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# — PICKET AND RALLY FOR SAFETY —

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**Cascade Behavioral Health Hospital**

## We are United to Demand a Safe Cascade for our Patients and Coworkers



In a powerful day of action, we stood together and spoke in one united voice to tell Cascade Behavioral Health management that Safety Matters. Our community heard our call and stood with us in solidarity, joining our picket line and filling the neighborhood with the sound of their honking horns and cheering voices!

We are experienced, skilled healthcare workers who take pride in our jobs and care deeply for our patients. We do this work because we know each of us has a gift to bring to our patients and that our efforts can and do make life better for the individuals we care for, as well as for our entire community. We will stand united, and we will continue this fight until Cascade management and Acadia administration agree to implement real solutions to the abnormally unsafe working conditions we have endured.



“We’re here because of the dereliction of duty on the part of management. Patients who come here, come here because they want safety — they don’t get that in here. This is a disaster. We have spoken and spoken — our safety is not secured; the safety of patients is not secured. Every hospital in Washington that I know of has security. We don’t have that. What does it cost? It’s a safety matter and safety comes first. We are not quitting, we are not letting go until we overcome, and we shall overcome.”

**-Karo Agarin, RN**

“I need to go home safe. Cascade needs to secure my safety for my family, for my mother, for my children. Cascade failed and it’s not right.”

**- Meskerem Ereso, RN, 3W**



“My safety is in jeopardy and my patients’ safety is in jeopardy. Management is not answering my question — how are they going to keep me safe?”

**- Beruk Tekse, MHT, 2W**

“I’m fighting for safety and against racial discrimination. We need safety for the patients and for staff; we need respect. We work very hard but we’ve been working like this for a very long time. We need our lives to be respected.”

**- Susan Kairu, RN**



### Our Community Stands with Us!

We were joined by community partners and elected leaders:

- Rep. Tina Orwall, 33rd Legislative District
- Rep. Mia Gregerson, 33rd Legislative District
- Takele Gobena, SeaTac City Council Member
- De’Sean Quinn, Tukwila City Council Member
- Senayet Negusse, SeaTac City Council
- Dave Upthegrove, King County Council Member
- Dr. Shukri Olow, Candidate for King County Council
- Jimmy Matta, Mayor of Burien
- Monique Taylor-Swann, SEIU 775 Board Member and Candidate for Valley Medical Center Board of Commissioners
- Eva Lopez, SEIU 925 Board Member
- Tosh Sharp, Candidate for Tukwila City Council
- Jake Simpson, Candidate for SeaTac City Council
- Office of Congressman Adam Smith





"I feel very honored and humbled to be with my coworkers for this incredible action. Our unity is amazing. This step we are taking together is a milestone in our fight for a safe workplace, and it's time for management to listen to us. Our voices are so loud and so strong to move management to address our safety needs."

**- Mendher Misghina, RN, Adult Psych**



"Enough is enough. We are fighting for safety. We are here not just for our safety as workers, but for the safety of our patients and community. Safety matters."

**- Sara Moallin, RN, Float**

