

July 24, 2017

Union Election Info

✓ **Ballots Will Be Mailed Tuesday, August 1.** The NLRB (National Labor Relations Board) will mail ballots to the homes of all eligible voters on August 1, 2017 from their office in Seattle. You should receive your ballot by August 5 at the latest. If you have not received a ballot by Tuesday, August 8, you should contact the NLRB immediately at 206-220-6300.

✓ **Mail Your Ballot Right Away!** The voter packet you receive from the NLRB will include instructions and two envelopes: one is a security envelope (a blue mail-ballot envelope) to put the secret ballot in and the other one is for you to mail in your secret ballot to the NLRB (a yellow postage-paid return envelope). No stamp is necessary. **Mark your ballot, but *don't* sign or make comments or other marks on your ballot. Your name on the return envelope is used by the NLRB to check eligibility. Don't remove it!** Your ballot will remain secret.

For attorneys, fellows, and the NTAP Coordinator, the ballot will have two questions. First, it will ask if you wish to be included with nonprofessional employees in a unit for purposes of collective bargaining. Next, the ballot will ask whether you wish to be represented by OPEIU (Office and Professional Employees International Union) Local 8.

For legal assistants, outreach workers, paralegals, receptionists and screeners, the ballot will have one question. It will ask whether you wish to be represented by OPEIU (Office and Professional Employees International Union) Local 8.

✓ **Ballots Must Be Received by 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 22.** In order for your vote to count, your ballot must be at the NLRB office in Seattle by 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 22. *Ballots received after that time (regardless of postmark) will **not** be counted.*

✓ **Ballots Will Be Counted at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, August 22.** The vote count will take place at the NLRB office in Seattle. Each party is allowed to have an observer to witness the vote counting process.

✓ **Results of the Election Will Be Known Shortly After the Count.** Results will most likely be known within an hour or so of the vote tally at the NLRB on August 22. It takes a majority of **those who vote** to determine the outcome. If you don't vote, it doesn't count for a yes vote or a no vote, it simply doesn't count. **Be sure to make your voice count and vote!**

If you have any questions about this process or anything else, please contact Union Organizer Corinne at corinne@opeiu8.org or 425-318-2650.

You can find all previous updates and related documents on the [OPEIU Local 8 website](#).



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