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for OPEIU Local 8 members at Valley Medical Center



## Our Retirement Is Essential

We have been at the frontline of the COVID pandemic since it started, and now VMC has stated they are cutting the retirement contributions for all employees for the rest of the year. OUR retirement is essential for our futures.

It is unacceptable for VMC to create cost-cutting measure off the backs of the workers who have already been hit hard by continued low census and mandatory furloughs.

Despite all the risks, we have remained on the frontlines during this global crisis, potentially exposing our loved ones, to care for our community. We have been and continue to work in the COVID tents, Emergency Room and floated outside of our regular departments to ensure our patients' and the organization's needs are met throughout this crisis.

Join our Union siblings at SEIU 1199NW and sign the petition to save our retirement at <https://retirementisessential.org/>

It is time for VMC to honor the commitment they have made to us as frontline workers by maintaining our retirement contributions.

Our Union representatives – Elizabeth Burns, PSR Eye Clinic, Takako Rodriguez, PSR Kent Station, Erin Adamson OPEIU Staff Representative and Phoebe Feldsher, OPEIU MSR are meeting with VMC on July 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. to review the financial information we requested. Withholding 6 months of our retirement contributions is a **huge** sacrifice to ask. We need to make sure such a cut is absolutely necessary, that everyone is sharing the pain and how might the cut-back be made-up in the future.

**Get involved and stay informed!** Please visit our website at <https://www.opeiu8.org/> for more information.

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**For questions please contact your Union Representative Erin Adamson at 206-441-8880 ext. 105 or [erin@opeiu8.org](mailto:erin@opeiu8.org) or Membership Support Representative Phoebe Feldsher at 206-441-8880 ext. 119 or [phoebe@opeiu8.org](mailto:phoebe@opeiu8.org)**

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