country is momentous. We are fighting for the very future of our patients and community, and when it comes to protecting our patients, we will make sure that our voices are heard! Presidential candidates Sen. Kamala Harris and Sen. Elizabeth Warren recently met with our co-workers and heard about the issues we're fighting for. They both know and understand what's at stake at Swedish in this contract fight. We called on the Senators for their support on behalf of the bargaining team.



Alicia Crank and Laura Johnson both Edmonds City Council candidates; Megan Dunn — Snohomish County Council candidates

To effectively meet the enormous challenges that we face around patient safety and healthcare, we will continue to build a strong alliance with our elected officials, community leaders and allies.



Our Elected Officials and Community Allies Support Us!

First Hill: Congressman Adam Smith (WA9), King County Executive Dow Constantine, King Councilmembers Larry Gossett and Joe McDermott, State Reps. Joe Fitzgibbon and Nicole Macri, State Sen. Rebeca Saldaña, Seattle City Council Candidate Tammy Morales

Edmonds: Edmonds City Councilmembers Mike Nelson and Adrienne Fraley-Monillas, Edmonds City Council candidates Laura Johnson, Alicia Crank and Jenna Nand. State Reps. Lauren Davis and Strom Peterson, Snohomish County Council candidate Megan Dunn.

Ballard: Seattle City Council candidate Dan Strauss

Issaquah: State Reps. Bill Ramos and Lisa Callen, Issaquah City Council candidates Barbara DeMichelle, Zach Hall and Michelle Kemper

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Connecting with Our Community and Building Alliances

We're spreading the word and making our fight known. One way we engage our community is by building deeper connections with local, faith and elected leaders. Our community leaders have constituents or congregations who share our values, recognize our dedication to patient care and can become effective allies in our fight for a fair contract.

On October 23 at 5 pm, we will gather our community leaders and let them know what's at stake for healthcare workers and for patients right now. We're going to fight for patients, and we need our community to fight with us.

Standing United with EVS for Safety

EVS workers and supporters delivered a message to EVS management: We stand united for a vision of a workplace where safe workloads are guaranteed to ensure we aren't injured on the job, and a hospital that is safe for our patients. We won't be dissuaded by management's tactics of delivering intimidating messages in staff meetings.



Next bargaining scheduled: October 21

After our picket in August, where thousands of us showed the public that we will stand up for our patients, management requested mediation. We will meet with the mediators on Monday, October 21. We are committed to the fight of winning a contract that will guarantee livable wages, safe staffing, affordable healthcare and racial equity. Also, we'll be demanding an educational pathway through our Training Fund that will help invest in our patients, our families and community.



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