

May 6, 2022

Union Update

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for OPEIU Local 8 members at Northwest Justice Project

In response to NJP's mismanaged budget, layoffs/elimination of positions, and apparent lack of accountability, **136** OPEIU-represented staff members responded to a recent poll. Of those who participated in the poll:

- **82%** answered **YES** "OPEIU members should collectively tell the board and other stakeholders in NJP's success that we have no confidence in César Torres continuing as Executive Director."
- **93%** said **YES** "OPEIU's Governance Working Group (comprised of employees at NJP) should develop a proposal our Union can make to the Board for actions it can take to strengthen its oversight of executive management."

Given these numbers, the Governance Working Group met and drafted a resolution to be taken to NJP's board ([linked here](#)). We will conduct a vote of the membership later next week to see if the majority of members (who vote) want to proceed with this action. As always, to ensure your voice is heard, please vote! Also, participation in the Governance Working Group is open to all OPEIU members at NJP. To get involved, text your personal email address to Jason Quackenbush at (206) 372-7495.

As offered in our monthly union meeting yesterday, prior to launching the vote, members of OPEIU'S governance working group will hold additional information sessions next week to provide context and answer questions:

- **Monday, May 9 from 12pm-1pm**
- **Tuesday, May 10 from 8am-9am**
- **Wednesday, May 11 from 5pm-6pm**

Same zoom link for all three meetings listed above:

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